

This information was provided by the USFWS in response to FOIA request #21-003639. The names of some ranchers who received assistance from the Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program were redacted, as per the FOIA response letter attached below.

CFDA Number	BASE Award Fisc	Vendor	Awards
15.631	2011	PIMA COUNTY	\$ 38,494.87
15.631	2011	ORO VALLEY, TOWN OF	\$ 18,000.00
15.631	2011	ERA EARL RANCH, INCORPORATED	\$ 38,500.00
15.631	2011	WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC	\$ 12,000.00
15.631	2011	JOHNSON CATTLE CO., L.L.C.	\$ 24,900.00
15.631	2011	R R & K KRAMME, RLLLP	\$ 24,900.00
15.631	2011	PAULA & CABOT SEDGWICK FAMILY	\$ 22,500.00
15.631	2011	BILLY WILTBANK	\$ 1,600.00
15.631	2011	WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE	\$ 24,900.00
15.631	2011	(b) (6)	\$ 15,000.00
15.631	2011	GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP	\$ 18,100.00
15.631	2011	PIMA COUNTY	\$ 39,984.00
15.631	2011	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 100,000.00
15.631	2011	(b) (6)	\$ 14,990.38
15.631	2011	WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE	\$ 18,600.00
15.631	2012	CITY OF FLAGSTAFF	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2012	FRIENDS OF VERDE RIVER GREENWAY	\$ 24,900.00
15.631	2012	SEDONA, CITY OF	\$ 24,900.00
15.631	2012	COCONINO, COUNTY OF	\$ 60,000.00
15.631	2012	(b) (6)	\$ 2,244.13
15.631	2012	(b) (6)	\$ 14,000.00
15.631	2012	BABBITT RANCHES LLC	\$ 40,000.00
15.631	2012	GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP	\$ 37,800.00
15.631	2012	(b) (6)	\$ 23,500.00
15.631	2012	(b) (6)	\$ 24,900.00
15.631	2012	SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE	\$ 30,000.00
15.631	2012	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 99,485.00
15.631	2012	NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION,	\$ 56,700.00
15.631	2013	WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2013	FRIENDS OF VERDE RIVER GREENWAY	\$ 50,000.00
15.631	2013	(b) (6)	\$ 9,500.00
15.631	2013	NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION,	\$ 104,000.00
15.631	2013	PIMA COUNTY	\$ 43,000.00
15.631	2013	SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE	\$ 30,000.00
15.631	2013	GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP	\$ 21,494.63
15.631	2013	HUMMINGBIRD MONITORING NETWORK, THE	\$ 23,000.00
15.631	2013	ERA EARL RANCH, INCORPORATED	\$ 18,156.54
15.631	2013	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 71,000.00
15.631	2014	(b) (6)	\$ 6,100.00
15.631	2014	BABBITT RANCHES LLC	\$ 40,000.00
15.631	2014	(b) (6)	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2014	(b) (6)	\$ 19,000.00
15.631	2014	WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC	\$ 30,000.00
15.631	2014	WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2014	FRIENDS OF VERDE RIVER GREENWAY	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2014	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 83,900.00

Note: The recipient listed as ERA EARL RANCH, INCORPORATED is actually Vera Earl Ranch Inc.

15.631	2014	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 30,100.00
15.631	2014	PIMA COUNTY	\$ 27,999.61
15.631	2014	NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION,	\$ 120,000.00
15.631	2014	NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2015	PIMA COUNTY	\$ 52,613.43
15.631	2015	PIMA COUNTY	\$ 5,856.01
15.631	2015	FRIENDS OF VERDE RIVER GREENWAY	\$ 30,042.79
15.631	2015	BORDERLANDS RESTORATION, L3C, LLC	\$ 50,000.00
15.631	2015	SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE	\$ 35,500.00
15.631	2015	(b) (6)	\$ 16,263.47
15.631	2015	(b) (6)	\$ 11,104.79
15.631	2015	PATAGONIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 7,500.00
15.631	2015	TRANSITION ZONE HORTICULTURAL	\$ 20,800.00
15.631	2015	GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP OF AZ	\$ 55,000.00
15.631	2015	GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP OF AZ	\$ 32,900.00
15.631	2015	NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION,	\$ 120,000.00
15.631	2016	BORDERLANDS RESTORATION, L3C, LLC	\$ 51,000.00
15.631	2016	BORDERLANDS RESTORATION, L3C, LLC	\$ 14,000.00
15.631	2016	TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY	\$ 47,000.00
15.631	2016	SWEETWATER CENTER	\$ 11,000.00
15.631	2016	SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE	\$ 60,000.00
15.631	2016	CIENEGA RANCH, L.L.C.	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2017	ALTAR VALLEY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE	\$ 39,000.00
15.631	2017	TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY	\$ 18,000.00
15.631	2017	BAR T BAR RANCH, INC.	\$ 40,000.00
15.631	2017	NAVAJO NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT,	\$ 17,921.10
15.631	2017	NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.	\$ 8,200.00
15.631	2017	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 97,000.00
15.631	2017	COCONINO, COUNTY OF	\$ 4,500.00
15.631	2017	COCONINO, COUNTY OF	\$ 20,000.00
15.631	2017	SKY ISLAND ALLIANCE	\$ 20,000.00
15.631	2017	BABBITT RANCHES LLC	\$ 29,870.00
15.631	2017	ARAVAIPA WATERSHED CONSERVATION	\$ 9,000.00
15.631	2017	(b) (6)	\$ 11,500.00
15.631	2017	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 5,000.00
15.631	2018	ERA EARL RANCH, INCORPORATED	\$ 50,000.00
15.631	2018	BAR T BAR RANCH, INC.	\$ 23,661.40
15.631	2018	NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION,	\$ 42,000.00
15.631	2018	GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY	\$ 30,000.00
15.631	2018	PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.	\$ 100,000.00
15.631	2018	DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC., THE	\$ 28,219.43
15.631	2018	DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN, INC., THE	\$ 6,046.00
15.631	2018	GIRL SCOUTS ARIZONA CATCUS PINE	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2019	(b) (6)	\$ 10,292.00
15.631	2019	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 200,000.00
15.631	2019	FRED PHILLIPS CONSULTING LLC	\$ 25,000.00

