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From the Desk of Russ Jones, President, Arizona Heritage Alliance

Together, over the past decade, we helped return the State Parks Heritage Fund to its rightful place to benefit Arizona. With thousands of community allies and dozens of legislative champions, most notably State Senators Kate Brophy McGee and T.J. Shope and Representative Joanne Osborne, the State Parks Heritage Fund was put back into statute (2019) and \$5 million was appropriated (2021).

Through a matching grant process developed by State Parks Board, State Parks staff, and SHPO staff, FY 2021-2022 monies in the State Parks Heritage Fund have been and continue to be allocated as follows:

- 50% (\$2.5 million) for local, regional, and state parks for outdoor recreation and open space development, restoration, or renovation,
- 30% (\$1.5 million) for local, regional, and state historic preservation,
- 10% (\$500,000) for local, regional, and state non-motorized trails, and
- 10% (\$500,000) for outdoor/ environmental education

In January 2022, Senator Shope sponsored Senate Bill 1270 to fund the State Parks Heritage Fund through the Arizona Lottery (the original source of funding). The bill passed both the Senate and House Appropriation Committees and after several months of waiting, the Governor has signed the budget and approved a one-time appropriation in the amount of \$2.5 million for the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund for 2022/2023. Although this is only half of the \$5 million that was proposed, we are please the Heritage Fund is funded again for FY 22/23.

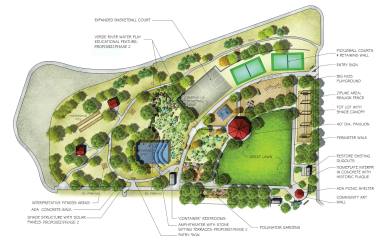
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Local and Regional Parks

- City of Buckeye
- City of Bullhead City
- Coconino County
- Town of Clarkdale
- Town of Quartzsite
- Town of Willcox



Historic Preservation

- City of Phoenix
- Dunbar Coalition
- Pima County Office of Sustainability & Conservation
- Stratford Art Works, Inc.
- Tucson Parks & Recreation
- Vail Preservation Society



Non-Motorized Trails

- Arizona Trails Association
- City of Flagstaff
- National Forest Foundation
- TRACKS
- Verde Valley Cyclists
- Town of Snowflake



Outdoor/Environmental Education

- Flagstaff Open Space
- Flagstaff Youth Riders, Inc.
- Verde River Institute
- Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition
- Verde Valley Wheel Fun
- Wickenburg Cultural & Conservation Foundation
- Arizona Trail Association
- Sonoran Desert Mountain Bike
- City of Peoria/"Leave No Trace" Training
- Tread Lightly!
- Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund




Ongoing Activities of the Alliance:

- We continue to attend (virtually) State Parks Board meetings to show our support for projects that pursue the goals of the State Parks Heritage Fund while advocating for solid public policies to protect our state park assets.

- We continue to maintain, strengthen, and expand partnerships with the [Arizona Preservation Foundation](#), local preservation groups, [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), [League of Arizona Cities and Towns](#), [Arizona Parks and Recreation Association](#), [Arizona Forward](#), [Arizona Trails Association](#), and related organizations.
- We maintain a robust communication and outreach plan keeping our members, friends, and partners engaged and informed through our web presence, Facebook page, e-alerts, quarterly newsletter, and one-on-one meetings.

We are thankful to our bill sponsors, all elected officials, stakeholder partners, and friends from all corners of the state for making significant progress over the past couple years. We proved that we could do this, and we look forward to the future to do even more... but we need your help. All gifts, large or small, will make a significant difference in supporting the Alliance's mission and ensuring that the State Parks Heritage Fund is 100% whole again. Your membership can be mailed directly to the Arizona Heritage Alliance, P.O. Box 16282, Phoenix, AZ 85011, online at azheritage.org, or if needed we can send an invoice. Thank you for your past generosity and assistance. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, comments, or ideas at mail@azheritage.org or 602-528-7500.



