

Unlocking Arizona's Heritage: Funding Opportunities and Grant Assistance with the Arizona Economic Resource Center

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AZERC Services for Arizona Communities

Objective: Empower eligible Arizona cities, towns, counties, tribal communities, and nonprofits to secure and manage competitive grants

Initiative: Led by Local First Arizona

Free Services Provided:

- Grant Writing, Reviewing, and Editing
 - Project Management
 - Budget Guidance
 - Economic Impact Analysis
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AZERC Qualifying Entities

- Meet the definition of Rural or be in low-to-moderate income urban census tracts
- Do not have a dedicated staff for development
- Are interested in applying for work that supports a local or regional strategic plan (if this doesn't exist, call for a consultation)
- Have a proposed application that includes at least 3 partnering organizations
- NOTE: even if you are not a “qualifying entity,” you may still access and apply for AZERC’s list of grants

Example: 1910 Liberty School, Buckeye



If You are a Small Business Owner

- For help with an application of any kind, visit localfirstaz.com/business-support for a free consultation.

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Arizona Economic RESOURCE CENTER

The Arizona Economic Resource Center (AZERC) aims to enable eligible Arizona cities, towns, counties, tribal communities, and nonprofits to win and implement competitive federal, state, municipal, or foundation grants.


An initiative of Local First Arizona, the Arizona Economic Resource Center provides the following services, free of charge, to qualifying entities:

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AZERC “Free Consultation” Questions

- Your organization
 - Your physical address
 - Main contact email (yours or another team member) on this project
 - Type of entity (501-c-3, chamber of commerce, rural government, tribal government, etc.)
 - Month and year granted 501-c-3 status
 - Annual budget; last FY’s actual total expenses
 - Do you have a Board of Directors; is 25%+ of the board considered friends or family to the ED?
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AZERC “Free Consultation” Questions

- Has your organization received grant funding before?
 - If "Yes," what type of grants has been awarded (e.g., local agency, foundation, federal government, etc.)
 - Has your organization worked with a grant writer before?
 - On a scale of 1-5, how confident do you feel in your staffing capacity to implement and support the project?
 - On a scale of 1-5, how confident do you feel in your financial capacity (for grants with and without match requirements) to implement and support the project?
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AZERC Grant Categories

- Animal Welfare
- Arts & Culture
- Economic Development
- Education
- Food Access & Farming
- Health & Wellness
- **Historic Preservation**
- Infrastructure
- Social Services
- Tourism
- Tribal

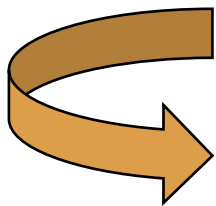


AZERC HP Grants (APF Consults)

Historic Preservation

<https://localfirstaz.com/azerc-grants/#preservation>

Funding Opportunity & Description	Application Deadline	Funding Range	Eligible Entities	Match Requirement	Link to Opportur
<p>National Park Service - FY2024 Historic Preservation Fund- History of Equal Rights- Preservation Grants</p> <p>The National Park Service's (NPS) History of Equal Rights Grant Program (HER) will preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to achieve equal rights. HER grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match.</p>	August 21, 2024	US \$15,000 - US \$750,000	Public and State controlled institutions of higher education Special district governments Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Independent school districts City or township governments Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) State governments Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education Private institutions of higher education County governments	No	https://www.grants.gov/h-results-detail/35441
<p>National Park Service - FY2024 Historic Preservation Fund - Underrepresented Communities Grants</p> <p>The National Park Service's (NPS) Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC) is intended to diversify listings in the National Register of Historic</p>	August 30, 2024	US \$15,000 - US \$75,000	County governments State governments Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments) Private institutions of higher	No	https://www.grants.gov/h-results-detail/35458



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 - <https://xg112.infusionsoft.com/app/form/azeconomicrecoverycenter>

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Funding Opportunities at Arizona State Parks

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State Parks Heritage Fund HP Grants, FY20-24

- City of Phoenix Housing Dept, Edison Impact Hub
 - Dunbar Coalition, Dunbar School Project
 - Vail Preservation Society, 1908 Old Vail Post Office
 - Pima Co. Office of Sustainability, Tucson Mountain Park
 - Tucson Parks and Recreation, Ft. Lowell Rehab
 - Stratford Art Works, Teatro Carmen Façade Rehab
 - Navajo County, Pinedale Elementary School
 - Patronato San Xavier, Artwork & Plaster Conservation
 - City of Glendale, First United Methodist Church
 - Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, ADA Restroom Renovation
 - City of Tempe, Gonzales-Martinez House Renovation
 - City of Show Low, Reid House Renovation
 - Town of Parker, Historic Jail Renovation
 - Rialto Theatre Foundation, Historic Rialto Theatre Roof Restoration
 - Arizona Copper Art Museum, Main Street Building Renovation
 - Catalina State Park, Romero Site Interpretive Sign
 - Mesa Historical Society, Lehi Auditorium Renovation
 - City of Phoenix, Sargeant-Oldaker House Relocation & Rehab
 - St. Philips Preservation & Endowment Foundation, Inc., Preservation of Roofs & Walls Renovations
 - Archaeology Southwest, Taawaki: Orayvi Sun Clan House Rehab & Work Force Training
 - Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Taliesin West ADA Project
 - Arizona State University, ASU Kerr Center Restoration
 - Cartwright School District, Cartwright Heritage House Preservation
 - City of Bisbee, 1908 Fair Store Glass Sidewalk Preservation
 - City of Oro Valley, Procter-Leiber House Historic Building Condition Assessment
 - Housing Opportunity Center, Monroe St. Abbey Windows
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State Parks Heritage Fund FY24 HP Summary

