

Arizona Heritage Alliance
Overview of Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund
Prepared 2/11/2023

Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund (\$7.5M for FY21-22 & FY22-23)

Parks (\$3,750,000)

1. Buckeye, Sundance Park Phase II, FY21
2. Bullhead City, Splash Pad, FY21
3. Clarkdale, Selna-Mongini Park, FY21
4. Coconino Co., Fort Tuthill, FY21
5. Fountain Hills, Four Peaks Park, FY22
6. Nogales, Teyechea City Park, FY22
7. Pinal Co., Oracle Community Park, FY22
8. Quartzsite, Splash Pad, FY21
9. St. John, Pool Renovation, FY22
10. Willcox, Keiller/Quail Run Park, FY21

Historic Sites (\$2,250,000)

1. Glendale, 1928-1929 First United Methodist Church, FY22
2. Parker, 1914 Jail, FY22
3. Phoenix, 1941 Crippled Children's Hospital, FY21
4. Pima Co., 1928 Tucson Mountain Park/Juan Santa Cruz Picnic Area, FY21
5. Pinedale, 1939 Pinedale Elementary School, FY22
6. Scottsdale, 1937 Taliesin West, FY22
7. Show Low, 1910s Reidhead House, FY22
8. Tempe, 1880 Gonzales-Martinez House, FY22
9. Tucson, 1797 San Xavier del Bac, FY22
10. Tucson, 1873 Fort Lowell, FY21
11. Tucson, 1915 Teatro Carmen, FY21
12. Tucson, 1918 Dunbar School, FY21
13. Vail, 1908 Vail Post Office & General Store, FY21

Outdoor/Environmental Education (\$750,000)

1. Arizona Trail Association, Seeds of Stewardship, FY21, Statewide
2. City of Peoria, Leave No Trace Steward, FY21
3. Creek Valley Health Clinic, Mountain Bike Program, FY22
4. Flagstaff Open Space, Coordinator, FY21
5. Flagstaff Youth Riders, Program Director, FY21
6. Lake Havasu City, Trail Signage, FY22
7. Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund, Program Coordinator, FY21
8. Sonoran Desert Mountain Bike, Ambassador Program, FY21
9. Tread Lightly, Program Manager, FY21, Regional
10. Verde River Institute, Riparian Monitoring & Education, FY21
11. Verde Valley Cyclists, Bike Patrol Outfitting & Skills Training, FY21
12. Verde Valley Wheel Fun, Program Director, FY21
13. Wickenburg Cultural/Conservation Found., Leave No Trace Video, FY21

Non-Motorized Trails (\$750,000)

1. Buffalo Park Trail, FY21
2. Copper Chief Trail, FY21 & FY22
3. Cottonwood Wash Trail, FY21
4. Mountain Meadow Trail, FY22
5. Santa Catalina Trails, FY21
6. Sunflower Trail North Realignment, FY21
7. Verde Valley Blowout Wash Trail, FY21
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Heritage ARPA (\$5M for FY21-22 & FY22-23)

1. Camp Verde, Butler Park Ball Field ARPA, FY21
2. Coconino Co., Fort Tuthill Park ARPA, FY21
3. Eloy, Jones Park ARPA, FY21
4. Fort Apache, Harmony House ARPA, FY22
5. Gila Bend, 800-1200 Gatlin Site Rehabilitation ARPA, FY22
6. Kingman, 1907-1911 Powerhouse Roof Repair ARPA, FY22
7. Nogales, 1904 Court House Dome Repair ARPA, FY22
8. Peach Springs, 1932 Osterman Gas Station Roof Repair ARPA, FY22
9. Prescott, 1935 Museum of Indigenous People Renovations ARPA, FY22
10. Sierra Vista, Shared Use Path ARPA, FY22
11. Somerton, Perricone Park ARPA, FY22
12. Tucson, Gunney Barreras Park ARPA, FY21

Heritage HVAC (\$1M for FY22-23)

1. Fort Apache, Harmony House HVAC, FY22
2. Jerome SHP 1916 Douglas Mansion HVAC, FY22
3. Nogales, 1914 Pimeria Alta Historical Museum HVAC, FY22
4. Oro Valley, 1874 Steam Pump Ranch HVAC, FY22
5. Tombstone, 1882 Tombstone Courthouse SHP HVAC, FY22
6. Tucson, 1915 Teatro Carmen HVAC, FY22
7. Willcox, 1881 Train Depot HVAC, FY22
8. Willcox, 1936 Women's Community Center HVAC, FY22
9. Willcox, 1936 Willcox Theater & Arts HVAC, FY22
10. Willcox, Rex Allen Museum HVAC, FY22
11. Yuma Quartermaster Depot SHP 1865-1926 Corral House HVAC, FY22

