

HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

*****PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION
FUND WORKSHOP / WEBINAR WILL BE RECORDED*****

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

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Grant Application Workshop

Fiscal Year 2023

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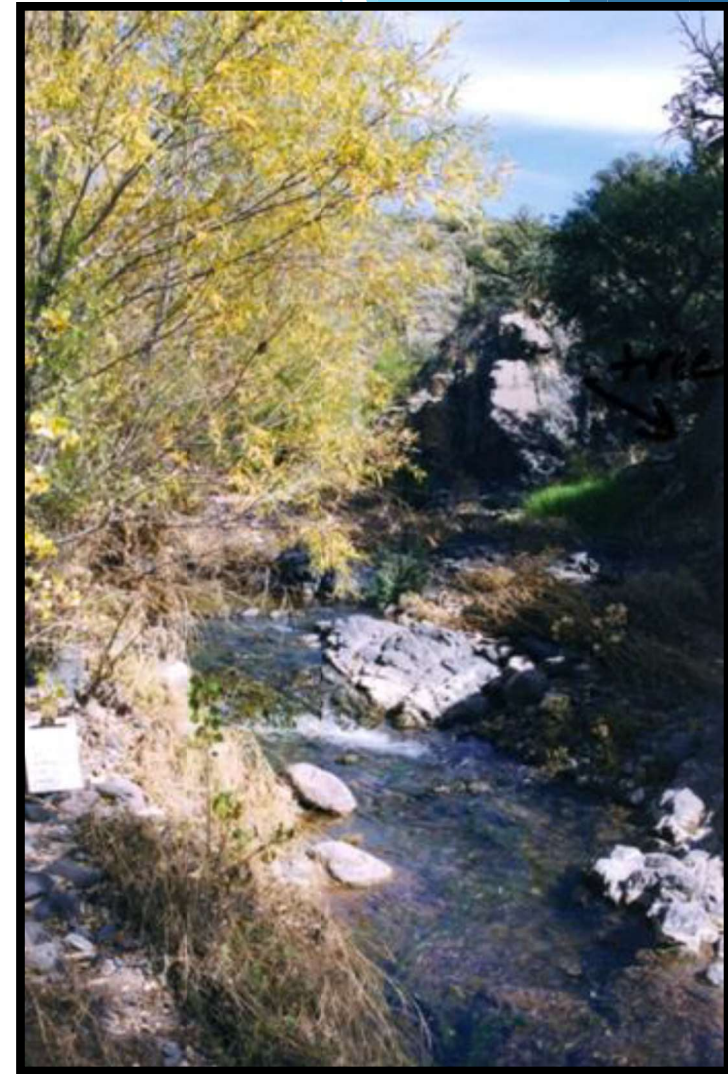
PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Arizona Water Protection Fund is a competitive state grant program that provides funding for the development and implementation of measures that will protect water of sufficient quality and quantity to maintain, enhance, and restore river and riparian resources, including projects that benefit fish and wildlife that are dependent on these important resources.

ARS § 45-2101

OVERALL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Provide measurable benefits to the water resources of Arizona through broad based local support.
- ▶ Provide positive, effective examples for other similar projects.
- ▶ Advance the field of water conservation knowledge in Arizona.
- ▶ Increase public awareness of the function and value of riparian resources in Arizona.



FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Projects should reflect a “bottom-up” rather than a “top-down” solution to river and riparian maintenance, enhancement and restoration issues.
 - AWPf supports locally acceptable solutions, rather than have the state dictate specific projects, measures, priorities, or areas of concern.
- ▶ The AWPf Commission’s priority is to fund high quality “on-the-ground” solutions.
 - Majority of funds are earmarked for capital projects.



