



The Carnivorous Plant Society

Conservation Fund Guidelines

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Introduction

The objects of the Carnivorous Plant Society are to advance the education of the public in the study of carnivorous plants and to promote the conservation of such plants. The Conservation Fund aims to support projects involving carnivorous plant species, which directly or indirectly contribute to their protection and survival in the wild. These projects may for example involve research, habitat restoration, or simply engage the public by increasing awareness through education.

Though the Society believes that *in situ* conservation is preferable, it recognises that this is not always possible and welcomes schemes that focus upon *ex situ* conservation which would provide a legacy of living plants or seeds for future generations to access.

The fund will typically make grants of up to £500 per successful application.

Origins of the fund

The Conservation Fund is sourced from a mixture of donations, fundraising initiatives and the proceeds of plant sales. Respecting the generosity of Society members and the general public, the Society takes steps to ensure that the funds are applied wisely to projects that will deliver genuine benefit to the Society's objects.

Grant Criteria

The Carnivorous Plant Society will consider all applications to the Conservation Fund on their merits. These guidelines have been formulated to assist applicants and also to guide the decision-making process.

Projects applying for funding must demonstrate how they fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- Contributes to the protection of threatened and vulnerable carnivorous plant species around the world
- Protects carnivorous plant habitat against destruction, damage and degradation,

- Promotes restoration of degraded habitat and/or reintroduction of carnivorous plant species to their former sites (in accordance with relevant conservation guidance)
- Furthers the scientific understanding of carnivorous plants to better enable their conservation
- Promotes public awareness about the plight of wild carnivorous plant populations
- Supports the establishment or maintenance of botanical collections or seedbanks to preserve viable material of threatened carnivorous plant species in the long term
- Assists growers of carnivorous plants to use sustainable cultivation methods

Priorities for Project Funding

Priority will be given to projects that are deemed likely to deliver maximum benefit to the Society's objects. Specific priority areas include:

- Projects involving the most threatened carnivorous plant species (e.g. those listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN)
- Projects involving protection or restoration of the most important sites (e.g. those hosting highly threatened species, a significant population of threatened species, or a particularly diverse range of species)
- Educational projects that enable local people to manage carnivorous plant habitats responsibly to preserve biodiversity
- Projects with particular UK interest (UK locations or significant participation of UK nationals)

Projects less likely to be granted funding include:

- New projects with significant overlap to existing initiatives, where a more effective application of Society funding might be to support growth or sustainment of those already underway
- Projects where impacts to carnivorous plants are secondary or incidental to other goals
- Projects where the Society deems the likelihood of success to be relatively low

Application Process

To be considered for funding, applicants must complete the Conservation Fund Application Form and submit by email to the Conservation Officer at conservation@thecps.org.uk

The Conservation Officer will consider the application in accordance with the Grant Criteria above, and will make a recommendation to the Trustees.

If the Trustees agree with a recommendation to approve an application, the applicant will be notified in writing. Funds will typically be paid by BACS transfer to a nominated account. It will usually be a condition of funding that successful applicants provide progress reports and/or an article for the Society's Journal once the project is completed.

Applicants must be able to evidence that all funds will be used solely for conservation purposes and not diverted to other areas e.g. administration. The Society may take steps to recover funding it considers to have been misused.

Queries

For any queries relating to the Conservation Fund, contact the Conservation Officer via conservation@thecps.org.uk.