

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; Gila county; flood relief

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Representative Blackman

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Supplemental appropriation; Gila county; flood
3 relief efforts; reports; exemption

4 A. In addition to any other appropriation made in fiscal year
5 2025-2026, the sum of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
6 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of administration to
7 distribute to Gila county for flood relief efforts. Gila county may spend
8 the monies for:

9 1. Flood prevention.

10 2. Capital expenditures and equipment associated with flood
11 prevention.

12 3. Mitigation projects to address flooding and other damages as a
13 result of flooding.

14 4. Debris removal, sediment clearance and environmental cleanup
15 activities directly related to flood damage.

16 5. The county's or a local government agency's emergency
17 liabilities as a result of flooding, including intergovernmental
18 agreements or contracts with cities, towns or special districts.

19 6. Engineering, design, permitting and project management costs.

20 7. Financial assistance to public and private landowners for
21 emergency repairs for infrastructure damage caused by flooding.

22 8. Matching monies for federal or state grant programs that address
23 flood damage, mitigation or resiliency.

24 9. Reimbursement to a state agency or political subdivision for
25 costs for eligible claims arising from an emergency declaration pursuant
26 to section 35-192, Arizona Revised Statutes, or a federal declaration of
27 emergency or major disaster.

28 10. Not more than three percent of the appropriation made in this
29 subsection may be spent by Gila county for administrative expenses
30 incurred for the management, compliance and reporting required pursuant to
31 this section.

32 11. Economic development infrastructure in areas impacted by
33 flooding.

34 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section shall be
35 used to supplement and not supplant any monies allocated by the federal
36 government for this purpose. Gila county shall seek federal reimbursement
37 as appropriate for expenditures made from this appropriation. Any
38 reimbursements shall be credited to this appropriation.

39 C. Gila county shall distribute monies pursuant to subsection A,
40 paragraph 7 of this section only as a payor of last resort after all other
41 sources of payment, including any federal and insurance reimbursements,
42 have been exhausted.

1 D. Not later than fifteen days after the end of each month, Gila
2 county shall submit a report to the president of the senate, the speaker
3 of the house of representatives and the joint legislative budget committee
4 on expenditures from and reimbursements to the appropriation made in
5 subsection A of this section for the prior month and shall provide a copy
6 to the secretary of state. Each report shall include information
7 regarding the total expenditures and reimbursements for each paragraph
8 listed in subsection A of this section and the amount of monies remaining
9 in the appropriation.

10 E. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
11 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
12 to lapsing of appropriations.

13 Sec. 2. Emergency

14 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
15 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
16 law.