15.631	2019	PHEASANTS FOREVER, INC.	\$ 100,000.00
15.631	2020	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 195,000.00
15.631	2020	LA OSA LAND AND CATTLE COMPANY LLC	\$ 25,000.00
15.631	2020	TUCSON AUDUBON SOCIETY	\$ 5,000.00
15.631	2020	ARIZONA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED,	\$ 5,000.00
15.631	2021	GAME AND FISH, ARIZONA DEPT OF	\$ 154,620.00



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Mr. Jeffrey Burgess
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Dear Mr. Burgess:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated April 18, 2021, in which you seek the following:

“... a list of the financial assistance awarded from the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program to all Arizona recipients from 2000 to 2020. In addition to the names of the recipients, please provide the dollar amounts they each received - by year. I would prefer to receive this information in the form of an Excel spreadsheet file, but that's just a suggestion.”

Your FOIA request was assigned tracking number DOI-FWS-2021-003639.

Response

We have enclosed one file consisting of three pages, which is being released, but withheld in part under exemption 6 of the FOIA, as described below. The information provided in this response is a list of financial assistance awards from 2011 to present. The award data for these years is stored electronically, allowing for a report to be generated. The financial assistance awards for 2000 to 2010 are not in an electronic format nor is there a list of awards for those years. The FOIA does not require agencies to do research, answer written questions, or in any other way create records (such as lists or statistics) in order to respond to a request. As such, we are unable to comply with this portion of your request.

Exemption 6

Based on this office's review, we reasonably foresee that disclosure of certain information in a document that falls under this request would harm an interest protected by one or more of the nine exemptions to the FOIA's general rule of disclosure. Accordingly, from the responsive record, a portion is partially redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption (b)(6), as described below.

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). We are withholding one record (consisting of three pages) in part under Exemption 6.

The phrase "similar files" covers any agency records containing information about a particular individual that can be identified as applying to that individual. To determine whether releasing records containing information about a particular individual would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to balance the privacy interest that would be affected by disclosure against any public interest in the information.

Under the FOIA, the only relevant public interest to consider under the exemption is the extent to which the information sought would shed light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties or otherwise let citizens 'know what their government is up to. The burden is on the requester to establish that disclosure would serve the public interest. When the privacy interest at stake and the public interest in disclosure have been determined, the two competing interests must be weighed against one another to determine which is the greater result of disclosure: the harm to personal privacy or the benefit to the public. The purposes for which the request for information is made do not impact this balancing test, as a release of information requested under the FOIA constitutes a release to the general public.

The information that has been withheld under Exemption 6 consists of private landowner names, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in withholding it. Additionally, you have not provided information that explains a relevant public interest under the FOIA in the disclosure of this personal information and we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties. Because the harm to personal privacy is greater than whatever public interest may be served by disclosure, release of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals and we are withholding it under Exemption 6.

The undersigned is responsible for this partial denial. This response to your FOIA request was made in consultation with Justin Tade, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Solicitor, Southwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior (Department).

Mediation Services

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litigation and does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Natasha Alcantara, at 888-603-7119.

Appeal Rights

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal no later than 90 workdays from the date of this letter. Appeals arriving or delivered after 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and the Service concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and the Service's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and the Service will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer determines (in the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer's sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal.

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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

This completes the Service's response. The fees incurred in responding to your request have been waived in accordance with 43 C.F.R. §2.37. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Government Information Specialist, David Tischer, by email at david_tischer@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

FOIA Coordinator