

AWPF Program Overview
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Purpose

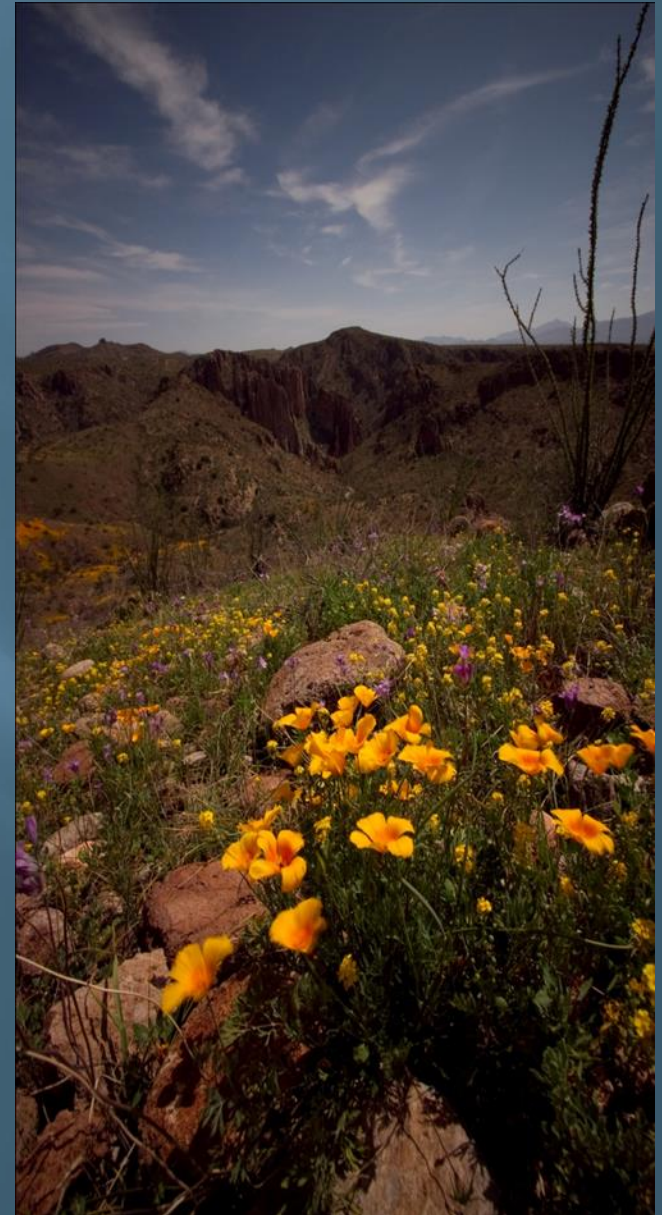
The Arizona Water Protection Fund is a competitive state grant program that provides funding for the development and implementation of **measures** that will **protect water of sufficient quality and quantity to maintain, enhance, and restore river and riparian resources**, including projects that benefit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

ARS § 45-2101(A)



Background

- Established in 1994
- Oversight - AWPf Commission
- ADWR – Technical, Legal, Administrative Staffing
- AZ SLD – May provide support
- Funding
 - General Fund
 - In-lieu Fees from CAP (No Longer)
 - Gifts, Grants, Donation



Fundamental Principles

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



Funding Categories

Capital Projects

Water Conservation Projects

Research Projects (5% of \$ received in FY)

Commission Representation

- Multi-County Water Conservation District – CAWCD/CAP (1)
- State Association of Conservation Districts (1)
- Natural Resource Conservation Districts (4)
- Member of the Public (Hydrology Degree) Representing a City Served by CAP (1)
- Agricultural Improvement District – SRP (1)
- Tribal Representative (1)
- Non-Voting Ex Officio Members (2)
 - Director – ADWR
 - Commissioner - AZSLD
- Non-Voting Advisory Members (2)
 - Arizona House of Representatives
 - Arizona Senate



