

**Allocation of Wildfire Special Session Funding
Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management
Program Summary**

Program Overview

The Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) was appropriated \$75,000,000 from the General Fund in FY 2021 pursuant to Section 1 of Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1. As a condition of this appropriation, the department is required to limit their spending of these monies to six purposes related to ongoing efforts to mitigate wildfires. Another condition of this appropriation requires that the department submit a monthly report detailing its expenditures in each of the six spending categories permitted by the statute.

The 6 categories of spending to which the department is permitted to allocate funds are as follows:

- Fire suppression and pre-positioning of fire suppression equipment and staff
- Capital expenditures and equipment associated with fire suppression and pre-positioning activities for fire suppression
- Mitigation projects to address post-fire flooding and other damage that may occur as a result of fires or fire suppression activities
- A state or local government agency's emergency liabilities related to emergency sheltering, wraparound services and support activities
- Financial assistance to public and private landowners for emergency repairs for infrastructure damage resulting from fires or fire suppression activities
- Reimbursement to a state agency or political subdivision for the state agency's or political subdivision's cost-share of eligible claims arising from an emergency declared pursuant to section 35-192, Arizona Revised Statutes, or a federal declaration of emergency or major disaster

In addition to limiting the spending of the appropriated monies to these six categories of spending, two constraints were imposed on individual categories. The department may not spend more than \$10,000,000 for capital expenditures, and \$10,000,000 for financial assistance to landowners.

Expenditures

DFFM submitted its fourth report on October 15, 2021, reporting the following expenditures by category through September 2021:

Category	June	July	August	September	Total YTD
Fire suppression	\$4,507,336	\$2,239,749	\$4,252,915		\$11,000,000
Capital expenditures		897,168		1,590,000	2,487,168
Mitigation projects	1,926,286	1,584,570	2,797,951	870,493	7,179,300
Emergency liabilities					
Financial assistance					
Reimbursements					
Total	\$6,433,622	\$4,721,487	\$7,050,866	\$2,460,493	\$20,666,468

DFFM reported spending \$2,460,493 in September, \$1,590,000 of which was used to acquire 10 crew carriers. Total expenditures have reached \$20,666,468; the remaining balance of funds from the appropriation is \$54,333,532.