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What is the money used for?

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Where can I purchase wildlife assets?

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How can I donate wildlife assets?

If you have horns, hides, wildlife mounts or artwork you no longer want, please consider donating them to the Wildlife Assets Program. Your donation will help protect Arizona's valuable wildlife resources by supporting law enforcement activities to deter and punish poachers and other violators of Arizona wildlife laws.

To obtain more information

Visit www.azgfd.gov/assets or call the Arizona Game and Fish Department at (623) 236-7303.

Call Operation Game Thief to report wildlife law violations

Many of the wildlife assets that come into the Department's possession are obtained from tips through the Operation Game Thief hotline. If you witness poaching or other violations of wildlife laws, please call the toll-free hotline at (800) 352-0700, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers may be eligible for a reward ranging from $50-$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of wildlife law violators. Calls may remain confidential upon request.

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