Russ Jones, President,
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Heritage Fund is HALF Full!

by Jim McPherson, President of the Arizona Preservation Foundation and Vice-President of the Arizona Heritage Alliance

While the [Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund](#) appropriations was cut in half from \$5 million last fiscal year (21/22) to \$2.5 million this fiscal year (22/23), the State Legislature and Governor approved other significant funding for parks, trails, historic preservation, and wildlife conservation. Over and above funding for the staffing and operations of [Arizona Game & Fish](#) and [Arizona State Parks & Trails](#) (the two state agencies that the [Arizona Heritage Alliance](#) advocates for every day), investments were made for the following initiatives:



- **Historic Resources:** Arizona Historical Society; Arizona Mining, Mineral & National Resources Museum; Arizona Pioneers' Home; Fort Whipple Homeless Veterans Housing; Prescott Historical Society; State Capitol Renovations; historic building renovations at Jerome State Historic Park, Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park, and Tonto Natural Bridge State Park; Arizona Dude Ranch Registry; and State Archives Born Digital Record Preservation Study.
- **Natural Resources:** Arizona Trail; campground, solar shade, smartphone accessibility, and water conservation projects at state parks statewide; specific improvements at Catalina State Park, Dead Horse State Park, and Redfish/Divine Ranch State Parks, and mitigation of drought conditions

Dead Horse State Park, and Rockin' River Ranch State Park; and mitigation of drought conditions affecting wildlife and sportsfish.

In addition, the Alliance has always supported the leveraging of funds from the federal [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) (LWCF) with all related grant programs managed by state and local governments. The Alliance applauds the recent announcement by the U.S. Department of the Interior that \$5,695,464 from the LWCF will be invested in Arizona for outdoor recreation and conservation efforts, strengthening public lands and waters, building new outdoor spaces, and expanding access to outdoor recreation.

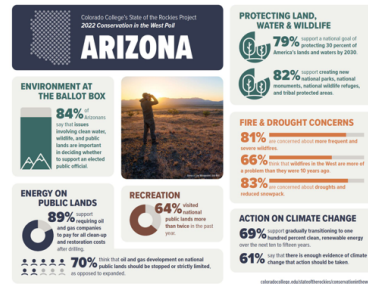
The Alliance thanks the thousands of Arizonans who called, wrote, emailed, texted, and used the Legislature's Request to Speak service this past legislative session to voice their support of the State Parks Heritage Fund and Arizona's historic and natural resources overall.

Alliance News & Notes

Lani Lott, Director

In a poll dated February 22, 2022 Arizona Statewide Issues, 7-in-10 voters (70%) support restoring the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund. The poll was conducted by [TargetSmart](#) for the [State Innovation Exchange](#). You can access the full report on the Alliance's [website](#).

The Colorado College released the results from their 2022 Conservation in the West poll which includes responses on the benefits of public lands spaces to Arizonans. Polling in eight western states explored voters' bi-partisan opinions in each state and of the Rocky Mountain West. The survey polled registered voters in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Voters responded to questions concerning conservation public lands, energy, water, wildlife, wildfire, and other pressing challenges in the Mountain West. Here is a link to the [full report](#). You can find on the Alliance's [website home page](#), the presentation on "Public Lands in the West"



Thank you to [Sierra Club - Grand Canyon \(Arizona\) Chapter](#) for coordinating today's Environmental Day at the Capitol and a huge shout out to Sandy Bahr for tireless work to make this event happen for all of us. We were fortunate enough to be one of the supporting organizations this year. We shared information about the Heritage Alliance and the Arizona Heritage Fund. We had a table with our collateral including information on SB1270 and were asked to briefly introduce ourselves during the opening. Various individuals coordinated meetings with their District Legislators.



The [Arizona Game and Fish Department](#) is pleased to announce a grant designed specifically for Arizona educators. The goal of this program is to provide financial resources (up to \$2000) to Arizona teachers to help implement quality wildlife education in their classrooms. Any education professional who is currently operating within the state of Arizona is eligible to apply. This includes



government and non-profit employees who are responsible for educating Arizona’s students. However, preference will be given to current K-12 district and charter school teachers. We are currently seeking grant proposals where the applicant:



- Has attended a previous educator workshop hosted by the Department (or has plans to attend a future workshop) and wants some money to help implement education related to that workshop. OR
- Is currently partnering with the Department on a project directly benefiting Arizona students and needs some money to assist with this project. OR
- Has developed a unique, inquiry-based field trip to take place on one of the many public lands in Arizona and needs money to off-set some of those costs.

We will begin accepting applications in July and they will be due by Sept 1. Any applications received after that deadline may be eligible for an additional scoring round in January and May, if money is available. If you have any questions about this grant, please reach out to the Department’s wildlife education coordinator, eproctor@azgfd.gov.

At the June 16, 2022 Arizona State Parks & Trails Board Meeting, Mickey Rogers, Chief Grants & Trails, provided an update of the total amount of the grants approved through State Parks and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office - SHPO for fiscal year 2021/2022. The following chart shows the amount of the grant award, the match and the TOTAL amount awarded for the project. Over **\$23,099,289** grants were awarded with a total match of **\$22,628,426** for a total invested in projects across the state being **\$45,727,716**. Huge shout out the State Parks and SHPO staff for making this happen and thank you State Parks Board for your leadership and supporting these much needed projects.

