

Arizona State Parks Board

	FY 2021 ACTUAL	FY 2022 ESTIMATE	FY 2023 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	163.0	163.0	163.0 ^{1/}
Personal Services	5,356,200	6,215,400	6,215,400
Employee Related Expenditures	2,889,400	3,812,400	3,812,400
Professional and Outside Services	153,700	150,000	150,000
Travel - In State	5,800	10,000	10,000
Other Operating Expenditures	5,237,100	6,272,800	5,156,800
Equipment	281,000	300,000	300,000
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	13,923,200	16,760,600	15,644,600 ^{2/}
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Deposit	0	5,000,000	0
Arizona Trail	0	250,000	0
Kartchner Caverns State Park	2,337,200	1,300,500	1,300,500
One-Time Cabin Debt Payoff	0	528,400	0
SPRF Deposit to State Parks Store Fund	0	1,000,000	0
State Lake Improvement Fund Deposit	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
State Parks Store	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
AGENCY TOTAL	16,260,400	29,839,500	21,945,100 ^{3/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	0	9,000,000	4,000,000
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund	0	16,700	16,700
State Parks Revenue Fund	16,260,400	19,822,800	16,928,400
State Parks Store Fund	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	16,260,400	20,839,500	17,945,100
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	16,260,400	29,839,500	21,945,100
Other Non-Appropriated Funds	11,390,800	17,786,000	17,786,000
Federal Funds	2,968,400	5,842,000	5,842,000
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	30,619,600	53,467,500	45,573,100

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Arizona State Parks Board (ASPB) is responsible for managing the state parks system, which includes recreational parks, historical parks, and natural areas. The Parks Board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor. Major functions of the Parks Board, through its staff, include the maintenance and development of existing parks, new parks acquisitions, statewide recreational planning, and historic preservation.

FOOTNOTES

- ^{1/} Includes 35.8 OF FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2023.
- ^{2/} In addition to the operating lump sum appropriation, an amount equal to the revenue share agreement with the United States forest service for Fool Hollow Lake recreation area is appropriated to the Arizona state parks board from the state parks revenue fund established by section 41-511.21, Arizona Revised Statutes. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- ^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$15,644,600 and 127.2 FTE Positions in FY 2023 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2023
State Parks Revenue Fund	\$15,627,900
Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund	16,700

FY 2023 adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Wastewater Funding

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(1,116,000) from SPRF in FY 2023 for removal of one-time funding for wastewater system mitigation and assessments at various Arizona state parks.

Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Deposit

The Baseline includes no funding in FY 2023 for the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund Deposit line item. FY 2023 adjustments are as follows:

Remove General Fund Deposit

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(5,000,000) from the General Fund in FY 2023 for removal of a deposit to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund.

Monies in the Heritage Fund may be used for local regional or state parks for outdoor recreation and open space development, restoration or renovation (50%; local, regional, and state historical projects (30%); outdoor and environmental education (10%); and local, regional, and state non-motorized trails (10%). Statute directs the State Parks Board in consultation with the Historical Advisory Commission to establish criteria for the use of monies in the fund, and review and evaluate grant applications.

Arizona Trail

The Baseline includes no funding in FY 2023 for the Arizona Trail line item. FY 2023 adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Maintenance Funding

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(250,000) from SPRF in FY 2023 for removal of funding for maintenance of the Arizona Trail.

Monies in this line item will be used to maintain the Arizona Trail. The Arizona Trail is an 800 mile-long, non-motorized trail beginning at the U.S.-Mexican border and running north-south through the state into Utah.

Kartchner Caverns State Park

The Baseline includes \$1,300,500 and 35.8 FTE Positions from SPRF in FY 2023 for Kartchner Caverns State Park. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2022.

Kartchner Caverns is located in Benson, Arizona and was discovered in 1974. The State Parks Board acquired the property in 1988 and opened the caverns to the public in 1999.