PROJECT GUIDELINES

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GENERAL PROJECT GUIDELINES

- ▶ Demonstrate direct benefits to perennial or intermittent rivers or streams
- ▶ Protect/Restore native riparian vegetation and habitat
- ▶ Restore proper hydrologic conditions/functions
- ▶ Restore proper stream geomorphology/channel characteristics
- ▶ Restore wetlands/backwaters
- ▶ Improve watershed conditions
- ▶ Protect/Restore habitat needs for fish and wildlife dependent on riparian resources
- ▶ Decrease negative impacts of non-native species to riparian areas

FUNDING CATEGORIES

▶ Capital Projects

- On-the-ground measures/projects that maintain, enhance and restore river and riparian resources, including projects that benefit fish and wildlife that are dependent on these important resources; acquisition of Central Arizona Project water or effluent to restore and maintain river/riparian resources; and feasibility of design studies (if they investigate the feasibility of implementing a specific capital project).

▶ Research

- Innovative research and data collection efforts which are related to the goals and purpose of the Fund.
- Limited to 5% of funds received in any fiscal year.

▶ Water Conservation

- Measures which develop, promote or implement programs designed to conserve water for the purposes related to the Fund. Must be located outside of all 5 Arizona Department of Water Resources Active Management Areas.

ELIGIBILITY

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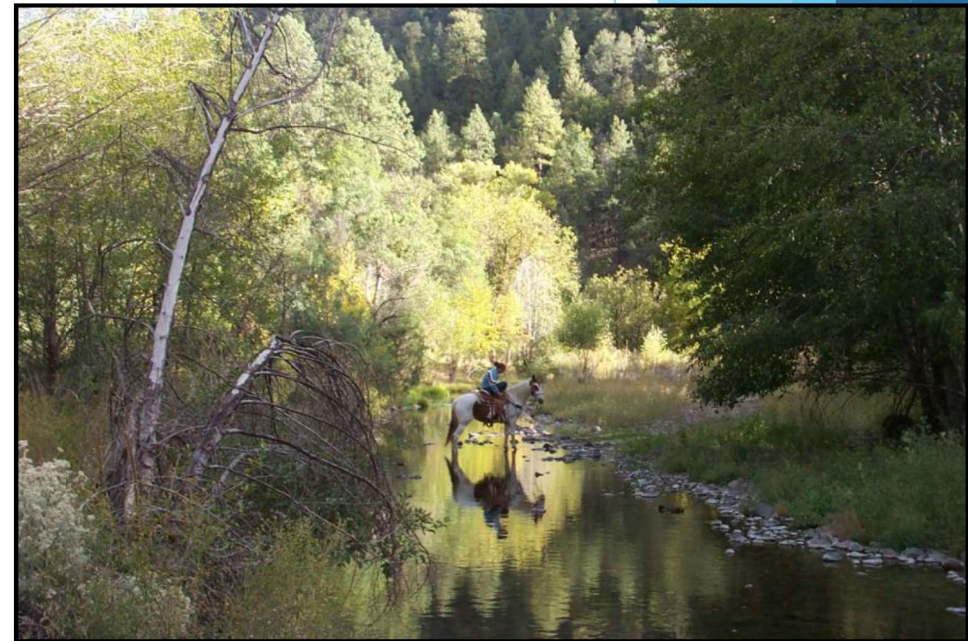
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any person, organization, local / state / tribal agency, or political subdivision of Arizona may submit a request for funding from the Arizona Water Protection Fund.

NOTE: Federal agencies are not eligible to receive funding.

- ▶ Funding can be awarded to projects on federal lands.

ARS § 45-2113(E)



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Must have legal and physical access, and authority to implement the project.
- ▶ Must provide appropriate documentation that any water to be used in the project is legally and physically available to the applicant for the stated purpose.
- ▶ Must demonstrate that vital partnerships, funding, project site access, etc. have been committed at the time of the application; or submit letters of support with a plan to obtain these elements prior to grant award.
- ▶ Administrative costs must be limited to **5%** of total project implementation funds requested. ARS § 45-2113(B)(4).

INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

(in accordance with *State statutes*)

- ▶ Purchase of real property / conservation easements.
- ▶ Projects outside the state of Arizona.
- ▶ Any project that includes the planting of mesquite, tamarisk, or other non-native high water use trees that consume water to a degree that is detrimental to conservation efforts.
- ▶ Remedial actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) or Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF)
- ▶ Research projects with funding requests in excess of **5%** of the total funds received for FY 2023 (**\$62,500**).
- ▶ Water Conservation programs within an Active Management Area.

INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

(in accordance with Commission policy)

- ▶ Projects located in areas with elevated levels of environmental contamination.
- ▶ Projects required as a result of a legal action by a regulatory agency.
- ▶ Projects designed to meet wastewater treatment requirements.
 - Proposed projects that create or sustain riparian habitat using treated effluent or recycled water that already meets or exceeds relevant state or federal standards may be considered as long as the project meets the requirements of ARS § 45-2101(B)
- ▶ Generally, the Commission does not fund groundwater recharge or recovery projects.
- ▶ Projects failing to document evidence of control and tenure of land and/or evidence of physical and legal availability of water are ineligible for funding.

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ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND COMMISSION

ARS § 45-2103

Commission Member / Affiliation	Statutory Category Represented	Appointing Authority
Pat Jacobs* Central Arizona Project	Multi-County Water Conservation District	District Governing Board
Rodney J. Held** Salt River Project	Agricultural Improvement District	Governor
Brian K. Biesemeyer City of Scottsdale	Member of the Public – B.S.in Hydrology – City Served by the Central Arizona Project	Governor
Shelley Blackmore Triangle Natural Resource Conservation District	Natural Resource Conservation District	Senate President
John Ladd Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District	Natural Resource Conservation District	Speaker of the House of Representatives
Tina Thompson Willcox-San Simon Natural Resource Conservation District	Natural Resource Conservation District	Senate President
William Schock Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District	State Association of Natural Resource Conservation Districts	Governor
Stephen Turcotte Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District	Natural Resource Conservation District	Speaker of the House of Representatives
VACANT	Indian Tribe	Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
Thomas Buschatzke, Director Department of Water Resources	Non-voting Ex Officio Member	Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-2103(A)(7)
Lisa Atkins, State Land Commissioner State Land Department	Non-voting Ex Officio Member	Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-2103 (A)(7)
The Honorable Sine Kerr AZ Senate	Non-voting Advisory Member	Senate President
The Honorable David L. Cook AZ House of Representatives	Non-voting Advisory Member	Speaker of the House of Representatives

*Chairman

**Vice-Chairman

COMMISSION PRIORITIES

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COMMISSION PRIORITIES

ARS § 45-2113(A)

- ▶ Projects that directly benefit perennial or intermittent rivers or streams, or that otherwise increase the supply of water.
- ▶ Projects that provide matching monies or assets of comparable value (including in kind contributions) from other sources.
- ▶ Projects that provide for the continued maintenance of the portion of the river and stream and associated riparian habitat that are enhanced by the project.
- ▶ Projects that include broad based local involvement.

OTHER COMMISSION PRIORITIES

- ▶ Projects that enhance, maintain and/or restore river, stream and riparian resources in headwater streams and watersheds that will provide direct improvements to water quality and/or increase water quantity.
- ▶ Projects that address degraded watershed health conditions or impacts to perennial streams through the implementation of scientifically-based restoration projects.
- ▶ If for the purposes of water conservation, projects where the applicant estimates the water increase and/or savings, and how this estimate was determined.

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GRANT APPLICATION CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR FY 2023

1. Grant applications for FY 2023 are only being accepted electronically via the eCivis Grant Management Software System. A direct link will be provided on the AWPf website at <https://www.azwfp.gov/grant-information/2023> . Hard copies are no longer accepted.
2. A user account will need to be created in eCivis to apply for the FY 2023 Arizona Water Protection Fund grant opportunity.
3. An eCivis application submission users guide is attached as Appendix B to the grant application manual.
4. Grant application documents will need to be developed electronically or converted to an electronic format (e.g., scanned) and uploaded in the eCivis grant application portal.

