

Arizona Heritage Alliance Fall 2023 News

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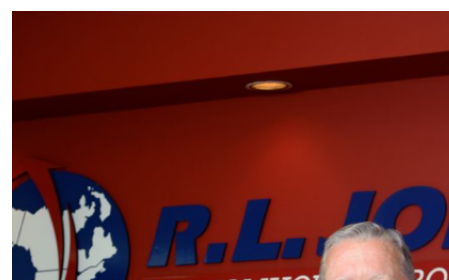
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From the Desk of Russ Jones, President, Arizona Heritage Alliance

Dear Arizona Heritage Alliance Members and Friends:

Together, over the past decade, we helped return the State Parks Heritage Fund to its right to benefit Arizona. With thousands of community allies and dozens of legislative champions, the State Parks Heritage Fund was put back into statute (2019), \$5 million was appropriated FY 21/22, another \$2.5 million was appropriated for FY22/23 and Governor Hobbs appropriated \$6 million for FY 2023/2024.



We are not done yet! The Alliance's Legislative Task Force has reconvened and started meeting to develop a strategy for the 56th 2nd Regular Legislative Session opening in January 2024 to restore the ASP Heritage Fund back in the lottery and fully-funded to its original \$10 million each year as the voters intended it. As part of the strategy, the Alliance will continue to work with the Arizona State Public Lands Coalition, an influential group of conservation advocates, who have helped implement our 2023 public awareness campaign. In the meantime, congratulations to State Parks Heritage grant awardees for the last two years as well as that will be awarded over this next fiscal year. *A full list with photos that you can share with legislators, partners, friends, and family can be downloaded at <https://azheritage.org/>*



Over the coming year we will continue to attend (virtually) State Parks Board meetings to support for projects that pursue the goals of the State Parks Heritage Fund while advocating public policies to protect our state park assets. We are dedicated to maintaining, strengthening expanding partnerships with the Arizona Preservation Foundation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, County Supervisors Association of Arizona, League of Arizona Cities and Towns Parks and Recreation Association, Arizona Forward, Arizona Trails Association, and other historic preservation groups and related organizations. We promise to maintain a robust communication outreach plan keeping our members, friends, and partners engaged and informed through in-person presence, Facebook page, e-alerts, quarterly newsletter, and one-on-one meetings.

I want to thank each one of you for your continuing advocacy and financial support. I hope to maintain your membership, decide to become a member, or consider contributing to our operation so we can continue to ensure the State Parks Heritage Fund is fully-funded and Fish Heritage Fund remains strong. Thank you for your continuing support, advice, and as you have questions, comments, or ideas, feel free to drop us a note at mail@azheritage.org

Russ Jones, President,
Board of Directors
Arizona Heritage Alliance

The Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Grant Portal Open

On June 30, 2023, Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs signed the state budget for Fiscal Year 2024 including \$6 million to fund the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund. Here's a summary of the State Parks Heritage Funds in the state budget. [Click here](#) for more detailed information and to apply.

- Available Funds: \$6 million
- Eligible Applicants: Include non-profits, governmental entities: cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, state and federal agencies. Organizations and clubs may enter into a cooperative agreement with an eligible applicant, (e.g. forest land manager).
- Eligible Projects: The Heritage Fund provides grant opportunities for trail projects, outdoor environmental education programs, local, regional, and state parks, as well as historic preservation projects through legislatively appropriated fund.



Trail signage helps to facilitate connections. (c) JDWphoto

Local, Regional, and State Parks (LRSP)

- Funds Available: \$10,000 to \$500,000 per project
- Eligible Applicants: State, County, Local, Tribal
- Eligible Projects: LRSP projects address construction, maintenance and development of outdoor recreation facilities

Historic Preservation

- Funds Available: \$5,000 to \$360,000 per project
- Eligible Applicants: State, Local, County, Tribal, Schools, Non-Profits
- Eligible Projects: Projects must directly involve the resources listed in the Arizona Official Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing by the State Historic Preservation Office

Trails Program

- Funds Available: Up to \$120,000 per project
 - Eligible Applicants: State, County, Local, Tribal, Non-Profit
 - Eligible Projects: The Trails Program provides funds to develop and maintain trails and facilities for non-motorized trail uses.
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Outdoor Environmental Education

- Funds Available: Up to \$120,000 per project
- Eligible Applicants: State, Local, Schools, County, Tribal, Non-Profits
- Eligible Projects: Promote outdoor and environmental protection programs related to outdoor recreation

[Click Here](#) to view the 2022/2023 Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Grant Awardees.



