



Heritage Fund

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT  
Attn: Wildlife Grants Administrator  
Director's Office  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix AZ, 85086

Attachment A  
Project # U16002

(From Project Budget Worksheet on Page-3)  
Heritage Dollars Requested: \$18,714  
Match/Donations Provided: \$116,511  
Total Anticipated Project Costs: \$135,225

## HERITAGE FUND GRANT APPLICATION

To be eligible for a Heritage Grant an applicant must be in compliance with provisions of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Applicant: City of Yuma

Submitted By: Parks and Recreation Department

Title/Position: Stacey Gibson, Grant Writer

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NOTE: Please read the **Heritage Fund Grant Application Manual**. Using the **Funding Window Eligibility CRITERIA**, select **ONLY ONE** of the following sub-categories by placing an X in the appropriate box.

- ☐ Environmental Education
- ☐ Outdoor Education (Must include a Field-Trip Itinerary)
- ☐ Schoolyard
- ☒ Urban Wildlife / Urban Habitat
- ☐ Public Access
- ☐ IIAPM (Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection and Management of Sensitive Habitat)

Project Title: Lower Bench West Wetlands New Developed Park Extension

Project Location: Section 26 & 27 Township 16 South, Range 22, East San Bernardino Base and Meridian

Legislative District(s): District 4 County(s) of impact: Yuma County, AZ

### BRIEF PROJECT SUMMARY DESCRIPTION (Maximum 600 characters with spaces)

The Lower Bench West Wetlands New Developed Park Extension will provide anglers of all ages with enhancements such as (100' x 8' 800sf) boardwalk, (170 SF) ADA Accessibility ramp, and (2' wide 300LF) seat wall and steps leading down to board walk, dock and trails along the Colorado River. This project is a connecting portion of a 6 Phase project and currently for phases 2 and 3 we are requesting funds of \$18,714.00 to begin in January 2016 to December 2016. The enhancements will establish a binding framework of connecting anglers to urban wildlife park areas with environmental educational trails and more accessible fishing opportunities. All will be accomplished with minimal environmental impacts to surrounding 5.9 acres of wetlands area and will meet the ever-changing community needs for recreation while maintaining a healthy native urban protective habitat.

The undersigned hereby offers and agrees to perform in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications and scope in the application. Signature certifies understanding and compliance with the application attached hereto. Arizona Game and Fish Department may approve modifications to scope items, methodology, schedule, final products, and/or budget.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Greg Wilkinson Title: City Administrator

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# **PROJECT NARRATIVE:**

- a.** Project Objectives/Action Plan. Explain how these meet one or more of the Eligibility CRITERIA listed within the Funding Window in the sub-category in which you are applying for.

Already completed in Phase 1 are the clearing of 5.9 acres of invasive species along the bank line and the stabilization of 5.2 acres of bank line by planting a variety of native species to restore native march, salt grass and willow habitat with the construction of trails. For this CRITERION 4.B funding widow, in Phases 2 & 3, with AZ Game & Fishing funds of \$65,640 we will maintain the habitat but be able to begin construction on angler enhancements of an extending 100' x 8' (800 SF) board walk, 170 SF ADA Accessibility ramp, and a (2' wide 300LF) seat wall and steps from the upper terrace to the Colorado River and connecting trails. Our project goals are: (1) To enhance angler recreational capacity to community fishing waters along the Colorado River bank line and eliminate crowded fishing spots, and (2) Modernize areas of the park that are not considered to be modern anglers ADA Accessible standards with a ramp and trails leading to the boardwalk. Our project objectives are: To use ecofriendly materials that help to preserve the 5.9 acres of surrounding areas of native plants and wildlife but would also allow anglers fun water activities including fishing and viewing of wildlife in a safe and environmental way with a new developed park extension, and (2) use Park Staff, Historian, and Park Rangers guidance in helping to preserve the surrounding areas of plants and wildlife, through educational materials/planning and program implementation.

Our Action Plan is over a twelve (12) month period for Phase 2 & 3: (1) To create an environmental and safe 100'x 8' (800sf) boardwalk through a sand beach area with steps leading to dock that will improve angling recreation capacity at the Colorado River bank line and trails, and (2) to create ADA Accessibility ramp, and (3) Provide anglers with an seating wall near the boardwalk that would allow for fun water activities including fishing, access, and viewing of sensitive wildlife.

- b.** Duration of Project: 3 Year Project 2015-2017

Anticipated Beginning Date: January 2016

Anticipated Ending Date: June 2016

Milestones (Date/Description):

- (1) For this three (3) year project there are no set milestones that will take place, only estimated completion dates for project.
- (2) September-December-2015 working on establishing building plans and all permits to begin phases in January 2016.
- (3) Expected to complete new developed park extension Boardwalk with steps in phase 2 for time period of (Jan/June 2016) and begin phase 3 for ADA ramp with seat wall in (July/Dec) within the 2016 year for final completion by December 2016.