Program Benefits

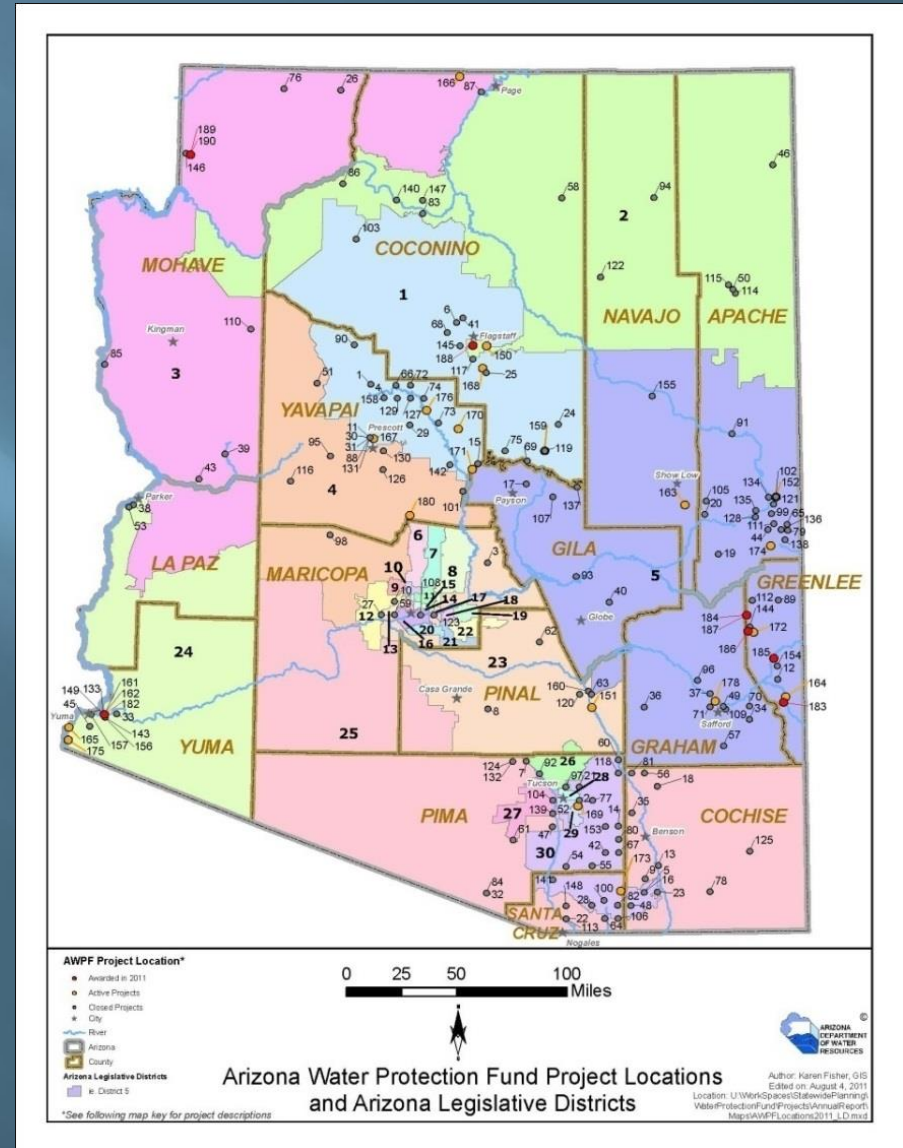
Locally led, pro-active measures to address water quantity and quality issues in Arizona...

- Water Quality/Quantity
- In-stream flow
- Habitat biodiversity
- Recreation
- Flood control
- Overall watershed health



Types of Projects

- Channel restoration
- Re-vegetation
- Wetland restoration
- Watershed Assessments
- Applied research
- Working Lands Conservation Practices
- Upland restoration
- Erosion control
- Invasive/Exotic Species Control



Eligible Projects/Applicants

- Any person, organization, local/state/tribal agency, or political subdivision of AZ may submit an application.
- Federal agencies not eligible; however funding can be awarded to projects on federal lands.
- Administrative costs limited to 5% of total costs.
- Applicant must have legal and physical access as well as authority to implement the project as applied for the area where tasks are to be performed.
- Any water to be used in the project is legally and physically available for the stated purpose.
- Must demonstrate that vital partnerships, funding, etc. have been committed at the time of application.

Ineligible Applications

- Purchase of real property/conservation easements
- Projects outside the State of Arizona
- Projects which include the planting of mesquite, tamarisk, or other high water usage trees that consume water to a degree that is determined detrimental to water conservation efforts
- Remedial actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, or Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund.
- Research projects with funding requests in excess of 5% of the total funds received for the FY funding cycle.
- Conservation projects/program applications within one of the 5 AMA's.

Funding/Awards Summary

General Fund Appropriations

1995-2009 = \$23.1 Million

CAP In Lieu Fees

1997, 2004-2014 = \$18.2 Million

Fund Sweeps

2008- 2014 = \$5 Million

Number of Applications

417 (\$93.4 M Requested)

Number of Awards

191 (\$38 M Awarded)

More Information Available

Website: www.azwpcf.gov

Contact Information

Updated Grant Manual

Final Reports Previous Projects

AWPF Annual Reports

Program Evaluation

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