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## Senator Steve Farley, D-9

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## Sen. Farley: Budget invests in Arizona's natural heritage, creative spirit

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Senator Steve Farley (D-Tucson) released the following statement on the signing of a state budget that includes \$1 million each for Arizona State Parks and the Arizona Commission on the Arts, respectively. These funds are not drawn from the state's general fund, but from the interest generated by the "rainy day fund" that was created in the fiscal year 2013 budget.

"Today we celebrate a huge victory for all Arizona citizens who treasure our Arizona heritage, landscapes and creative spirit. In past years, the Arts Commission and our State Parks Board willingly sacrificed their budgets and endowments in order to help us with our recent budget crises. Now we can begin to restore some of that sacrifice so that our state can benefit from their programs once again," said Sen. Farley.

"Instead of sitting in a bank account, this money will be invested in small towns and big cities in every corner of the state, leveraging private funds to create a huge positive impact on our rural and urban communities while boosting the whole state's economy.

"I extend heartfelt thanks to Governor Jan Brewer, Senators John McComish and Steve Pierce, and Representatives Ethan Orr and Karen Fann for their special efforts working with me to make this part of the adopted budget. Many other Senators and Representatives from both parties across the state all played key parts in our victory by offering their support in key ways throughout this session."

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