

PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Arizona State Parks Board
Heritage Fund Program

Services:

A.R.S. §41-503 specifies that Heritage Fund monies be distributed among the following program areas:

- **Local, regional, or state parks**—For the acquisition and development of land and facilities for outdoor recreation and open space;
- **Acquisition of natural areas**—For acquiring parcels of land or water containing unique terrestrial or aquatic ecosystems, rare species of plants and animals, or unusual or outstanding geologic or hydrologic features;
- **Local, regional, and state historic preservation projects**—Provides funding assistance to local, regional, and statewide historic and prehistoric preservation projects;
- **State parks acquisition or development**—For acquiring and developing state park lands, sites, and facilities;
- **Environmental education**—Develops and promotes educational processes, programs, and activities;
- **Local, regional, and state trails**—Provides funding for the acquisition and improvement of Arizona's nonmotorized trails;
- **Maintenance, operation, and management of natural areas**—For the operation and management of natural areas administered by the Board.

Mission:

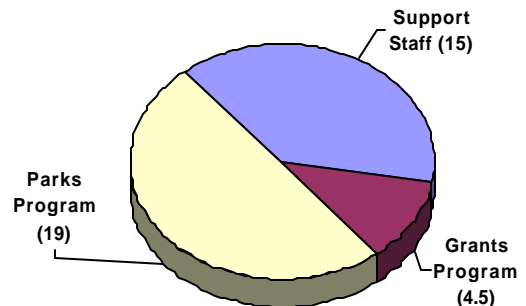
According to A.R.S. §41-511.03, the Board's general mission is to select, acquire, preserve, establish, and maintain areas of natural features, scenic beauty, historical and scientific interest, and zoos and botanical gardens, for the education, pleasure, recreation, and health of the people, and for such other purposes as may be prescribed by law.

Fixed asset purchases:

Since its inception in 1990, the Board has received over \$101 million in Heritage Fund monies. Most of these monies have been used to award competitive grants to various

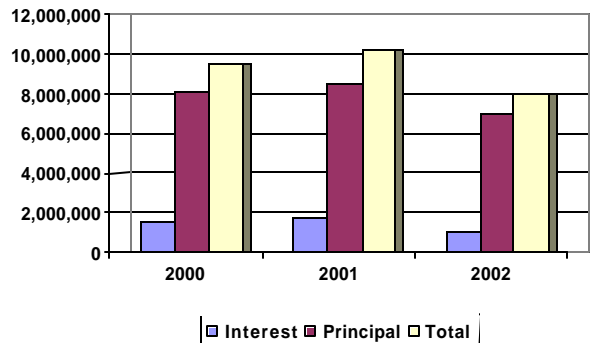
Program staffing:

38.5 (fiscal year 2002, estimated)



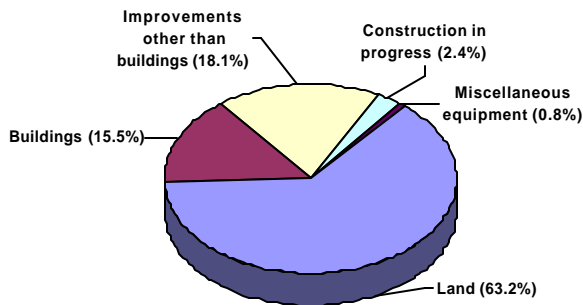
Program revenue:

\$8 million (fiscal year 2002, estimated)



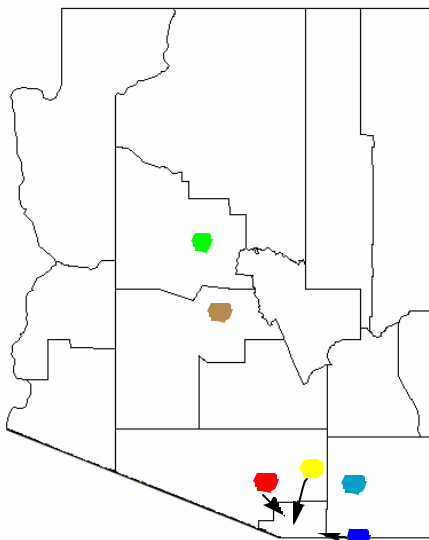
governmental entities, such as cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, and state and federal agencies for park and trail development and historic preservation projects. Additionally, more than \$35.5 million of Heritage Fund monies have been used to purchase various fixed assets for the State Parks Board, as shown at left.

Fixed asset purchases:



Heritage Fund purchased properties:

(fiscal years 1999 through 2002)



- Verde River Greenway (4 properties)
- Post Property
- Rojas Property
- Sonoita Creek State Natural Area (3 properties)
- San Rafael Ranch
- Spur Cross Ranch

Board goals:

While most Board goals are not specific to the Heritage Fund, the following goals are applicable to Fund activities:

1. To effectively provide the right services and information by involving our customers and partners in our programs, parks, and planning efforts.
2. To improve the efficiency of grants administration.
3. To offer technical assistance, educational opportunities, written guidance, grants, and other financial incentives for our partners.

Adequacy of performance measures:

The Board should consider adding additional performance measures for its Heritage Fund program areas. Currently, the Board has established only three performance measures specifically related to Heritage Fund activities. These performance measures track the percentage of Trails, Local, Regional, or State Parks (LRSP), and Historic Preservation grant projects funded as high priority. Within each of these grant categories, the Board strives to fund grant applications meeting or exceeding a minimum score.

The Board should consider developing additional performance measures for its Heritage Fund activities. For example:

- For its Heritage Fund grant programs, the Board could adopt output measures that report the number of applications approved, an outcome measure that reports the percentage of grant projects completed within the time frames specified, and a quality measure to reflect customer satisfaction with the Board's granting process.
- For Heritage Fund acquisitions, the Board could adopt output measures to report the number of natural areas and parks acreage acquired and the monies expended to purchase and develop these acquisitions for public use.