NOTE: An eCivis Grant Management System application submittal demonstration will be shown following the presentation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must include all content requirements stated on **PAGE 12** of the application manual.
2. Electronic forms/templates available in Microsoft Word or Excel format:
 - Application Cover Page
 - Executive Summary Template
 - Project Overview Template
 - Project Location and Environmental Contaminant Information
 - Scope of Work Template
 - Grant Application Budget Templates
 - Arizona Watershed Map
 - State Historic Preservation Office Review Form

NOTE: These forms do not constitute the entire required application package.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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3. The eCivis application portal allows applicants to submit all information in the sequence provided in the contents overview.
4. Grant application cover page and State Historic Office Preservation forms must be signed by a legally authorized person/entity and uploaded into eCivis.

**Application deadline is
Friday, August 26, 2022, at 5 PM**

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APPLICATION EVALUATIONS

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- ▶ Initial review for completeness and consistency with State statutes and Commission policies (eligibility) [pgs. 5-6].
- ▶ Staff review according to evaluation criteria outlined in the grant application manual [pgs. 8-10]
- ▶ Outside review by other state or federal agencies and/or interested local governments, as necessary.
- ▶ Individual AWPf Commissioner review.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Capital/Water Conservation

- ▶ Project will enhance, maintain and/or restore river, stream and riparian resources.
- ▶ Project will benefit fish and wildlife resources dependent on river, stream and riparian resources.
- ▶ Feasibility
- ▶ Monitoring
- ▶ Other Considerations



EVALUATION CRITERIA

Research

- ▶ Research is applicable to stated program goals.
- ▶ Application demonstrates the use of the Scientific Method.
- ▶ Proposal includes some form of publication as a deliverable and commitment to some form of public presentation.
- ▶ Feasibility
- ▶ Research results translatable.
- ▶ Other Considerations



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GENERAL NOTES TO APPLICANTS

Application Process / Pre-Grant Award

- ▶ No scope of work changes allowed during the application process
- ▶ Applicant has the option to present to the Commission
 - **Updated process for FY 2023**

Post Grant Award

- ▶ Grant award notification does not authorize immediate expenditure of funds
- ▶ Payments are made on a **cost reimbursement** basis
 - The Commission is not liable for any costs or work prior to a fully executed contract/agreement
 - Optional 20% advance (must be identified on the application cover page)
- ▶ Contract contains general provisions (page 34)

GENERAL NOTES TO APPLICANTS

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- ▶ Contracts/Agreements may extend up to 5 years
- ▶ Contract amendments are permitted after Commission approval
- ▶ Long term maintenance of the project – **20 Years**
- ▶ Required project site access for inspection and evaluation by staff / Commission
- ▶ Adequate accounting practices and record keeping is necessary
- ▶ Submittal of all data, results, and research gained from all projects
- ▶ Final presentation to the Commission

GRANT CYCLE SCHEDULE

FY 2023 Grant Application Process	Timeline
Grant Application Manual Available	No later than July 8, 2022 (on-going)
Application Workshop	July 13, 2022
Pre-application Consultations (depending on staff availability)	July-August 2022
eCivis Online Grant Application Submittal Portal Available	No later than July 29, 2022 (on-going)
Final Date and Time to Submit Applications	August 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM
45-Day Public Comment Period for Applications	September 14 – October 28, 2022
Staff Review Comments to Applicants / Commission	No later than November 4, 2022
Applicant Presentations to the Commission	November 15 – 16, 2022
Clarifying Questions to Applicants and Applicants' Responses in Writing (if necessary)	November 17 – 28, 2022
Commission Grant Selections	November 29, 2022
Applicants Notified of Funding Status	December 2022
Staff Begins Writing Grant Award Contracts	December 2022 / January 2023

**Thank You for your time and interest in the
Arizona Water Protection Fund**