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Investment = \$13.5M (excluding local match support)

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Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Key Points, February 2023

Why is the Arizona Heritage Fund Important

For many of us, our most treasured childhood memories are romping in a neighborhood park or taking a hike in Arizona's wide-open spaces. Every community in our state, regardless of size, has a place where parents and their children picnic; throw, kick, hit, and dunk a ball; or stare in wonderment at Arizona's unique flora and fauna. These special places provide wholesome outdoor recreation.

Historic downtowns and neighborhoods, where previous generations grew up, went to school, and conducted business, have been restored to their original beauty enabling Arizonans to continue to live near their jobs, schools, and local services.

Urban sprawl and destructive fires have impacted our open spaces, and historic buildings and cultural sites have faced destruction as time, the elements, or neglect have taken their toll.

History

1990: Arizona Proposition 200 was on the ballot as an initiated state statute on November 6, 1990. It was approved 648,046 (62.13%) to 394,952 (37.87%). A "yes" vote supported establishing Heritage Funds from state lottery revenues and allocating \$10 million annually for the State Parks Board and \$10 million annually for the Game and Fish Commission to be used for historic preservation, enhancing the state's natural environment, and improving outdoor recreation areas.

1990 to 2009: Up to \$20 million in annual Arizona Lottery revenue was divided between the Game and Fish Commission and State Parks Board.

1991 to 2010: Nearly \$87 million was awarded in State Parks Heritage Fund grants resulting in a total investment of \$207 million in projects statewide.

2010: Legislation swept the State Parks Heritage Fund and eliminated it from statute to balance the budget. The Game and Fish Heritage Fund was not impacted and continued to receive \$10 million in annual lottery funds to protect endangered species, acquire habitat for the benefit of sensitive species, provide access to outdoor recreational opportunities, and educate the public about wildlife.

2010 to 2018: Each year legislative champions of the Arizona Heritage Fund introduced a bill to restore the State Parks Heritage Fund, but it never made it to the Governor's desk.

June 2019: Senate Bill 1241 was signed into statute by Governor Ducey restoring the State Parks Heritage Fund, but with no dedicated funding. Funds are allocated for the following uses and percentages:

- 50% for parks
- 30% for historic preservation projects
- 10% for non-motorized trails
- 10% for outdoor and environmental education

June 2021: Governor Ducey signed the FY2021/22 state budget, including \$5 million for the State Parks Heritage Fund. \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were also allocated by the Governor to the State Parks Heritage Fund.

June 2022: Governor Ducey signed the FY2022/23 state budget, including \$2.5 million for the State Parks Heritage Fund. \$1 million in ARPA HVAC funds were also allocated by the Governor to the State Parks Heritage Fund.

2021 to 2022: State Parks staff worked with 41 communities on 8 trail systems, 17 parks, 29 historic sites, and 13 outdoor education and safety campaigns. Their workflow:

- Conduct workshops
- Answer questions from potential applicants
- Tour potential sites
- Compile, review, and score applications
- Move the highest-scoring applications through the approval process culminating in State Parks Board review
- Publicize approved projects

Thank You

Thanks to the following legislators for sponsoring legislation to restore the State Parks Heritage Fund and its funding:

- Senators Alston, Bowie, Boyer, Brophy-McGee, Carter, Fann, Gonzales (Sally Ann), Kerr, Otondo, Payne, Pratt, Shope
- Representatives Blackman, Bowers, Cano, Chavez, Cobb, Cook, Dunn, Hernandez (Alma), Jermaine, Kavanagh, Longdon, Nutt, Osborne, Pawlik, Salman, Sierra, Toma, Tsosie

Arizona Heritage Alliance Awards

- **2004** ~ Governor's Heritage Preservation Grand Award
- **2018** ~ Game & Fish Award of Excellence (Beth Woodin)
- **2019** ~ Arizona Forward Environmental Excellent Award
- **2020** ~ Governor's Heritage Preservation Award (Restoration of the State Parks Heritage Fund)

To Apply

State Parks: azstateparks.com/heritage-fund-grants
Game & Fish: azgfd.com/wildlife/heritagefund/program/

For More Information

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