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# 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 **March 17, 2022, beginning at 10am. 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, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Members of the public may also listen/view the meeting via telephone by calling 1.877.820.7831 and entering passcode 613038 or via YouTube live stream:**

[https://youtu.be/bMn4\\_1uyLYU](https://youtu.be/bMn4_1uyLYU)

**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

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Board Meeting** – The Board will review and may consider action to approve the Board meeting minutes from February 17, 2022.
- 2. Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator.** Staff will provide an overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation fund to include funding opportunities, history of the fund, and eligibility. This agenda item is for information only.
- 3. Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Motorized Grant Application. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)** The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$106,017.00.

2022 Motorized Grant Applications						
			Recommendations		Score	
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)	Arizona Outdoor Coordinating Commission (AORCC)	
Town of Camp Verde	Box T Remediation	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$106,017.00</b>	<b>\$106,017.00</b>	<b>\$106,017.00</b>	<b>\$106,017.00</b>	

4. **Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Application.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant application has been submitted for funding totaling \$30,128.00.

2022 State Lake Improvement Grant Applications					
				Recommendations	
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)	Score
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	La Paz County Sheriff's Office Waterway Safety Center Improvement	\$30,128.00	\$30,128.00	\$30,128.00	67
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,128.00</b>	<b>\$30,128.00</b>	<b>\$30,128.00</b>	

5. **Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$1,099,600.00.

2022 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications						
				Recommendations		
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Arizona Historical Advisory Committee (AHAC)	Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)	Score
Vail Preservation Society	1908 Old Vail Post Office Rehabilitation	\$249,600.00	\$260,000.00	\$249,600.00	\$260,000.00	89
Tucson Parks & Recreation	Historic Ft. Lowell Rehabilitation	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	88
Stratford Art Works, Inc	Teatro Carmen Rehabilitation	\$300,00.00	\$300,00.00	\$300,00.00	\$300,00.00	86
Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation	Tucson Mountain Park—Juan Santa Cruz Campground Rehabilitation	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	75
City of Prescott Historic Preservation Office	Historic Preservation Master Plan Update	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,099,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,050,00.00</b>	<b>\$1,039,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,050,00.00</b>	

6. **Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Applications.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$159,125.00.

2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Applications						
				Recommendations		
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)	Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)	Score

National Forest Foundation	Santa Catalina Trails: Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	23
TRACKS	White Mountains Trail System (WMTS)	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$159,125.00</b>	<b>\$159,125.00</b>	<b>\$159,125.00</b>	<b>\$159,125.00</b>	

7. **Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$30,596.00.

<b>2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications</b>					
<b>Recommendations</b>					
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)</b>	<b>Score</b>
Verde River Institute	Verde River Riparian Monitoring and Education	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	57
Verde Valley Cyclists	Red Rock Bike Patrol (RRBP) Outfitting and Skills Training	\$9,596.00	\$9,596.00	\$9,596.00	54
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,596.00</b>	<b>\$30,596.00</b>	<b>\$30,596.00</b>	

8. **Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)Non-Motorized Grant Application.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails) The following grant applications have been submitted for funding totaling \$100,000.00.

<b>2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)Non-Motorized Grant Application</b>					
<b>Recommendations</b>					
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)</b>	
Sierra Vista	Shared Use Path Kayetan Drive	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	

9. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails). Staff will present information on the \$1,000,000.00 ARPA funds released and available for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) for historic sites. This agenda item is for information only.

10. **Discussion And Possible Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Proposed Scoring Criteria for the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Grant Applications.** (Presenter: Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails). Staff will present proposed scoring for the ARPA HVAC Fund applications and may recommend that the Board approve, modify, or deny scoring for these grant applications.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Score</b>
System (New/Upgrade)	20
Location (Urban/Rural)	20
Need	15
Public Benefit	12
With A Qualified Census Tract	10
Have Detailed Budget/Design	10
Timeline	5
Administrative Performance	4
Workshop Attendance	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

11. **Arizona State Parks and Trails Volunteer Program. (Presenter: Cathryn Richards, Volunteer Program Manager)** The Board will be given an overview of the Arizona State Parks and Trail Volunteer Program. This agenda item is for information only.
12. **Update on the Implementation of the New Integrated Arizona State Parks and Trails Reservation System. (Presenter: Kevin Brock, Assistant Director, CFO.)** The Board will be given an update on the acquisition of US eDirect by Tyler Technologies and a recent announcement regarding future reservations. This agenda item is for information only.
13. **Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison)** The Board will be briefed on the current legislative bills before the 2022 Arizona State Legislature. This agenda item is for information only.
14. **March Park Highlight: Lyman Lake State Park. (Presenter: Sandra Skowera, Park Manager)** The Board will be briefed on revenue, visitation and the park's current and future state. 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

