

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (HPC) PROJECT GUIDELINES

The HPC Program administers funds derived from the sale of Special Big Game Tags; these funds are used statewide for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats. Funds derived from the sale of SBGs are expended at the sole discretion of the Commission according to Arizona Administrative Code R12-4-120 D-F. Projects funded through HPC shall:

- Facilitate habitat improvement, restoration, and/or more effective management for one or more big game species
- Support landscape-scale habitat restoration and improvement where feasible
- Address specific needs identified in Management Focus Area (MFA) and other plans developed by, or in cooperation with the Department
- Have demonstrable benefit to the public as well as other wildlife species whenever possible
- Leverage capacity of external cooperators and partners to the fullest extent possible
- Be designed to ensure completion within two years of award with all necessary compliance and land management agency requirements in place before award

Projects/activities eligible for funding through HPC ^{1, 2}:

- Habitat enhancement/restoration – prescribed fire; vegetation treatment with hand, chemical, or mechanical methods; revegetation (seeding, planting); soil/slope/channel re- contouring and stabilization; protective structures for sensitive areas (e.g., exclosures, jackstrawing)
- Water Developments [catchments (Department priorities), dirt tanks, wells, springs, pipelines, and associated infrastructure] – operation and maintenance, redevelopment, new construction, and water hauling
- Structures benefitting connectivity or management for big game – construction of passage structures, fence (construction, removal, modification to facilitate movement), or other infrastructure
- Wildlife Management – capture/translocation, supplemental surveys not covered by game program funding, population management, forage enhancement
- Monitoring Efforts associated with specific HPC-funded projects

¹ project planning, compliance, and other activities will be considered on a case-by-case basis; contact the HPC Coordinator prior to submitting an application

² work completed prior to an approved project and executed agreement is not eligible