One-Time Cabin Payoff

The Baseline includes no funding in FY 2023 for the One-Time Cabin Payoff line item. FY 2023 adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Cabin Payoff Funding

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(528,400) from SPRF in FY 2023 for removal of one-time funding to pay off the remaining balance of 26 cabins the agency began financing in FY 2018.

In FY 2018, SPB entered into an agreement with a building manufacturer to purchase 26 cabins. These cabins were not purchased but financed with a revenue share agreement and installment loan. Once the cabins are fully paid for, SPB will receive 100% of revenues generated by the cabin rentals instead of continuing under a revenue sharing agreement with the manufacturer.

SPRF Deposit to State Parks Store Fund

The Baseline includes no funding in FY 2023 for the SPRF Deposit to State Parks Store Fund line item. FY 2023 adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Deposit

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(1,000,000) from SPRF in FY 2023 for removal of a one-time deposit to the agency's State Parks Store Fund.

State Lake Improvement Fund Deposit

The Baseline includes \$4,000,000 from the General Fund in FY 2023 for the State Lake Improvement Fund Deposit line item. This amount is unchanged from FY 2022.

The FY 2022 budget's 3-year spending plan provided \$4,000,000 in one-time spending in both FY 2022 and FY 2023, but would discontinue the funding in FY 2024.

Monies in the State Lake Improvement Fund are used to fund projects at boating sites, including launching ramps, parking areas, lake improvement and construction, campgrounds, and acquisition of property to provide access to boating sites.

State Parks Store

The Baseline includes \$1,000,000 from the State Parks Store Fund in FY 2023 for the State Parks Store line item. This amount is unchanged from FY 2022.

Monies in the State Parks Store line item will be used to operate and maintain state-owned giftshops.

the state with existing state funds. Five open parks are operated through agreements between the State Parks Board and local governments. *(Please see the [SPB Visitation and Revenue Program Summary](#) available on the JLBC website for additional information on the parks, visitation, and operations.)*

Other Issues

State Parks Operations

As of November 2021, 28 state parks are open to the public. Twenty-three parks are funded and operated by

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Estimate
Arizona State Parks' Heritage Fund (PRA3126/A.R.S. § 41-502)		Non-Appropriated
<i>Source of Revenue:</i> Legislative appropriations, grants and donations.		
<i>Purpose of Fund:</i> Monies in the Heritage Fund are to be used as follows: 50% on parks for outdoor recreation and open space development, restoration or renovation; 30% on historic preservation, administered through the State Historic Preservation Officer; 10% on nonmotorized trails; and 10% on outdoor and environmental education. Expenditures are not displayed to avoid double counting the original General Fund appropriation to this fund.		
Funds Expended	0	0
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Federal Funds (PRA2000/A.R.S. § 41-511.04)		Non-Appropriated
<i>Source of Revenue:</i> Federal grants from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, and other federal entities.		
<i>Purpose of Fund:</i> To expand and maintain the National Register of Historic Places, and to identify, evaluate and protect other historic properties. Also, to implement the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.		
Funds Expended	2,968,400	5,842,000
Year-End Fund Balance	296,900	296,900
Land Conservation Fund - Administration Account - NA (PRA2432/A.R.S. § 41-511.23)		Non-Appropriated
<i>Source of Revenue:</i> Interest earnings from the Public Conservation Account, which received \$20,000,000 annually from the General Fund in FY 2001 through FY 2011, as approved by Arizona voters in November 1998. Unobligated amounts at the end of each fiscal year revert to the Public Conservation Account.		
<i>Purpose of Fund:</i> For operating expenses.		
Funds Expended	0	94,800
Year-End Fund Balance	94,800	0
Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund (PRA2253/A.R.S. § 28-1176)		Appropriated
<i>Source of Revenue:</i> Transfer from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, equivalent to 0.55% of the total license taxes on motor vehicle fuel.		
<i>Purpose of Fund:</i> Appropriated monies are used to fund the Great Western Trail line item. Please see the Non-Appropriated portion of the fund for additional information.		
Funds Expended	0	16,700
Year-End Fund Balance	0	0
Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund (PRA2253/A.R.S. § 28-1176)		Non-Appropriated
<i>Source of Revenue:</i> Transfer from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, equivalent to 0.55% of the total license taxes on motor vehicle fuel.		
<i>Purpose of Fund:</i> To plan, administer, and enforce off-highway vehicle recreation, and to develop facilities consistent with the off-highway vehicle plan. Sixty percent of the monies collected are to be used by the Arizona State Parks Board for planning, administration, and facilities development; the remainder is transferred to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for enforcement. Please see the Appropriated portion of the fund for additional information.		
Funds Expended	493,200	2,927,600
Year-End Fund Balance	11,692,800	6,208,700