Summary of Funding

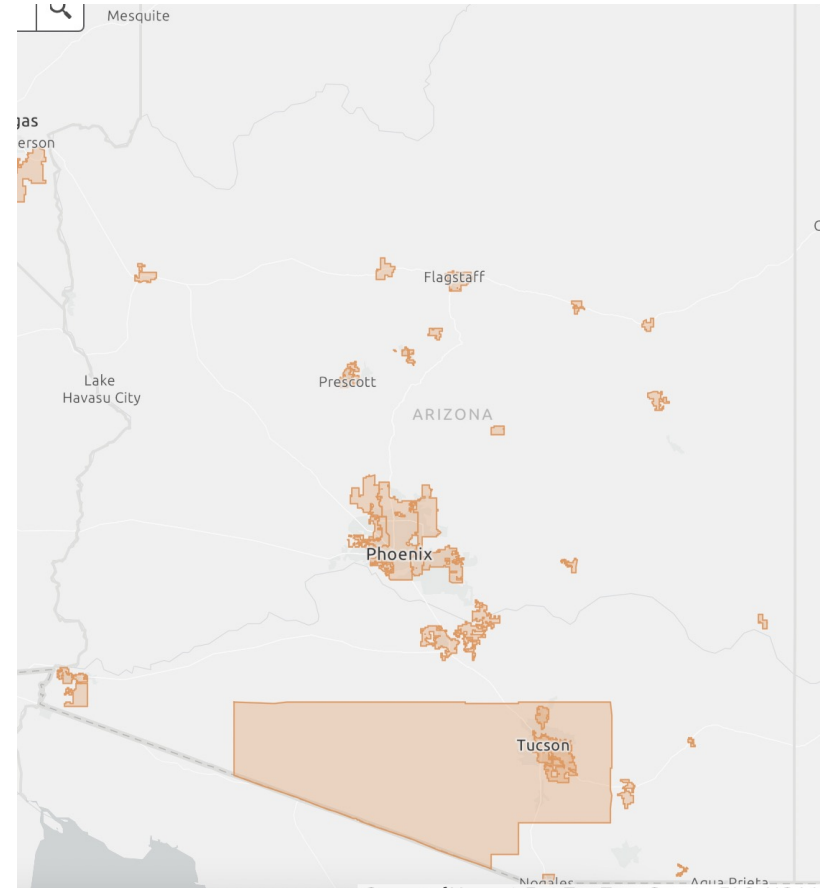
Fund Round	Total Requested	Number of Applications	Staff Recommendation	Applications Funded
Round 1 Applications	\$1,189,777.12	8	\$1,011,737	7
Round 2 Applications	\$19,416.00	1	\$19,416	1
Round 3 Applications	\$1,917,233.37	12	\$658,857	6
Total Request (\$1,800,000 available)	\$3,236,426.49	21	\$1,800,000	14

Teatro Carmen, Tucson Before & After



CLG Pass Through Grants

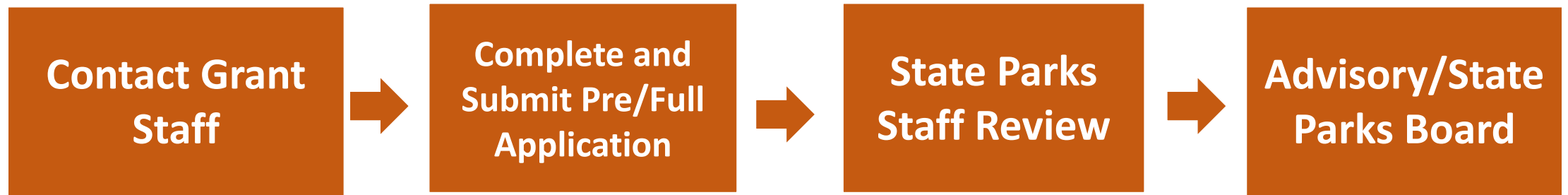
- Preservation planning projects
- 10% of SHPO funding from federal Historic Preservation Fund dedicated to Certified Local Governments (CLGs)
- \$122,917 available this year
- Award is up to \$20,000
- Requires 40% match from CLG
- Applications due July 19, 2024
- Email jlapota@azstateparks.gov



Other State Parks Grant Opportunities

Program	Appropriation	Maximum Grant
State Lake Improvement Fund	\$5,200,000	\$1,040,000
Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Competitive	\$3,000,000	\$750,000
OHV Law Enforcement		\$100,000
Recreational Trails Program (Non-Motorized/ Diverse)	\$1,340,859	\$150,000
Recreational Trails Program (Motorized)	\$1,340,859	\$750,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$6,112,986	\$1,000,000
Total Available	\$16,994,704	

How to Apply



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