Alliance News & Notes

Lani Lott, Director

The 2023 Arizona Preservation Conference, "History in Balance" was held October 2023 in Tucson. The Alliance's Vice President, Mr. Jim McPherson joined Mr. Mickey Rogers, [Arizona State Parks & Trails](#), Chief of Grants and Trails, and Ms. Jessica LaPota, Grants Coordinator, [State Historic Preservation Office](#) to present a session on the "Exploring Funding Opportunities for Historic Preservation Projects in Arizona". Mr. Rogers provided an overview of both the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund as well as the numerous other State Park grant opportunities. Ms. LaPota provided an overview of the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund - Historic Preservation grant process, eligibility and answered questions accordingly. Mr. McPherson shared other federal, state and local funding opportunities and resources with attendees as well as how individuals can support the Heritage Fund in the upcoming legislative session. The full program is available on the [Arizona Preservation Foundation website](#) along with a listing of other available resources.



Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Recognizes 2023 Honor Award Winner at Annual Conference. During the 20th annual Arizona Historic Preservation Conference held in Tucson, 10 honorees were selected for the Annual Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Awards. The awards luncheon was held at the Leo Rich Theatre in the Tucson Convention Center.



Convention Center on Thursday, October 26. The Annual Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Awards, presented by the [State Historic Preservation Office](#) and [Arizona Preservation Foundation](#), recognize people, organizations, and projects that represent outstanding achievements in preserving Arizona's prehistoric and historic resources. The top honor of the luncheon, the James W. Garrison Heritage Award, Pima County's restoration of Canoa Ranch. The award, named for a retired state historic preservation officer, is selected by Governor Katie Hobbs from all conference award winners. The 2023 Heritage Preservation Honorees are as follows:



- Benedictine Apartments Rehabilitation Project, Tucson
- Tohono Restoration – Conservation of Art San Xavier del Bac Mission, Pima County
- Douglas R. Mitchell Lifetime Achievement
- George Dvorak, Volunteer Fort Verde State Historic Park, Camp Verde
- Jacobson House Rehabilitation Project, Tucson
- Kiva Craft Center Rehabilitation, Scottsdale
- Manning House Rehabilitation Project at Canoa Ranch, Tucson
- Scott Newth, Volunteer, Sedona
- Simpson Rowhouse Rehabilitation Project, Tucson
- U.S. Customs House Rehabilitation Project, Naco

The Arizona Game and Fish Department Focus Wild Focus is designed specifically for educators. [Focus Wild Arizona](#) is the Arizona Game & Fish Department's award-winning wildlife education program. The goal of the program is to promote awareness, appreciation and stewardship of the state's wildlife resources by using wildlife as a context for learning science, social studies, math and language arts. The program includes complete lesson plans, books, posters, workshops and much more. Most of these resources are free and available for download directly from this website. Others are available through each regional office or the department's main office in Phoenix.



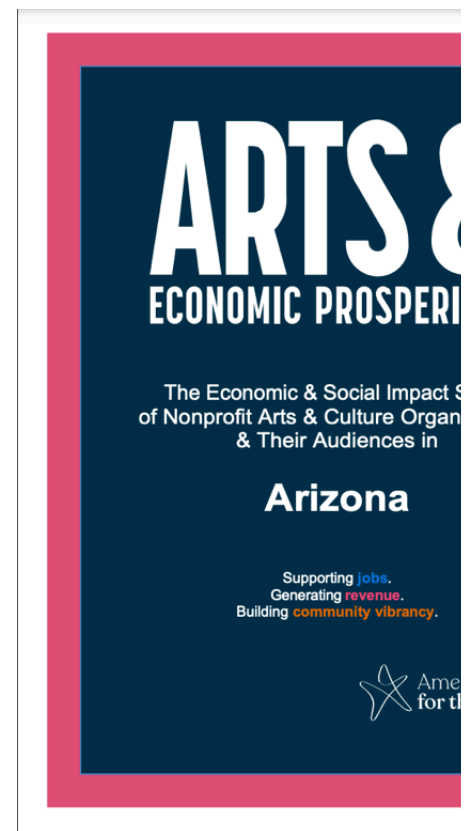
Arizona Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting will be held on December 5, 2023. The Annual Board Meeting will be held **in-person** and **virtually** on December 5, 2023 at the Power Authority, 1810 W. Adams Street in downtown Phoenix. If you are interested in attending the annual meeting either in person or virtually, please email us at mail@azheritage.org.