#### **G. CURRENT EVENTS**

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The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

#### **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**

<b>Arizona State Parks &amp; Trails 2022 Board Meeting Schedule</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, April 21, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, May 19, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, June 16, 2022	Central Office
<b>*Budget Discussion*</b>	
<b>**Thursday, July 21, 2022</b>	Central Office
<b>**Thursday, August 18, 2022</b>	Central Office
Thursday, September 15, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, October 20, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, November 17, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, December 15, 2022	Central Office

**\*\*The Board may choose to conduct this meeting at a site to be determined. Advanced notice will be posted consistent with Arizona Open Meeting law.**

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Board Members is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks & Trails, 1110 W Washington Ave, Suite 100., Phoenix, Arizona 85007. For additional information, contact Mickey Rogers at (602) 542-6942. Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks & 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](mailto:tberanek@azstateparks.gov).

Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For technical difficulties during the teleconference meeting, please contact Kelley Santillanes at (480) 622-4559 or via email [ksantillanes@azstateparks.gov](mailto:ksantillanes@azstateparks.gov).

Posted at: Arizona State Parks and Trails  
1110 West Washington St, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007

And at: <https://azstateparks.com/board>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Broscheid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Bob Broscheid: Executive Director



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Executive Director



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS**  
**February 17, 2022**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Dale Larsen, Chair of the Arizona State Parks Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.*

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Member Jeff Buchanan led Board Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**C. MEMBER ROLL CALL**

*Prior to roll call, Dale Larsen read the Arizona State Parks Board Mission and Vision Statements.*

**Meeting location:** Arizona State Parks Office, 1110 W Washington St., Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Members present:** Dale Larsen, John Sefton, Debbie Johnson, Terri Palmberg

**Members participating telephonically:** Jeff Buchanan, Sarah King

**Members absent:** Lisa Atkins

**Staff Present:** Director Bob Broscheid, Brittany Hudson, Mickey Rogers, Matt Eberhart, Kelley Santillanes

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the January 20, 2022 Board Meeting.**

*Debbie Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting. Terri Palmberg seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*

**2. Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Application(s).** *John Sefton moved to approve funding for the 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant application as follows: Tucson's CMS Martin Gunny Barreras Park Project in the amount \$500,000.00. Debbie Johnson seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*

**3. Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Recreational Trails Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s).** *Debbie Johnson moved to approve funding for the 2022 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized grant application as follows: City of Page's Red Mesa Rim Trail Project in the amount: \$149,925.00. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*

**4. Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Application(s).** *Terri Palmberg moved to approve funding for the 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized grant application as follows: Arizona Trail Association's AZT Sunflower North Realignment in the amount of \$71,960.00. Debbie Johnson seconded the*

*motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*

- 5. Discussion And Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application(s).** *Debbie Johnson moved to approve funding for the 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Program grant applications as follows: Flagstaff Youth Riders, Inc., FLYRS Capacity Build Project in the amount of \$49,500.00 and the City of Flagstaff Parks Recreation & Open Space, Open Space Education Project in the amount of \$50,000.00. John Sefton seconded the motion. Dale Larsen approved. John Sefton approved. Jeff Buchanan approved. Debbie Johnson approved. Sarah King approved. Terri Palmberg approved. The motion passed.*
- 6. Chevelon Canyon Emergency and Mitigation Project.** *Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator gave the Board an update on the emergency mitigation procedures to assist the Arizona Game and Fish Department in securing Chevelon Canyon. The Board did not take any action.*
- 7. Administrative Rules Draft Update: Park Fees.** *Brittany Hudson updated the Board on the most recent Administrative Rules Draft: Park Fees. The Board did not take any action.*
- 8. Legislative Update.** *Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison, briefed the Board on the current legislative bills before the 2022 Arizona State Legislature. The Board did not take any action.*
- 9. February Park Highlight: Fort Verde Homolovi State Park.** *Chad Meunier presented on revenue, visitation and the park's current and future state to the Board. The Board did not take any action.*