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Partnership Fund (PRA2448/A.R.S. § 41-511.04)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Revenues received from federal, state, and local government agencies through intergovernmental agreements; reimbursements from local and county recipients of federal Land and Water Conservation grants.		
Purpose of Fund: To provide trails stewardship with funds received from the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; to operate the multi-use water safety center at Lake Havasu State Park with funds received from the U.S. Coast Guard, Lake Havasu City, Mohave County, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department; and to administer federal Land and Water Conservation grants. Grant recipients must provide 10% of the grant amount to the Parks Board for administration.		
Funds Expended	2,779,200	2,684,000
Year-End Fund Balance	771,400	937,400
State Lake Improvement Fund (PRA2106/A.R.S. § 5-382)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Primarily a transfer from the Highway User Revenue Fund, based on a formula that estimates state gasoline taxes paid for boating purposes. Also included is a portion of the watercraft license tax collected by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.		
Purpose of Fund: To fund projects at boating sites, including launching ramps, parking areas, lake improvement and construction, campgrounds, and acquisition of property to provide access to boating sites. Project grant requests are reviewed by the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission and approved by the Arizona State Parks Board. Approved projects must be reviewed by the Joint Committee on Capital Review (JCCR). Please see the Appropriated portion of the fund for additional information. Funds Expended totals exclude capital spending.		
Funds Expended	8,101,800	11,000,000
Year-End Fund Balance	9,713,500	8,519,500
State Parks Fund (PRA3117/A.R.S. § 41-511.11)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Private gifts, grants, and donations.		
Purpose of Fund: To meet the objectives of contributors, especially as they relate to acquisition, development, and preservation of the state's natural features.		
Funds Expended	16,600	556,500
Year-End Fund Balance	563,700	58,200
State Parks Revenue Fund (PRA2202/A.R.S. § 41-511.21)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: State parks user fees and concession sales; sales of park posters, postcards, books and souvenirs; donations and legislative appropriations.		
Purpose of Fund: To fund parks operations, acquisition and development. Capital projects that are funded using these monies are subject to JCCR review. Funds Expended totals exclude capital spending.		
Funds Expended	16,260,400	19,822,800
Year-End Fund Balance	33,192,500	31,948,200
State Parks Store Fund (PRA6401/A. R. S. § 41-511.24)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Monies deposited pursuant to the fee schedule set by the agency to charge customers for gift shop items. Any balances above \$1,250,000 at the end of each fiscal year will be transferred to the State Parks Revenue Fund.		
Purpose of Fund: To operate and maintain state-owned giftshops.		
Funds Expended	0	1,000,000
Year-End Fund Balance	0	1,000,000
Sustainable State Parks and Roads Fund (PRA3125/A.R.S. § 41-511.17 and A.R.S. § 43-622)		Non-Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Voluntary contributions from individual income taxpayers via a donation on the individual income tax return form.		
Purpose of Fund: To operate, maintain and make capital improvements to buildings, roads, parking lots, highway entrances and any related structure used to operate state parks.		
Funds Expended	0	523,100
Year-End Fund Balance	523,100	97,000