Sierra Club – Grand Canyon Chapter – Environmental Day at the Capitol. Please join [Club Grand Canyon Chapter](#) for Environmental Day at the Arizona Capitol on Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 8:30 AM to 2 PM. Hear great speakers, meet other awesome advocates, and meet with your legislators to advocate for protecting our environment and our democracy. RSVP so Sierra Club Arizona can be sure to get you in the loop with their trainings, workshops, and connect you with your legislative district team. No experience is needed! Sierra Club will provide you with the background you need to advocate for environmental action.



Arizona's Nonprofit Arts & Culture Sector Generates \$1.1 Billion in Economic Activity

Whether it's a night at the opera in Phoenix or a day trip to Yuma for an arts festival, local economies get a big boost from Arizona's nonprofit arts and culture sector. How big? According to new data the state's nonprofit arts & culture sector generated a staggering \$1.1 billion in economic activity. Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6), a national economic and social impact study conducted by Americans for the Arts, comprises data collected in 373 study regions representing all 50 states and Puerto Rico. In Arizona, data collection was coordinated by regional partners in 9 regions: Chandler, Mesa, Flagstaff, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Sedona, Tempe, Pima County, and metro-Phoenix's West Valley. Additionally, the [Arizona Commission on the Arts](#), an agency of the State of Arizona, directly partnered with 20 arts and culture organizations, most in towns outside Maricopa County and Pima County, to gather data from historically under-represented communities. Past efforts to report on the economic and social impact of the nonprofit arts and culture sector in Arizona have struggled to reflect the incredible depth and diversity of art activity throughout the state. To read the full report, [link here](#).



Arizona Humanities Mini Grants Cycle is Now Open. [Arizona Humanities Mini Grants](#)

grants of up to \$2,000 that are available year-round to support innovative public programs that increase understanding of the human experience. Applicants may request up to \$2,000 in Mini Grants per fiscal year (November 1 – October 31). Mini Grants can be used for



capacity-building, program planning, and implementation of programs. Capacity-building training and education for constituents to help plan and/or implement public humanities e The applicant organization's budget must not exceed \$500,000. Larger institutions must p smaller institution that will lead the program or project.

See Wildlife Species the Way they're Meant to be Seen—in the Wild Program pre the Arizona Game and Fish Department. [The Wildlife Viewing](#)

[Program](#) is committed to achieving wildlife conservation by engaging the public in activities and with cams that increase awareness of and appreciation for wildlife garnering public support for the Department's unique role in wildlife management. These practices ensure the continued existence of Arizona's diverse wildlife and habitats by promoting sustainable viewing practices.



NPS Accepting Applications for Save America's Treasures Grants - The National Pa currently accepting applications for the [Save America's Treasures](#)

[program](#). These grants are available to help preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants can be used for preservation and/or conservation work on historic districts, buildings, sites, and objects as well as collections, including artifacts, museum collections, documents, and works of art. The Save America's Treasures program was established in 1998 and since inception has awarded more than \$356 million in grants to over 1,320 projects across the country. Funded through the Historic Preservation Fund, SAT grants are divided in to two separate applications, one for preservation grants and one for projects involving collections. Applications are due December 19, 2023. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.



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](#).



First Round of 23/24 Arizona State Parks Heritage Grant Awards

The [Arizona State Parks & Trails](#) Board approved the FIRST round of the 2023/2024 Heritage Fund grants at their September 21, 2023 Board meeting. Congratulations to receiptants in the 2024 Heritage Environmental Education Category.

The [Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition](#) organization was awarded a \$21,726 for the "Bike Bell Distribution" Project. With a match of \$2,560.60 the total amount of the project is \$24,324.60. The VVCC's Bike Patrol is the only local organization performing this service by handing out Bells to cyclists on the trails. The commonly accepted trail etiquette rules state that all trail users should share the trail in a courteous manner. The trail etiquette rules also indicate that there is a hierarchy relative to sharing the trail: hikers need to yield to equestrians, and mountain bikers need to yield to both equestrians and hikers. Because of the trail etiquette rules, and the fact that mountain bikers can come upon the other trail users rather quickly, it is necessary for bikers to alert other trail users of their presence. However, when a rider is going fast and/or may not have a upcoming trail users a Bell is a very effective way for the biker to alert other trail users. consistent jingle that announces one's presence without having to manually strike the Bell.