FY 2022 GRANT APPROVED PROJECTS

Funding	Award	Match	Total
OHV	\$3,914,148.00	\$1,262,931.40	\$5,176,979.40
State Lake Improvement	\$4,336,388.00	\$685,686.00	\$5,022,074.00
Recreational Trails	\$1,820,000.00	\$1,704,158.00	\$3,524,158.00
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$4,355,557.50	\$4,435,557.50	\$8,791,115.00
Heritage Historic Preservation	\$1,489,600.00	\$1,853,598.00	\$3,343,198.00
Heritage Local, Regional and State Park	\$2,500,000.00	\$3,135,654.00	\$5,635,654.00
Heritage Environmental Education	\$442,514.00	\$155,211.50	\$597,725.50
Heritage Non-Motorized	\$475,344.00	\$329,236.53	\$804,580.53
American Rescue Plan Act—Heritage	\$3,304,148.00	\$7,861,274.00	\$11,165,422.00
ARPA Heating, Ventilation, and Cooling	\$461,590.00	\$1,205,120.00	\$1,666,710.00
TOTALS	\$23,099,289.50	\$22,628,426.93	\$45,727,716.43

If you hike, boat, ride, hunt, fish, watch wildlife, visit a park, or tour historic sites, then Arizona’s Heritage Fund affects your life! The Arizona Heritage Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created in 1992 to protect Arizona’s Heritage Fund and its objectives. The Alliance is guided by a Board of Directors drawn from a broad base of outdoor sports, environmental conservation, and historic preservation groups that helped pass the 1990 statewide voter initiative creating the Heritage Fund. We’re always looking for new voices and talent to help us achieve our mission to preserve and enhance Arizona’s historic, cultural, and natural heritage. If you are interested in joining our Board or serve on a Committee, [send a note to Lani Lott, Director](#).



Longtime Board Member Barbra Barnes

It is with much sadness that longtime Alliance Board member and champion of the Heritage Fund, Ms. Barbra Barnes passed away earlier in May. Her

daughter, Hilary Barnes shared the following message with us. "Our Warrior Woman, Barbra Harvey Esden Barnes, surrendered gracefully yesterday and died peacefully at home with her children beside her. She fought with a lion's heart to stay with us as long as she could, and we are so grateful to have had so much meaningful time with her. Barbra was a force, a relentlessly curious woman with strong convictions about public education, politics, and conservation (local and global), who proudly flew the Earth Flag every year as a reminder to love and respect our planet. She loved classical music, Mother Nature, especially birds (her grandchildren called her Grammy Birdy), her Flinn Scholars, her dear friends (with many of whom she is now reunited), and especially her beloved family. She will be missed beyond measure, but we will see her in every interesting bird, dainty wildflower, a delicious hot dog, and a glass of good scotch. So tonight, please raise a glass to our beautiful mother."



Partner Spotlight: Vail Preservation Society

[The Vail Preservation Society](#) (VPS) began in late 2006 as a community action group to preserve the Old Vail Store & Post Office. In September 2007, the IRS recognized VPS as a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization. VPS participates in research, education, preservation of local stories through oral histories, saving and repurposing historic buildings, and outreach events that celebrate the history of Vail and honor its railroad and ranching roots.



VPS serves the greater Vail community, a largely rural area located southeast of Tucson. The organization's focus area of interest closely mirrors the Vail Unified School District borders: from the southern boundary of Saguaro National Park East south to the Santa Cruz County line, and from the Cochise County line west to Wilmot Road.

VPS supports the historic preservation and education efforts of other regional organizations like the Vail Unified School District, Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, Santa Rita Foothills Association, Empire-Fagin Coalition, Postal History Foundation, Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation, Vail Community Action Board, Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum, Empire Ranch Foundation, Cienega Watershed Partnership and Santa Cruz Heritage Alliance.

Upcoming Events

[15th Annual Rural Policy Forum](#) - August 3-5, 2022 in Winslow, Arizona

[Arizona Historic Preservation Conference](#) - October 19-21, 2022 in Yuma, Arizona

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To accomplish our mission, we actively:

- Protect the integrity and voter intent of the Arizona Heritage Fund
- Pursue sustainable and dedicated funding sources for Arizona's historic, cultural, and natural initiatives, programs, and activities
- Educate Arizonans on the benefits of our state's wildlife, open space, parks, and historic and cultural resources
- Monitor state legislative and agency activity



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