

ARIZONA STATE PARKS & TRAILS

Bob Broscheid Executive Director



NOTICE OF MEETING of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona State Parks Board ("Board") and the public that the Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023, beginning at 10:00am. Board members may attend the meeting in person or participate telephonically. The public may attend and listen to the meeting at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office located at 1110 W Washington Street, Suite #100, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Members of the public may also listen/view the meeting via telephone by calling 1+507-400-7896 and entering the passcode 267 655 810# or via YouTube live stream: https://https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcERsVBIlic

In person or telephonic public comment will be taken. If choosing to speak in person, the speaker will be asked to complete a form which will be made available at the Arizona State Parks and Trails office on the meeting day and submit to staff. If choosing to speak via telephone, persons who wish to make statements to the Board will be asked to identify themselves each time they are speaking. Please ensure phones are muted when not speaking.

This meeting is open to the public; however, the Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda items at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). Items on the agenda may be discussed out of order unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a certain time. Public comment will be taken.

AGENDA

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT
- D. AGENDA ITEMS
 - Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the August 17, 2023, Board Meeting The Board will review and may consider action to approve the Board meeting minutes from August 17, 2023.
 - 2. Consideration of Consent Agenda. Items 2(a) through 2(c), are noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action. Documentation concerning matters on the consent agenda may be



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reviewed in the Board meeting packet posted at https://azstateparks.com/board and at the Arizona State Parks and Trails Office located at 1110 W Washington Street., Suite #100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The Board may take one vote to act on all the items on the consent agenda or may remove items for further discussion. Items not removed from the consent agenda will be considered in one motion. Items removed for clarification or discussion by the Board will be acted on as appropriate.

2(a). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Competitive Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$478,350.00

	Submitted 2024 Comp	etitive Motorized	Grant Applications		
Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommendations Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)/Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)/STAFF	Score	
Tread Lightly!	Arizona Program Managers	\$428,400.00	\$428,400.00	49	
Arizona State Parks and Trails	Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative Continuation	\$49,950.00	\$49,950.00	20	
T	'OTAL	\$478,350.00	\$478,350.00		

2(b). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$171,500.00

Submitted 2	2024 Supplemental Off-Highway Ve	hicle Grant A	pplications
Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommendations Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)/Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) /STAFF
Bureau of Land Management	Grand Canyon Parashant Law Enforcement Equipment	\$71,500.00	\$71,500.00



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Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Equipment		\$100,000.00
TO	TAL	\$171,500.00	\$171,500.00

2(c). Consideration of Action to Approve Funding for The Submitted 2024 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$99,642.00

Submitted 2024 Heritag	e Fund Environmental Edu	cation Grant A	pplications	
Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommendations Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)/ STAFF	
Grand Canyon Youth	Exploring Arizona Watersheds	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	
Flagstaff Unified School District	Camp Colton	\$40,652.00	\$40,652.00	
Flagstaff Trails Initiative	Kiosk Trailhead Update	\$16,234.00	\$16,234.00	
Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition	Bike Bell Distribution	\$21,756.00	\$21,756.00	
TOTAL		\$99,642.00	\$99,642.00	

3. Consideration of Action to Approve Project Sponsorship Change for Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Project #632304 - Kids on the Colorado River. (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) Staff will present a request for Board approval of a proposed project sponsorship change for Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Project #632304.

Heritage Fund Environmental Ed Project #632304 – Kids on the Co	
Original Project Sponsor	New Project Sponsor
K-12 Foundation of Lake Havasu School District	Kids on the Colorado, Inc.

- 4. Arizona State Parks and Trails staff will present a report on the deobligation and reobligation of grant funds for a project under the Recreational Trails Program, including the reobligation of funds for one state park approved project #472203, Lake Havasu Sunrise ADA Trail, originally funded at \$125,500.00 now funded at \$133,816.00 (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) This agenda item is for information only.
- 5. Presentation on Arizona State Parks and Trails Advisory Committees: Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG), Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Committee (AORCC). (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The Board will be given an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG), Arizona State Committee



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on Trails (ASCOT) and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Committee (AORCC). This agenda item is for information only.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members may identify items or issues they wish to be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Executive Director may present a summary of current events and /or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they may be involved. The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

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H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken because of acknowledgement of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks and Trail	s 2023 Tentative Meeting Schedule	
Date Location		
Thursday, October 19	Central Office	
Thursday, November 16	Central Office	
Thursday, December 21	Central Office	

J. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-509 Board member conflict of interest forms are available for public inspection along with a copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Board members at Arizona State Parks and Trails, 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite #100., Phoenix, AZ 85007.For additional information, contact Kelley Santillanes at (602) 542-3092. Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks and Trails does not discriminate based on a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Thomas Beranek at (602) 542-7389; or email tberanek@azstateparks.gov. Requests should be made as early as



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possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For technical difficulties during the teleconference meeting, please contact Kelley Santillanes at 602-542-3092 or via email ksantillanes@azstateparks.gov.

