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STATE ALLOCATES NEARLY FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO ASSIST ARIZONA'S FIRE DISTRICTS

Phoenix, AZ (12/20/2023) – The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) proudly announces nearly \$5 million in grant funding to help Arizona's fire districts with significant firefighting needs.

The funding is part of the department's newly established grant program through Senate Bill 1720 to address critical infrastructure and equipment needs for the state's recognized fire districts. Governor Katie Hobbs and the Legislature included the \$4.9 million in DFFM's most recent budget. Grant money can be used for the purchase of capital equipment necessary to respond to public safety emergencies, including fire engines and other equipment. The grant money can also be made available for construction or renovations of fire stations and emergency alert services like mobile phone applications.

"Our firefighters save countless lives every year," said Governor Katie Hobbs. "I signed SB 1720 because this funding will provide significant resources needed by our fire districts to keep Arizonans safe."

DFFM is currently taking applications through February 2, 2024, with a maximum amount of \$400,000 per awardee. All recognized Arizona fire districts are eligible to apply. For further information on the fire infrastructure and equipment grant program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/48rSmVW>.

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