#### **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Member Jeff Buchanan requested a presentation on the interaction and shared responsibilities between state agencies. He also recommended a State Parks future Board meeting take place in an alternate location: Riordan Mansion or Catalina State Park in late summer.*

#### **F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

*Director Broscheid discussed the progress of the Executive Budget from the Governor's Office.*

#### **G. CURRENT EVENTS**

*Member Jeff Buchanan thanked Mickey Rogers, Chief of Grants and Trails, for accompanying him to a meeting in Santa Cruz County to discuss trail construction connecting the Arizona Trail to Patagonia Lake State Park and other local city parks.*

#### **H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*No members of the public requested to speak.*

#### **I. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Arizona State Parks and Trails 2022 Board Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
Thursday, March 17, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, April 21, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, May 19, 2022	Central Office
Thursday, June 16, 2022	Central Office
*Budget Discussion*	

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.*



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Bob Broscheid  
Executive Director



**Date:** March 17, 2022

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2022 Motorized Grant Applications

**Background:**

The Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund provides grant funding for the planning and development of motorized trails, trailhead facilities, law enforcement, and education. There is currently \$6,000,000 in funding available for submitted grant applications.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff, The Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) reviewed the following Motorized applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

2022 Motorized Grant Applications						
			Recommendations			Score
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	OHVAG	AORCC	
Town of Camp Verde	Box T Remediation	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	34
TOTAL		\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	\$106,017.00	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 Motorized Grant Application as follows: Town of Camp Verde's Box T Remediation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Approved:**

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Executive Director



**Date:** March 17, 2022

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2022 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Applications

**Background:**

The State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) provides matching grants to assist state and local units of government to fund projects on waters where gasoline power boats are permitted. A total of \$4,000,000.00 was appropriated for the SLIF program during the 2021 Arizona State Legislative session. La Paz County Sheriff's Office, Waterway Safety Center Improvement project has been submitted with a total funding request of \$30,128.00.

A project sponsor may apply to up to 20% of these appropriated funds or \$800,000.00

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) reviewed the following SLIF applications and made recommendations based on the Board approved State Lake Improvement Fund scoring.

2022 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Applications					
			Recommendations		
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	AORCC	Score
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	La Paz County Sheriff's Office Waterway Safety Center Improvement	\$30,128.00	\$30,128.00	\$30,128.00	67
TOTAL		\$30,128.00	\$30,128.00	\$30,128.00	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 State Lake Improvement Fund grant applications as follows: La Paz County Sheriff's Office, Waterway Safety Center Improvement in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Approved:**

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Executive Director



**Date:** March 17, 2022

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2022 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Application

**Background:**

The Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant provides funding for the preservation and rehabilitation of resources listed or determined eligible for inclusion in the Arizona or National Register of Historic Places. A total of \$1,500,000 was appropriated for the Historic Preservation program during the 2021 Arizona State Legislative session. Vail Preservation Society's 1908 Old Vail Post Office Rehabilitation, Tucson Parks and Recreation's Historic Fort Lowell Rehabilitation, Stratford Art Works, Inc Teatro Carmen Rehabilitation, Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation Tucson Mountain Park - Juan Santa Cruz, City of Prescott Historic Preservation Office Update of Historic Preservation Master Plan and Homeowner Guide project has been submitted with a total funding request of \$1,050,000.00.

A project sponsor may apply to up to 20% of these appropriated funds or \$300,000.00.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff, the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) and The Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) reviewed the following Historic Preservation applications and made recommendations based on the Board Approved Heritage Fund Historic Preservation scoring.

**2022 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications**

			Recommendations			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	AHAC	AORCC	Score
Vail Preservation Society	1908 Old Vail Post Office Rehabilitation	\$249,600.00	\$260,000.00	\$249,600.00	\$260,000.00	89
Tucson Parks and Recreation	Historic Fort Lowell Rehabilitation	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	88
Stratford Art Works, Inc	Teatro Carmen Rehabilitation	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	86
Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation	Tucson Mountain Park - Juan Santa Cruz Campground Project	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	\$190,000.00	75
City of Prescott Historic Preservation Office	Historic Preservation Master Plan Update	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,099,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,050,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,039,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,050,000.00</b>	



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**Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation grant application as follows: Vail Preservation Society's 1908 Old Vail Post Office Rehabilitation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, Tucson Parks and Recreation's Historic For Lowell Rehabilitation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, Stratford Art Works, Inc Teatro Carmen Rehabilitation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation's Tucson Mountain Park - Juan Santa Cruz Rehabilitation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and the City of Prescott Historic Preservation Office Update of Historic Preservation Master Plan Update in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Approved:**