Bike Bell Distribution
Verde Valley Cyclists Coalitic
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The [Flagstaff Unified School District](#) was awarded a \$42,652 for the Camp Colton of \$35,925 the total amount of the project is \$76,577. This award will support forest health education at Camp Colton, an outdoor environmental education facility that serves students from Flagstaff and the surrounding rural areas. As a result of drought and fire suppression, area forests face unprecedented risk of wildfire, threatening homes as well as watersheds and natural resources. Camp Colton aims to connect middle school students with their natural world in a way that inspires them and teaches them to be responsible forest stewards. Flagstaff is one of the only communities in the country that has voted to invest in a city-scale watershed restoration effort (the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Plan) in order to reduce wildfire risk and increase forest health. T the important link between an educated public and environmental health. As regional health intensify, Camp Colton ensures that the next generation carries that same awareness. Congratulations Camp Colton!



Camp Colton
Flagstaff Unified School Distri
2023/2024
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[Flagstaff Trails Initiative](#) was awarded a \$16,234 for the "Kiosk Trailhead Update" with a match of \$1,000 the total amount of the project is \$17,234.

a match of \$4,902 the total amount of the project is \$21,136. FTI's project is two-fold, one is the need to update trailhead signs to show the existing trail route for each of the 14 kiosk areas. These new trailhead signs will show the topographic area of the trail to be hiked. With more information to the trail users the better the better the experience and will benefit all trail users. The second is to help educate the public on trail etiquette, trail safety and leave no trace trail usage. Congratulations FTI!



Kiosk Trailhead Update
Flagstaff Trails Initiative
2023/2024
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The [Grand Canyon Youth](#) organization for the "Exploring Arizona Watersheds" Project match of \$4,000 the total amount of the project is \$25,000. Over the next 2 years, funds will be used to hire staff to help transport vehicles to/from river destinations, fuel costs for rental vehicles, providing expedition supplies such as gear & boats & safety supplies, adult educators, and professional river guides. Doing this will help Grand Canyon Youth (GCY) provide up to 700 Arizona youth (10-19) with educational, affordable, outdoor experiences on the rivers and canyons of Arizona. GCY expeditions range from 1-day to multi-week expeditions on the rivers in Arizona. Youth participants engage with a curriculum customized for their group before and during their expedition with the intention that their learning translates to their life back home. GCY focuses education, introspection through reflective journaling and art projects, as well as group facing challenges together as a team. Congratulations Grand Canyon Youth!



Exploring Arizona Watersheds
Grand Canyon Youth
2023/2024 ARIZONA
STATE PARKS HERITAGE FUND
RECIPIENT

The Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Partnership Program

The [Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Partnership Program](#) (formerly known as the AGFD Heritage Fund) has been redesigned to provide opportunities to collaborate with eligible entities to fund projects that provide conservation and recreational benefits. Eligible entities include governmental agencies, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organizations (must meet the IRS definition of a 501c3).

- Concept proposals may be submitted at any time throughout the year and all funds are awarded externally.
- All projects must provide a conservation benefit and be eligible for Heritage funding, [17-296 – Definitions](#)



- Project must be completed within one (1) year, following the state fiscal year July 1 – June 30 of the following year. Projects spanning up to two (2) years may be considered based on biological windows and the scope of work.
- Project funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.



Each year the Arizona Game and Fish Commission approves a set amount of funding per year. Funding amounts provided may not exceed the amount approved by the Commission.

- Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection and Management of Sensitive Habitat (IIAPM) is for projects that preserve and enhance Arizona's natural biological diversity budgeted \$200,000 per fiscal year.
- Public Access – Public Access is for projects that increase or maintain public access recreational use and is budgeted \$50,000 per fiscal year.
- Urban Wildlife and Urban Wildlife Habitat (URBAN) – Urban is for projects that conserve and establish wildlife habitats and populations in harmony with urban environments budgeted \$130,000 per fiscal year.

Current Funding Available – as of June 30, 2023

- IIAPM – \$163,639
- Public Access – \$47,500
- Urban – \$67,956

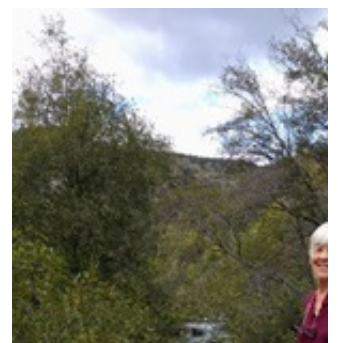
Previously Funded Projects Include:

- New Mexico Jumping Mice Ecology (2023)
- Desert Pupfish Genetic Evaluation (2023)
- Betty's Kitchen Conservation Education (2022)

For more information, please reach out to **Ryan Babel**, *Natural Resources Planner* - 623 email him at rbabel@azgfd.gov.