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DRAFT MINUTES

of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD of THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

August 17, 2023

Meeting location: 2360 McCulloch Blvd., N., Lake Havasu City, AZ, 86403, Police Facility Office,

Lake Havasu City Council Chambers

Members present: Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Jeff Buchanan, Sarah King, Robyn Sahid

Members participating telephonically: Terri Palmberg

Members absent: None

ASPT Staff Present: Bob Broscheid, Sarah Rose Webber, Kevin Brock, Mark Weise, Brittany

Hudson, Mickey Rogers, Vince Schiavitti, Kelley Santillanes ASPT Staff participating telephonically: Dr. Bill Collins

Arizona AG Office: Nancy Jasculca, Arizona State Parks Board attorney participating telephonically

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larsen of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Sefton led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

Chairman Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission Statement.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the June 15, 2023 Board Meeting. John Sefton moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting. Jeff Buchanan seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Robyn Sahid approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.
- 2. Introduction and Welcome: Cal Sheehy, Mayor of Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Mayor Sheehy addressed the Members and thanked them for the robust partnership with Arizona State Parks and Trails through grant funding opportunities for the Lake Havasu City police, fire and parks facilities. The grants improve the citizens quality of life and outdoor recreation. The Board did not take any action.
- 3. Consideration of Action to Designate Dude Ranches for Inclusion in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program. Dr. Bill Collins presented two Dude Ranches to the Board for approval and inclusion in the Heritage Trail Program: White Stallion Ranch and Elkhorn Ranch. Jeff Buchanan moved to approve the White Stallion Ranch and Elkhorn Ranch as Dude Ranches. John Sefton seconded the



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motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Sarah King approved. Robyn Sahid approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.

- 4. Presentation on Recently Awarded Grants to the City of Bullhead City, Arizona. Edigar Kajirwa, Assistant City Manager of Bullhead City, AZ presented to the Board a number of Arizona State Parks Board approved grants that have impacted the city. The Family Fun Zone and splash pad funded through the State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) has had a tremendous impact on the community. The Splash Pad was the result of the city's focus on their constituent's feedback when designing the two attractions. The splash pad has been a huge success with families using the park early in the morning to late at night. The Family Fun Zone artificial turf is sustainable and is calculated to save enough water to service more than 125 homes every year. The Board did not take any action.
- 5. Presentation on Recently Awarded Grants to the City of Kingman, Arizona. Mat Golder, Assistant Parks Superintendent presented to the Board the various projects being funded through grants and their impact on the community. He highlighted several projects including the White Cliffs Trail System. Superintendent Golder also discussed the numerous trails systems traversing the City of Kingman and surrounding area. The Board did not take any action.
- 6. Presentation on Recently Awarded Grants to the Town of Parker, Arizona. Steve Ziegler, Director of Public Works shared with the Board the grants submission from the Town of Parker and their projects. He discussed the recent upgrade of the outdated playground equipment the children of the Town of Parker had been using since 1976. One project, the historic jailhouse is being renovated in stages. The Town of Parker is not a large municipality. Director Ziegler and his team are focused on securing the optimal funding through state and federal grants to improve the quality of life for all Parker residents. The Board did not take any action.
- 7. Report on Fiscal Year 2023 Awarded Heritage Fund, State Lake Improvement Fund, Motorized, Non-Motorized, Trail Maintenance, Safety and Education and Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects. Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, provided the Board a summary of the Fiscal Year 2023 awarded grants. The Board did not take any action.
- **8.** Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison) Brittany Hudson gave the Board a final summary of relevant legislative bills passed during the 2023 Arizona State Legislature. The Board did not take any action.
- 9. Presentation and Discussion on Arizona State Parks Board, Arizona State Parks and Trails Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget Overview and Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request Update. (Presenter: Kevin Brock, Assistant Director, CFO) Assistant Director Brock gave the Board an update on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request. The Board did not take any action.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Jeff Buchanan requested a deep dive maintenance review of all Arizona State Parks and Trails facilities in addition to how the agency will maintain their current facilities and secure funding.