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Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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**Date:** March 17, 2022

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2022 Heritage Non-Motorized Grant Application

**Background:**

The Heritage Fund Non-Motorized program provides grant funding for constructing and maintaining non-motorized trails and trailhead facilities. A total of \$500,000 was appropriated from the Arizona Legislature in 2021. A project sponsor may apply to up to 20% of these appropriated funds or \$100,000.00. Two projects have been submitted. The total funding request is \$159,125.00.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff, The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) reviewed the following Non-Motorized applications and made recommendations based on priorities set in the Arizona State Parks and Trails 2020 State Trails Plan and project need.

2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Grant Applications						
			Recommendations			
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	ASCOT	AORCC	Score
National Forest Foundation	Santa Catalina Trails: Rehabilitation	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	23
TRACKS	White Mountains Trail System (WMTS)	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	\$59,125.00	15
TOTAL		\$159,125.00	\$159,125.00	\$159,125.00	\$159,125.00	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized grant application as follows: National Forest Foundation Santa Catalina Trails Rehabilitation after the Bighorn Fire in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and TRACKS' White Mountains Trail System (WMTS) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Approved:**

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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**Date:** March 17, 2022

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Application

**Background:**

The Heritage Fund Environmental Education grant provides matching funds to develop and promote outdoor and environmental protection programs related to outdoor recreation. A total of \$500,000.00 was appropriated for the Environmental Education program during the 2021 Arizona State Legislative session.

A project sponsor may apply to up to 20% of these appropriated funds or \$100,000.00.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff and the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) reviewed the following Environmental Education application and made recommendations based on the Board Approved Heritage Fund Environmental Education scoring.

2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications					
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff	AORCC	Score
Verde River Institute	Verde River Riparian Monitoring and Education	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	57
Verde Valley Cyclists	Red Rock Bike Patrol (RRBP) Outfitting and Skills Training	\$9,596.00	\$9,596.00	\$9,596.00	54
TOTAL		\$30,596.00	\$30,596.00	\$30,596.00	

**Recommended Motion:**

I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 Heritage Fund Environmental Education grant application as follows: Verde River Institute's Verde River Riparian Monitoring and Education in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and Verde Valley Cyclists' Red Rock Bike Patrol (RRBP) Outfitting and Skills Training in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Approved:**

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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Executive Director



**Date:** March 17, 2022

**To:** Dale Larsen, Chair, Arizona State Parks Board

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

**Subject:** 2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Applications - Non Motorized

**Background:**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding provides funding to assist facilities that were impacted during COVID. Statistically, the use of outdoor recreation nationwide increased over 20% during the peak of COVID. Outdoor facilities including local parks and trails provided safe socially distanced spaces for families and children to go during this pandemic. They also provided essential benefits to mental and physical health which is specifically defined in the Rescue Act guidelines. The focus of these funds at these facilities is for sewer/water upgrades, broadband and at facilities within neighborhoods in areas that have been identified as underserved communities. These funds are available loosely in the same categories as the appropriated Heritage Funds. A total of \$5,000,000 was made available for this program. These grants require no match and must be completed within two years of the funds being awarded.

**Recommendation:**

Arizona State Parks and Trails Grant Staff, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and the Governor's office reviewed this non-motorized ARPA application and made recommendations based on ARPA eligibility.

2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Recommendation	
			Staff	AORCC
Sierra Vista	Shared Use Path Kayetan Drive	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTAL		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

**Recommended Motion:** I move that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the 2022 ARPA non-motorized grant application as follows: Sierra Vista Shared Use Path at Kayetan Drive in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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

Bob Broscheid, Executive Director



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### SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION 55<sup>TH</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> REGULAR SESSION:

#### HB 2038: state lake improvement fund:

**Summary:** Allows not more than 10% of monies to be deposited in the fund to fund staff support to plan and administer the fund. Removes the language to allow for monies to be used for administrative tasks and recreation plans of the board. Adds that monies in fund must be used also for water search and rescue operations.

The bill passed out of the House Chamber.

#### HB 2052: off-highway; recreation fund; annual report:

**Summary:** Requires the annual report to be published on the Department's website. Currently the statute requires the report to be made available to the public, this bill just specifies where.

