AZSFWC's License Plate Grants

At our May Board meeting AZSFWC awarded five grants in the amount of $30,140. This information is posted on our website after they are approved. One of our license plate holders saw the update and had some concerns. Here’s what he said:

“I want more of my plate proceeds to go toward habitat and wildlife, and less to events such as kids fishing or bow and arrow targets.
Is there a set percentage of these funds geared toward habitat?
Please tell me how you divide up the proceeds each year, as I may elect not to continue with the plate."

Here was my response:

Thanks for your note with concerns on our license plate grant awards. The three categories for which we award grants, Habitat, Retention & Recruitment (R & R), and Education, are all important in different ways and for different reasons. Wildlife habitat and conservation projects speak for themselves. The other two categories (activities you mention) might be less obvious, but are important for other reasons. We must recruit and retain new hunters, anglers and outdoors people for the future, or our habitat work in the coming years will decline. These types of activities also provide conservation education. If we don’t educate all people on the importance of conservation, wildlife habitat issues, and other related matters, it will diminish our collective success with recruitment, and ultimately our ability to fund and even work on habitat projects.

There is no set percentage allocated to any one category. Decisions on funding are based on the merit of the applications received from qualified 501(c)(3) organizations for any given quarter. From 2012 – 2019, here’s how the grant money was utilized:

1. Habitat 40%
2. R & R 29%
3. Education 31%

AZSFWC and me personally, want to award more grants for wildlife habitat projects! We are continually asking our conservation group members to be on the lookout for worthwhile habitat projects that would qualify for a grant. If you know of any, you can help out and pass on the message!

Over the last 7 years, AZSFWC has approved close to $750K in license plate proceeds!

Our “Conserving Wildlife” license plate is making a difference in all three aspects of our grant parameters.

If you don’t have one of our plates yet, maybe it’s time to get one!

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director
AZSFWC member group AZ Big Game Super Raffle receives 10 Big Game Special Tags from AZ Game & Fish Commission each year and provides an opportunity for the average person to win one of these coveted tags. Why are they so special? Winners have 365 days to hunt with very few limitations on hunting area and the ticket prices have been set to give every hunter in the world an opportunity to win the hunt of a lifetime. These Special Tags are designed to earn money for wildlife and wildlife management in Arizona. Every dollar raised for each species by the raffle of these special big game tags is returned to the Arizona Game and Fish Department and managed by the Arizona Habitat Partnership Committee (AHPC) for that particular species.

Raffle sales close on July 12th, and the drawing will take place on July 22. AZSFWC hopes you will support wildlife conservation by purchasing tickets!
Upcoming Member Group Activities & Events

This is very fluid given response to COVID-19. Many groups have had to cancel or postpone activities. Be sure to check with a group for up to date info.

Kahuna's Kids Mentoring Kids Fishing Derby Event

October 10, 2020
Patagonia Lake

More information

AZ Outdoor Adventures Event

Date: TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED TO
Saturday, November 7th. Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (Check in at 8 am, shoot at 9 am, and lunch at 12 pm) Location: Ben Avery Shooting Facility (4044 W Black Canyon Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85086)

[More information]

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By purchasing this plate you will be making a contribution to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Seventeen dollars ($17) of each twenty-five ($25) special license fee will go to AZSFWC's conservation fund. AZSFWC will review and approve all grants from the special license plate program revenues. These grants will fund important outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and on-the-ground wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects. (More info HERE).

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to: http://www.servicearizona.com Click on "Personalized/Specialty Plates" then if you wish to personalize it, check its availability. Once you have verified the availability of your personalization, or if you only want to order the AZSFWC Conservation Special Plate, click on "Order My Plate". Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for $25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for $50.00 per year.

Here is another helpful link when ordering your special license plate. https://servicearizona.com/plateAvailability/plate?execution=e2s3

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonans an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. Step up and support "Wild Arizona".

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives. The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat Fund). The fund is derived from the sale
of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.

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