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Arizona Water Protection Fund Accepting Applications for Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Cycle

PHOENIX- The Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) supports projects that develop or implement on the ground measures that directly maintain, enhance and restore Arizona's river and riparian resources.

The AWPF Commission is now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 AWPF grant cycle. The deadline to submit applications is **September 6, 2019 at 3:00pm**. The AWPF Commission awards grants under three categories: capital projects, research, and water conservation. The grant cycle schedule, grant application manual, and electronic forms are available on the AWPF website at: www.azwpcf.gov.

AWPF staff will be hosting one grant application workshop*:

Location	Date	Time	Address
Phoenix, AZ	July 24, 2019	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Arizona Dept. of Water Resources 1110 W. Washington St. Suite 310 Phoenix, AZ 85007 Middle Verde Conference Room. 4 th Floor

**Staff will also be hosting a live online webinar of the grant application workshop for those not able to attend in person. Please contact the Arizona Water Protection Fund (602-771-8528) for more information prior to July 24, 2019.*

The AWPF promotes the use of incentives emphasizing local implementation rather than regulation to address resource concerns. As such, the AWPF Commission's philosophy has been to utilize a grassroots approach to improving river and riparian resources statewide.

The Arizona Legislature established the AWPF in 1994 (A.R.S. § 45-2101, *et seq.*). The Arizona Department of Water Resources provides administrative, technical, and legal support to the AWPF Commission. The legislation establishing the AWPF provides that it is the declared policy of the Legislature to provide for a coordinated effort between state funding and locally led solutions for the restoration and conservation of the water resources of the state. A.R.S. § 45-2101(A). The primary purpose of the AWPF is to provide monies through a competitive public grant process for implementation of measures to protect water of sufficient quality and quantity to maintain, enhance, and restore rivers and streams and associated riparian resources consistent with existing water law and water rights, and measures to increase water availability. A.R.S. § 45-2101(B).

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