The bill passed out of the House Chamber.

#### HB 2130: recreational users; property:

**Summary:** Declares that a landowner, easement holder, lessee, tenant manager, or occupant of private or public land is not liable for damages in any civil action for unknown conditions on the land. Installing a sign or other form of warning of a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity, or any modification made for the purpose of improving the safety of others, or failing to maintain or keep in place any sign, other form of warning or any modification made to improve safety does not create liability on the part of an owner, easement holder, lessee, tenant manager or occupant of land if there is no other basis for that liability.

This bill passed out of the House Chamber.

#### HB 2371: state agencies; cash payment; acceptance:

**Summary:** Requires that each state agency or authorized agent of a state agency must accept cash and money orders to pay any amount due to that agency or agent or this state.

This bill passed out of the House Chamber and was referred to the Senate Finance committee.

#### HB 2398: Arizona dude ranches; historic designation:

**Summary:** Establishes the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program. Authorizes the Parks Board to designate a dude ranch for inclusion in this program if it meets all specified criteria. Instructs the Board to decide on designation within 30 days of receiving an application. Directs the Board, in collaboration with the largest dude ranch or guest ranch association, to create signs and indicia a ranch can use to identify and



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promote its designation. Requires the applicant to pay for the cost of designing and creating the plaque. Stipulates that the Board allow additions or modifications to a designated dude ranch if its original character is preserved. Creates the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail, which consists of designated dude ranches. Requires the Board to produce marketing and promotional materials to map designated dude ranches.

The bill passed out of the House Chamber and was referred to the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water committee.

## **HB 2412: open meetings; digital recordings:**

**Summary:** Requires all meetings of a public body to post on their website the minutes and digital recording of each meeting no later than 5 working days after the meeting. The minutes and digital recording should stay up for three years on the website.

This bill passed out of the House Chamber.

## **HB 2453: governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition:**

**Summary:** States that a governmental entity may not impose any requirement to wear a mask or face covering anywhere on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to covid-19 may be required.

This bill passed out of House Chamber and was referred to the Senate Government committee.

## **HB 2498: COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition:**

**Summary:** States that a government entity may not require a resident of this state to receive a vaccination for covid-19 or any variant of covid-19.

This bill passed out of the House Chamber.

## **HB 2587: public records; point of contact:**

**Summary:** States that any entity that is subject to a public records request shall provide the name, telephone number and email address of the employee who is authorized and able to provide the information requested. This information shall be made available to the public on the website maintained by the entity. An employee who is authorized and able to provide information requested shall reply within five business days acknowledging receipt of the request.

This bill passed out of the House Chamber.

## **HB 2611: vaccinations; masks; requirements; enforcement prohibition:**

**Summary:** States that any governmental entity or any person doing business in this state may not enforce on a student without parental consent or on an employee any requirement that the person receive a



vaccination for covid-19 or any variant of covid-19 or wear a mask. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

**HB 2753: executive session; public meetings:**

**Summary:** States that if an executive session is scheduled, a notice of the executive session shall state the provision of law authorizing the executive session and, in the case of legal advice, shall include the specific provision of 25 section 38-431.03 to which the legal advice pertains, and the notice shall be provided to the: 1. Members of the public body. 2. General public.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

**HB 2760: historic preservation; tax credit:**

**Summary:** States that the Arizona state parks board shall receive applications and evaluate and certify the substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure for the purpose of income tax credits. (Lengthy Bill)

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

**HB 2789: Arizona trail fund; purpose:**

**Summary:** Requires the Arizona state parks board shall administer the Arizona trail fund and the monies in the fund are continuously appropriated for the sole purpose purposes of constructing, maintaining and preserving the Arizona trail, including constructing, maintaining and improving water sources, signs, gates and public access.

This bill passed out of the House Appropriations committee on February 21, 2022.

**HB 2831: state parks fees; exemptions:**

**Summary:** Requires a person who is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe located wholly or partially in this state is exempt from admission fees, camping permit fees and park service fees of any state park.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

**HCR 2019: Arizona's get outdoors initiative:**

**Summary:** Requires Members of the Legislature to recognize that it is critical for the physical, mental and social well-being of Arizona's residents that the state promote healthy, active lifestyles filled with outdoor experiences of all types for Arizona residents, while respecting private property rights, etc.



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This bill was unanimously adopted in the House and transferred to the Senate.