- c.** Describe your method and how you will measure progress and success of the project?

The City of Yuma, Parks and Recreation Department will assign staff to do count ability at designated times throughout the month on various days to get an daily average use count for a three (3) month period of time.

- d.** How will you promote/advertise this project and acknowledge the AZ Game & Fish Department Heritage Fund?

The City of Yuma would incorporate the following: (1) a permanent naming plaque signage that would be placed in an area at the main entry way to the Lower Bench West Wetlands that identifies and promotes the AZ Game and Fish Department and role in completing this project. (2) We would also invite you down for the grand opening of the park for ribbon cutting and list you on the Yuma City's website as a major partner for this project. (3) Recognize AZ Game and Fish at a regular council meeting, press release and in our monthly newsletter upon completion.

- e.** Please list your Local Community partners who support this project along with their contact information.

- (1) The Yuma City Council (Resolution 2015-015) supports this project in full. In agreement with In-Kind services from the Parks and Recreation Department staff.
- (2) The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area with Executive Director Charles Flynn. Phone: (928) 373-5192 and his Email is [Charles.Flynn@YumaAz.gov](mailto:Charles.Flynn@YumaAz.gov). Supports this project through In-Kind donations necessary for engineering building plans for the boardwalk and required permits.
- (3) Parks, Arts, Recreation Commission, Chris Bedinger, Chairperson is in full support of project. Email: [CBedinger@azgfd.gov](mailto:CBedinger@azgfd.gov)



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## Project Budget Worksheet

Below is a listing of standard budget line items that must be itemized and justified. Please provide your project budget in this format and order. Although Match is not required, it is encouraged!

a. Time Period this budget covers:

**January 2016 to June 2016**

Heritage Fund Dollars Requested: \$18,714  
Local Match and/or Donations: \$116,511 (Highly Encouraged)  
Total Anticipated Project Costs: \$135,225

b. **Expenses:** include an itemized description and the total amount for each of the following budget categories, in the order depicted below:

EXPENSE	DESCRIPTION	Match/In-Kind /Donations	Heritage \$'s Requested
Personnel:	Crew Leader 120 hrs. x \$22.48	\$ 2,700	\$ N/A
	Maintenance Specialist 2@ 160 hrs. x \$17.13	\$ 2,741	\$ N/A
Development:	Wildlife Signage	\$ N/A	\$ 1,285
	Construction of anglers steps to boardwalk	\$ N/A	\$ 4,566
	Stabilizer for Boardwalk, ADA ramp, trail (150 tons @ \$85.75 per ton)	\$ N/A	\$ 12,863
<u>Pre-Agreement:</u>	<u>Phase 1 is completed and consists of:</u>		
	Contracted workers	\$ 19,375	\$ N/A
	Bank line restoration	\$ 39,000	\$ N/A
	Habitat turf installation and	\$ 12,695	\$ N/A
	Arizona State Park Grant Award	\$ 40,000	\$ N/A
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 116,511</b>	<b>\$ 18,714</b>



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### PRIMARY CONTACT LIST

Explanation

- Applicant must have three (3) members directed to oversee the grant project.
- Overseers must be committed for duration of the grant project time-line.
- Provide up- to- date contact information for all Overseers of the grant project.

#### PRIMARY CONTACT #1

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Project Role	Grant Writer		
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#### PRIMARY CONTACT #2

Name	Debbie Wendt	Title:	Director
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Project Role	1 <sup>st</sup> Project Director		
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#### PRIMATRY CONTACT #3

Name	Charles Flynn	Title:	Executive Director
Organization	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corporation		
Project Role	2 <sup>nd</sup> Project Director		
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		County	Yuma
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If there are changes during the grant period, Please notify Robyn Beck at [rbeck@azgfd.gov](mailto:rbeck@azgfd.gov)

Arizona Game and Fish Department  
GRANT AGREEMENT  
Approved Project Scope  
Exhibit B

Project Name: "Lower Bench West Wetlands New Developed Park Extension"  
Project Number: U16002

Listed below are the funding categories, as approved by the DEPARTMENT, for activities to be undertaken with grant funds, match and donations.

<b>Grant Funds Awarded For:</b>	
Pre-agreement	\$0
Development	\$18,714
Acquisition	\$0
Personnel	\$0
Other	\$0
<b>Total Grant Funds Awarded:</b>	<b>\$18,714</b>
Match	\$116,511

**Total Project Costs:        \$135,225**

**Special Conditions**

Project must receive clearance from the State Historic Preservation Office prior to release of funds.

To ensure the planting of only native plants and trees, a final plant list must be approved by the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Project fell at the funding line. \$18,714.00 is awarded in the DEVELOPMENT line item for the Angler's steps to the boardwalk for \$4,566 Stabilizer for boardwalk, ADA ramp trail for \$12,863.00 and \$1,285.00 for wildlife signage.

Project must be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible when possible