

Arizona Game and Fish Department

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	273.5	273.5	273.5
Personal Services	17,495,600	19,857,500	20,104,300
Employee Related Expenditures	6,744,400	7,593,200	8,431,700
Professional and Outside Services	1,357,600	2,517,700	2,517,700
Travel - In State	266,300	407,700	407,700
Travel - Out of State	120,300	227,600	227,600
Other Operating Expenditures	11,627,200	13,816,800	13,861,000
Equipment	769,700	792,900	792,900
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	38,381,100	45,213,400	46,342,900
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Livestock Loss Compensation	0	250,000	0
Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act	3,058,000	3,058,000	3,058,000
AGENCY TOTAL	41,439,100	48,521,400	49,400,900 ^{1/}

FUND SOURCES

Other Appropriated Funds

Capital Improvement Fund	1,001,200	1,001,200	1,001,400
Game and Fish Fund	35,969,000	41,797,800	42,817,000
Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Fund	332,700	646,100	403,200
Watercraft Licensing Fund	4,136,200	5,060,100	5,163,000
Wildlife Endowment Fund	0	16,200	16,300
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	41,439,100	48,521,400	49,400,900
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Other Non-Appropriated Funds	40,702,300	53,787,300	53,787,300
Federal Funds	56,436,100	59,309,100	59,309,100
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	138,577,500	161,617,800	162,497,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) manages Arizona wildlife populations through the operation of hunting and fishing license programs, enforcement actions for the unlawful taking of game, and wildlife habitat protection and development. A 5-member commission appointed by the Governor oversees department operations.

FOOTNOTES

^{1/} General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

Operating Budget

The budget includes \$46,342,900 and 273.5 FTE Positions in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts consist of:

	FY 2027
Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,001,400
Game and Fish Fund	39,759,000
Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Fund	403,200
Watercraft Licensing Fund	5,163,000
Wildlife Endowment Fund	16,300

Adjustments are as follows:

Staff Salary Adjustment Correction

The budget includes an increase of \$246,800 in FY 2027 to correct the FY 2026 appropriation for an ongoing 5% AZPOST-certified staff salary increase.

This amount consists of:

Game and Fish Fund	235,800
Watercraft Licensing Fund	11,000

Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes an increase of \$882,700 in FY 2027 for statewide adjustments. This amount consists of:

Capital Improvement Fund	200
Game and Fish Fund	783,400
Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Fund	7,100
Watercraft Licensing Fund	91,900
Wildlife Endowment Fund	100

(Please see Agency Detail and Allocations section.)

Livestock Loss Compensation

The budget includes no funding in FY 2027 for Livestock Loss Compensation. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding

The budget includes a decrease of \$(250,000) from the Game, Non-Game, Fish and Endangered Species Fund in FY 2027 for removal of one-time funding for the activities of the Livestock Loss Board, which compensates livestock owners who have suffered losses in this state due to wolf depredation.

Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act

The budget includes \$3,058,000 from the Game and Fish Fund in FY 2027 for the Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

This line item funds the state's 25% match for federal aid matching funds for wildlife restoration projects. The department also uses \$2,600,000 in non-appropriated funds to match Pittman-Robertson/Dingell-Johnson Act grants.

Other Issues

Fund Transfers

The budget includes the following transfers from this agency's funds to the General Fund:

	<u>FY 2026</u>
Heritage Land Acquisition Fund	5,000,000
Watercraft Licensing Fund	3,400,000