**SB 1270: state parks; lottery; heritage fund:**

**Summary:** States that out of the money remaining in the state lottery fund each fiscal year after appropriations and deposits, beginning in fiscal year 2023-2024 and each year thereafter, \$3,000,000 shall be deposited in the Arizona state parks heritage fund.

This bill passed out of the Senate Chamber.

**SB 1298: governmental mask mandate; prohibition:**

**Summary:** States that a governmental entity may not impose any requirement to wear a mask or face covering anywhere on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to covid-19 may be required.

This bill passed out of the Senate Chamber.

**SB: 1346: state employees; vaccination inquiries; prohibited:**

**Summary:** States that any state agency or any contractor for this state may not send its employees to inquire about a person's vaccination status on a door-to-door basis.

This bill passed out of the Senate Chamber.

**SB 1377: Off-highway vehicles; fund:**

**Summary:** States that the Arizona state parks board shall spend fifty percent of the monies in the off-highway vehicle recreation fund for the following purposes: Not more than ten percent to fund staff support to plan and administer the off-highway vehicle recreation fund. Any designation or acquisition of land must be approved at a public meeting of the Arizona state parks board. At least ten percent for enforcement of off-highway vehicle laws. At least ten percent for state land lessee impacts.

Adds that in determining the amount of monies for eligible projects, the Arizona state parks board shall give preference to applications for projects that address impacts to state land lessees, for nonfederal projects, for projects where federal entities work with state and local entities.

Requires each agency to report the number and status of off-highway vehicle injury claims filed in the annual report. All off-highway vehicle operators and passengers assume all risks of personal injury or death associated with recreational use on public, state or private land. landowners and their authorized lessees do not have a duty to keep lands safe for entry and use by recreational users or to warn of or maintain lands and trails against unsafe conditions.

This bill passed the Senate Chamber.



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### **SB 1405: state parks board; volunteers; fingerprinting:**

**Summary:** Allows the Arizona state parks board to require volunteers who collect fees or interact with children or vulnerable adults within a state park to submit a full set of fingerprints to the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal criminal record check.

Allows the Department of Public Safety to exchange this fingerprint data with the FBI.

This bill passed the Senate Chamber.

### **SB 1414: vaccine requirements; employers; prohibition:**

**Summary:** States that any government entity or any person doing business in this state may not require an employee to receive a vaccination for covid-19 or any variant of covid-19.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

### **SB 1558: appropriation; Little Colorado visitor center:**

**Summary:** Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state general fund in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Arizona state parks board to distribute to Navajo county to construct a Little Colorado River visitor center.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

### **SB 1559: state parks; heritage fund; lottery:**

**Summary:** States that out of the money remaining in the state lottery fund each fiscal year after appropriations and deposits, beginning in fiscal year 2023-2024 and each year thereafter, \$10,000,000 shall be deposited in the Arizona state parks heritage fund.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

### **SB 1596: off-highway vehicles:**

**Summary:** States that the ohv decal fee shall be reduced as prescribed by the director of the department of transportation in cooperation with the director of the Arizona game and fish department and the Arizona state parks board if the person completes the educational course of instruction in off-highway vehicle safety and environmental ethics and provides proof to the department of transportation of the completion. Before a person may rent an off-highway vehicle to a customer, the person must provide the customer with off-highway vehicle safety and environmental educational materials that are approved by the Arizona game and fish department.

This bill passed out of the Senate Transportation committee on February 14, 2022.

### **SB 1670: state agencies; tribal liaison:**



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**Summary:** States that the Governor shall require all state agencies in this state to employ a tribal liaison from a recognized tribe in this state to represent and facilitate communications between each state agency and tribal communities in this state.

This bill did not receive a committee hearing.

**SCR 1010: Arizona's outdoors; recreation; supporting:**

**Summary:** Requires Members of the Legislature to recognize that it is critical for the physical, mental and social well-being of Arizona's residents that the state promote healthy, active lifestyles filled with outdoor experiences of all types for Arizona residents, while respecting private property rights, etc.

This bill was passed by the Senate and was sent to the House Chamber.

## **2022 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications**

### **Pima County - Pima County Office of Sustainability & Conservation**

#### **Grant Request Amount: \$190,000.00**

The Juan Santa Cruz Campground is a contributing resource to the Tucson Mountain Park Historic District that was listed on the National Register in 2021 as part of a Certified Local Government grant awarded to Pima County. The campground consists of a variety of architectural features that were constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Pima County sponsored the development of a comprehensive master plan for the campground in 2020 that inventoried and documented the condition of all campground structures. Pima County is applying for this grant in order to fund the rehabilitation of these important structures in order to preserve the legacy of the CCC and their outstanding contribution to recreation in Tucson Mountain Park.



