

Wildfire Funding Plan (Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1)

(\$ in Millions)

	FY 2021	FY 2023	FY 2024
Wildfire Mitigation	24.6	38.3	32.1
Wildfire Emergency Response	<u>75.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Total	\$99.6	\$38.3	\$32.1

3-Year funding plan totals \$170.0 million, which is \$64.5 million higher than the May 24th Budget Plan for wildfire initiatives.

Wildfire Mitigation

- FY 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$24.6 million and 122 FTE Positions from the General Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) available through June 30, 2022 for wildfire mitigation, including:
 - \$16.9 million and 122 FTE positions for fire mitigation personnel and equipment. The 122 DFFM staff will be assisted by Arizona Department of Corrections staff to oversee the work of 720 inmates (10 crews of 72 inmates). These fire crews will help with the removal of hazardous vegetation.
 - \$5.3 million to purchase and operate vehicles for the DFFM staff and to transport the ADC fire crews.
 - \$2.3 million for contracted hazardous vegetation removal. DFFM will treat an additional 5,000 acres annually.
- The 3-Year Plan includes \$38.3 million in FY 2023 and \$32.1 million in FY 2024 to continue these efforts.

Wildfire Emergency Response

- Non-lapsing FY 2021 appropriation for \$75.0 million from the General Fund to DFFM for wildfire emergency response purposes:
 - Fire suppression and pre-positioning of equipment and staff, including capital expenditures.
 - Mitigation efforts to address the threat of floods that may occur as a result of wildfires.
 - Assistance including emergency sheltering, wraparound services and support activities.
 - Assistance to public and private landowners to repair infrastructure damaged by wildfire.
 - Reimbursement for state/local costs for state or federal disaster declaration.
- DFFM shall seek federal monies when available and reimbursements will be credited to the appropriation.
- Spending for state capital purposes is limited to \$10.0 million.
- Spending for private landowners for infrastructure repair is limited to \$10.0 million.
- DFFM shall report to the Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the JLBC monthly on expenditures and reimbursements from the appropriation by type of expenditure.

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