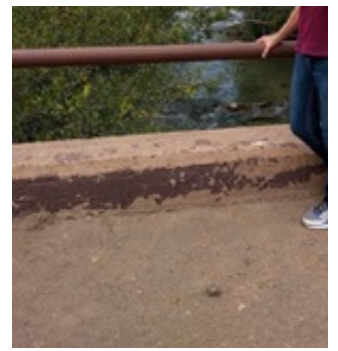
Board Member Spotlight - Bonnie Bariola

After working for 14 years in the Business Field as a Manager in the Data Processing Department, Bonnie returned to college at ASU receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture in 1988. Her first position was Community Development Director for the Town of Florence. In this position she wrote several grants for streetscape projects. She was instrumental in helping create the design and implementation of the 27-acre Heritage Park which contains 3 ball



fields, basketball courts, open space, and a skateboard facility.

In 1990 when the Arizona Heritage Fund was established through a voter initiative, Bonnie began writing grants, utilizing the Heritage Fund to provide partial funding for the rehabilitation of many historic properties in Florence. While working as Sr. Planner for Pinal County from 1996 – 2004, she continued rehabilitating historic buildings in Florence. She was also the Staff Liaison working with personnel from the National Park Service, Arizona State Parks, BLM, and Arizona Game & Fish in establishing the first Trails Plan for



Bonnie has also worked at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) administering the funding for SHPO and as a Planner for the City of Peoria. After retiring in 2004, she continued writing grants and rehabilitating primarily commercial buildings until the Legislature ceased the Heritage Fund. Due to her efforts, many buildings were saved and/or rehabilitated in Florence, including the Gila, Old Main at Florence High School, True Value Hardware Store, Harvey/Nier Silver King (Hotel) Marketplace, the Clarke House, and several other buildings.

Throughout the years, she has traveled extensively with her grandchildren who have visited all 50 states and several foreign countries. They visited many, many state and national parks throughout these travels. Bonnie received the Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor and is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation as well as on the Board of Directors for the National Trust for Historic Preservation Foundation and serves as the Secretary for the Arizona Heritage Alliance.

Partner Spotlight - Arizona Commission on the Arts

One of 56 state and jurisdictional arts agencies across the United States, the [Arizona Commission on the Arts](#) is a 56-year-old agency of the State of Arizona and a leading force in the creative and professional development of Arizona's arts sector. Through robust programs, research and strategic grantmaking, the Arts Commission catalyzes arts-based partnerships that strengthen Arizona communities through the arts. Staffed with experts in organizational structure and development, community building through the arts, arts education, arts funding models, and various arts disciplines, the Arts Commission acts as a knowledge base for the state's artists, arts organizations and educators.



The Governing Commission consists of a board of fifteen members, including one chairperson, appointed by the Governor of Arizona. Commission members serve terms of three years and are chosen for their demonstrated ability, good judgment

experience in arts-related fields. In addition, they are selected to ensure geographic and representation of all areas of the state. The Arts Commission is committed to providing opportunities for all Arizonans and recognizes that partnerships are critical to its efforts. (strategic collaborations that demonstrate the omnipresence of the arts and its diverse imp to the agency mission. To that end, the Arts Commission engages in myriad partnerships

The Arizona Commission on the Arts provides a wealth of programs and services to support individual artists practicing in all creative disciplines across Arizona, provides a variety of resources and tools in support of lifelong learning in, through and about the arts and orga to the Arizona Commission on the Arts for funding opportunities, research materials, cons and personalized service from professional staff.

Historic Preservation, Parks, and Trails in the News

[National Park Service Awards Over \\$603,00 to American Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives,](#) N Observer, November 4, 2023

[Arizona State Historic Preservation Office Recognizes 2023 Honor Award Winners During / Conference,](#) Phoenix, AZ, October 26,2023.

[Hit the Trails! It's Hiking Season in Arizona,](#) Phoenix, AZ, October 1, 2023

Upcoming Events


2023 Arizona Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting - December 5, 2023 from 10:00 AM
Arizona Power Authority 1810 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

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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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