### **Vail Preservation Society - 1908 Old Vail Post Office Rehabilitation**

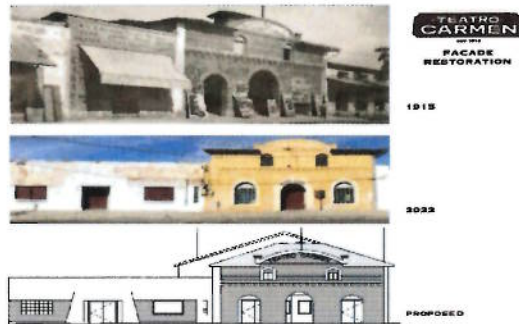
#### **Grant Request Amount: \$249,600.00**

The 1908 Old Vail Post Office (OVPO) is Vail Arizona's oldest building. This site has connected residents through commerce since 1888. The OVPO's adaptability over the 20th century made it a nexus of human connections and commerce. Through rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, the OVPO will be a HUB for the greater Vail community in the 21st century as the Vail Welcome & Heritage Center, a gathering place for residents and visitors, and HQ for Vail's AZ Main Street program. It will be a visual reminder of Vail's railroad and ranching roots while filling current and future needs. Rehabilitation work will involve foundation underpinning, adobe stabilization and repair, exterior lime plastering, replacing the buildings' roof including the addition of interior structural roof supports, restoration of 8 windows, 4 doors, electrical, and ADA compliance.



**Stratford Art Works, Inc. - Teatro Carmen Rehabilitation****Grant Request Amount: \$300,000.00**

The 1915 Teatro Carmen Theatre in Barrio Viejo is currently undergoing a rehabilitation to return it to its performance roots as a 250-seat cultural arts venue. The total project cost is approximately \$4.5 Million, and is being done in two phases. Building stabilization and an adjacent outdoor performance space development along with a facade restoration in phase 1, and phase 2 will be the interior rehabilitation. This grant would be for the facade work and will be matched by Pima County dollars and private foundation grants.

**City of Prescott Historic Preservation Office - Update of Historic Preservation Master Plan and Homeowner Guide****Grant Request Amount: \$60,000**

Update to the Prescott Historic Preservation Master Plan including additions of new districts, public engagement, removal of outdated information and streamlining of plan document and digital formats. This project also includes a minor update of the Historic Homeowners Guide (based on the Master Plan) and a reprint of those booklets that are made available to the public.

**City of Tucson Housing Department - Historic Ft. Lowell Rehabilitation****Grant Request Amount: \$300,000.00**

Over the years, the City has acquired, and fenced in, parcels relevant to the interpretation of the Fort. This Rehabilitation Project will open the important histories of Fort Lowell through: rehabilitation of the Fort Commissary-turned-apartments, interpretive signage and walking path; site markers indicating locations of Fort facilities no longer standing; preservation of, and protective cover for, the Fort Hospital; restoration of Officer's Quarters 3 Interior to make available for docent-led tours; and restoration of Cottonwood Lane. In combination with current City funding sources used in these efforts and beyond, the Historic Fort Lowell Rehabilitation Project will welcome the casual and the expert visitor with opportunities to deepen their sense of place and the scope of military operations in the Tucson area. This Grant will fund construction at the Hospital, in Officer's Quarters 3, along Cottonwood Lane, and a portion of the Infantry Barracks Ramada.



### **2022 Heritage Fund Non-Motorized Trails Grant Applications**

#### **TRACKS, Inc. - White Mountain Trails System (WMTS)**

##### **Grant Request Amount: \$59,125.00**

Purchase and install 43 bike/hike ramp gates on the White Mountains Trail System (WMTS), a 200+ mile non-motorized trail system in the US Forest Service Lakeside Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. All major trails of the WMTS are loops, with connector trails forming a trail system. There are many areas across the Lakeside district that are fenced for cattle grazing, so installation of these ramp gates will improve and facilitate trail usage of hikers and mountain bikers, as well as keep cattle secure since users often forget to close gates. The ramp gates will be installed in fence lines next to existing gates that have been in place for years. Thus, hikers and mountain bikers will have an option for crossing fence lines without having to open/close a gate. Project Timeline: 4/1/2022 begin gate installation, May-Oct continue installations; 2 per week until completed.