F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS

The Director discussed the positive results of the recent employee engagement survey. Other topics



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discussed were the recent Senior Leadership conference in Sedona, the Governor's Cultural Cabinet, Off Highway Vehicle Senate study committee and a shared best practice video with the state of Colorado: Do it Right Colorado.

G. CURRENT EVENTS

Jeff Buchanan discussed his recent trip to the 10-year anniversary of the Granite Mountain Hotshots tragedy in Prescott, AZ. The keynote speaker was Ryder Ashcroft, son of Andrew Ashcroft, one of the 19 Hotshots who tragically died on June 30, 2013. Jeff shared Ryder's inspirational message for living an intentional 'be better' life and how he chose to 'be better' and not be bitter.

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public requested to speak.

I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2023 Tentative Meeting Schedule			
Date	Location		
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Thursday, October 19	Central Office		
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J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:08am.



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Date:

September 21, 2023

To:

Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

From:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject:

2024 Motorized Grant Application(s)

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for Competitive and Supplemental Grant Applications. Competitive projects can include planning and development of motorized trails, trailhead facilities, signage, education, outreach, and other OHV related needs. These grants can be submitted any time throughout the fiscal year and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. There is currently \$1,700,000 in funding available for Competitive and Supplemental Grant Application(s).

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff, OHV AG and AORCC reviewed the following Competitive Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application(s) and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project needs.

	2024 Motorized Gran	t Application(s)	
	Project Information		
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/OHVAG/AORCC Recommendation
Tread Lightly!	Arizona Program Managers	\$428,400.00	\$428,400.00
Arizona State Parks and Trails	Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative Continuation	\$49,950.00	\$49,950.00
	TOTAL	\$478,350.00	\$478,350.00

Recommended Motion:

I move	that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2024 Motorized Grant
Applic	ation(s) as follows: Tread Lightly!, Arizona Program Managers Project in the amount of
\$	and Arizona State Parks and Trails, Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative
Contin	uation Project in the amount of

Prepared by: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director





Bob Broscheid Executive Director



Date: September 21, 2023

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: 2024 Supplemental Motorized Grant Application(s)

Background:

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for Competitive and Supplemental Grant Applications. Supplemental projects can include small projects, signage, emergency/mitigation, and law enforcement. These grants can be submitted any time throughout the fiscal year and are reviewed on a quarterly basis. There is currently \$1,700,000 in funding available for Competitive and Supplemental Grant Application(s).

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff, OHVAG and AORCC reviewed the following Supplemental Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application(s) and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project needs.

	2024 Supplemental Motorized	Grant Applica	tion(s)
	Project Information	77-77	
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/OHVAG/AORCC Recommendation
Bureau of Land Management	Grand Canyon Parashant Law Enforcement Equipment	\$71,500.00	\$71,500.00
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
	TOTAL	\$171,500.00	\$171,500.00

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve fund	ling for the Supplemental Grant
Applications as follows: Bureau of Land Management,	Grand Canyon Parashant Law
Enforcement Equipment Project in the amount of \$	and Santa Cruz County Sheriff's
Office, OHV Enforcement Equipment Project in the am	ount of \$.

Prepared by: Matt Eberhart, State OHV Coordinator, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Date: September 21, 2023

To: Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

From: Bob Broscheid, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Subject: 2024 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s)

Background:

The Heritage Fund Environmental Education funding provides matching funds to develop and promote outdoor environmental protection programs related to outdoor recreation. A total of \$600,000.00 was appropriated for the Environmental Education program during the 2023 Arizona State Legislative session.

A project sponsor may apply to up to 20% of these appropriated funds or \$120,000.00.

Recommendation:

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff and AORCC reviewed the following Environmental Education application(s) and made recommendations based on the Board Approved Environmental Education scoring.

Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/AORCC Recommendation	
Grand Canyon Youth	Exploring Arizona Watersheds	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	
Flagstaff Unified School District	Camp Colton	\$40,652.50	\$40,652.50	
Flagstaff Trails Initiative	Kiosk Trailhead Update	\$16,234.00	\$16,234.00	
Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition	Bike Bell Distribution	\$21,756.00	\$21,756.00	
TOT	AL	\$99,642.00	\$99,642.00	

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Arizona State Parks	Board approv	ve funding for the 2024 Heritage Fund
Environmental Education grant app	lication(s) as	follows: Grand Canyon Youth; Exploring
Arizona Watersheds Project in the a	mount of \$, Flagstaff Unified School District; Camp
Colton Project in the amount of \$	the Fl	agstaff Trails Initiative; Kiosk Trailhead Update
Project in the amount of \$	and the Verde	Valley Cyclists Coalition Bike Bell
Distribution Project in the amount of	of \$	

Prepared by: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trail, Arizona State Parks and Trails

Approved:

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director

2024 Competitive Motorized Grant Application(s)

Sponsor: Tread Lightly!

Project: Arizona Program Managers

Grant Request: \$428,400.00 Match: \$60,880.00 Total: \$489,280.00





This project will provide funding for two (2) Arizona based Tread Lightly! Program Managers for two (2) years. Program Managers will conduct a wide range of conservation, education, and stewardship projects with state and federal partners. Work will include: Attend events to educate the public about OHV safety and outdoor ethics, identify, plan and execute on-the-ground maintenance and restoration conservation projects. Seek out private funding partners, build relationships with local enthusiast groups and powersports dealerships. Coordinate with federal and state public land management agencies on education, conservation and communication efforts.

Sponsor: Arizona State Parks and Trails

Project: Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative Continuation

Grant Request: \$49,950.00 Match: \$4,998.00 Total: \$54,948.00





Arizona State Parks and Trails is seeking funds to provide facilitation services to the Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative. This will be a partnership between Arizona State Parks and Trails, the Coconino National Forest, City of Sedona, Sedona Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Yavapai County and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to address motorized recreation impacts in residential neighborhoods and develop a place-based recreation collaborative to ensure continued, regional coordination and action on these and other recreation issues in the greater Sedona / Red Rock area.

2024 Supplemental Grant Application(s)

Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management, Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument

Project: Arizona Strip Law Enforcement Ranger

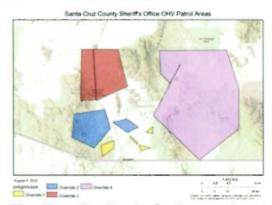
Grant Request: \$71,500.00 Match: \$17,875.00 Total: \$89,375.00



Funds would be utilized to purchase a side by side with LE package including seats, roll cage, suspension, doors and other necessary accessories, a tandem axle hauling trailer, officer PPE, vehicle radio packages with intercoms, and OHV field maintenance supplies. The project will be matched with 250 hours of patrol hours.

Sponsor: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office Project: Law Enforcement Equipment

Grant Request: \$100,000.00 Match: \$12,000.00 Total: \$112,000.00



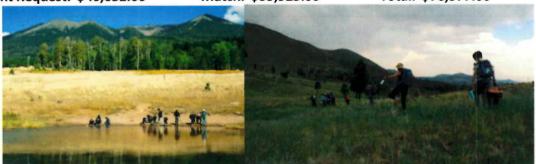
The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office will utilize the funds to purchase two (2) side by sides equipped with emergency light package, roll cage, roof, doors, brush guards and other necessary equipment. The project will be matched with the purchase of two (2) tandem axle trailers. These OHV's will be utilized for the purpose of educating the public on Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Laws and safety as well as enforcement of Arizona off-highway regulations.

2024 Heritage Environmental Education Application(s)

Sponsor: Flagstaff Unified School District

Project: Camp Colton

Grant Request: \$40,652.00 Match: \$35,925.00 Total: \$76,577.00



This proposal 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. This exemplifies the important link between an educated public and environmental health. As regional risks to forest health intensify, Camp Colton ensures that the next generation carries that same awareness.

Sponsor: Flagstaff Trails Initiative (FTI)

Project: Kiosk Trailhead Update

Grant Request: \$16,234.00 Match: \$4,902.00 Total: \$21,136.00



FTIs project proposal 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 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.

Sponsor: Grand Canyon Youth

Project: Exploring Arizona Watersheds

Grant Request: \$21,000.00 Match: \$4,000.00 Total: \$25,000.00





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 on experiential education, introspection through reflective journaling and art projects, as well as group bonding through facing challenges together as a team.

Sponsor: Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition

Project: Bike Bell Distribution

Grant Request: \$21,756.00 Match: \$2,568.60 Total: \$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 clear visual of upcoming trail users a Bell is a very effective way for the biker to alert other trail users. Bells provide a consistent jingle that announces one's presence without having to manually strike the Bell.