

SCHOOLYARD HABITAT FUNDING WINDOW

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT SCHOOLYARD HABITAT SCHOOLYARD Grant Proposal's – GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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SCHOOLYARD HABITAT refers to grants for projects that encourage wildlife education on school sites through the development or enhancement of urban wildlife habitats. Project proposals should request a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$10,000. Grants are limited to schools/facilities within the public school system to include charter schools. Projects should encourage wildlife education, development or enhancement of urban wildlife habitats, and involve students from planning to implementation.

Our intent is to fund projects that will give the greatest return for the Heritage funds invested consistent with the stated funding goals and objectives. There is a total of **\$37,500** available to support **SCHOOLYARD HABITAT grant proposals** submitted for the **2013 grant cycle year**.

SCHOOLYARD HABITAT Project proposals submitted must be consistent with one of more of the **Goals & Objectives** listed below in order to be fully considered:

GOAL 1: New Schoolyard Site Development

- a. The development and implementation of urban wildlife habitat on school sites or adjacent areas, which encourages use by urban wildlife species; emphasizing awareness, appreciation, and education about wildlife and habitats.
- b. Promote wildlife and habitat education through project design
 - 1) Utilize native plants that attract and support native wildlife
 - 2) Utilize and design space for outdoor learning and exploration
 - 3) Develop standards based instructional materials that support the schoolyard habitat
 - 4) Encourage and emphasize outdoor activities/time for students
- c. Student involvement on project
 - 1) Planning and Research
 - 2) Development of standards based instructional materials
 - 3) Implementation

GOAL 2: Project Enhancement and Restoration

- a. Add improvements to or restore an existing Heritage Funded schoolyard habitat site
 - 1) Viewing blinds
 - 2) Feeders
 - 3) Nest boxes
 - 4) Tortoise enclosures

- 5) Naturalistic water sources
 - 6) Nature based interpretive panels or demonstration areas
 - 7) Irrigation
 - 8) Native Plant replacement or enhancement
- b. The development of updated standards based instructional materials, signage, or supplemental education materials/resources
- 1) Create a new or revise existing instructional materials that utilize the schoolyard habitat.

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