#### **National Forest Foundation - Santa Catalina Trails: Rehabilitation after the Bighorn Fire** **Grant Request: \$100,000.00**

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) proposes a 2-year project to rehabilitate 7 non-motorized, multi-use trails on the Coronado National Forest. These are popular trails in the Santa Catalina Ranger District—receiving over a million visitors each year. The trails were heavily damaged in Summer 2020 by the Bighorn Fire, which burned nearly 120,000 acres of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The following summer's extreme monsoon season resulted in flooding, washouts, and heavy vegetation growth, exacerbating damage. Using volunteer labor along with a skilled

crew, NFF will work with the Coronado National Forest to re-open these trails, many of which remain closed to protect public safety and the natural environment.



#### **2022 Motorized Grant Application(s)**

##### **Town of Camp Verde - Box T Remediation**

**Request Amount: \$106,017.00**

Box T is a trailhead located on Prescott National Forest land identified in the Verde Trails and Access Plan as a multi-use trail. The trailhead is not formally developed and therefore the trail access point is subject to periodic damage. Motorized use when the natural ground is wet has led to the deterioration of the natural landscape and left rutted out tire tracks. The “trailhead” is located on an unsafe blind curve on Salt Mine Road, making access to the trailhead difficult and unsafe. The project is being pursued in order to correct the continued deterioration of the trail access point and to enhance safety.



#### **2022 State Lake Improvement Grant Applications**

##### **La Paz County Sheriff's Office - La Paz County Sheriff's Office Waterway Safety Center Improvement**

**Request Amount: \$30,128.00**

The La Paz County Sheriff's Office Waterway Safety Center is now 26 years old and in desperate need of having its HVAC system replaced. The Waterway Safety Center is a working office for the La Paz County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Game and Fish Dept, BLM and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office who all share the responsibility of patrolling the Colorado River in La Paz County. Air Conditioning is vital to this office for all personnel who work the Colorado River in La Paz County and for the equipment inside this center, such as Intoxilyzers which are

not a heat tolerating instrument. This grant is to remove all HVAC equipment in the center and replace it with new.



### **2022 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)**

#### **Sierra Vista ADA Shared Use Path**

**Request Amount: \$100,000.00**

The City will be awarding a contract to construct an ADA compliant 120 space parking lot, in the upcoming days. This parking lot will support activities associated with Cyr Park. In an effort to both aid in the connectivity from said parking lot to Cyr Park and an existing SUP (just south of the proposed parking lot); an ADA compliant shared use path design has been produced and is shovel ready. ARPA Funding for this shared use path the construction of this path would provide a physical area to safely recreate for pedestrians and cyclists. This Path will also serve to improve both the physical and mental health of residents in these Qualified Census Tract Areas through their newly acquired ability to access additional outdoor activities and experience less confinement due to the many restrictions imposed through the COVID pandemic.



## **Heritage Fund Environmental Education Projects**

### **Verde Valley Cyclists Bike Patrol and Training Grant**

**Request Amount: \$9,596.00**

The Verde Valley Cyclists is a non-profit that has volunteers on mountain bikes that patrol both trails in the Red Rock Ranger District and in the Verde Valley. There are 62 volunteer patrollers that assist, educate and inform trail users with bike issues on the trail, provide first aid to those in need, and talk about trail etiquette on these trails. The volunteers have their own bikes and safety gear. The grant will be requested for providing uniforms for new volunteers, first aid kits, patches, bike plates and mountain bike skills training for these volunteers. The grant request is \$9596 with \$3567 in volunteer patrol hours as match.

### **Verde River Institute Verde River Riparian Monitoring and Education Project**

**Request Amount: \$21,000.00**

The Verde River Institute is a non-profit devoted to the conservation and promotion of the Verde River in central Arizona. The staff and volunteers for the institute will develop a program to teach students how to perform various tests and measurements necessary to understand the Verde River and its changes due to climate change, use and environmental factors. These programs will get the students out on the river and where they will use an environmental DNA process that can identify both animals and plants that inhabit a specific area of the river. The hope is with all of this information that the Verde River will continue to provide a healthy and diverse ecosystem that can be enjoyed by all. The hope is to educate 150 people during its first year. The funding will be used for a part time staff person and supplies.