

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 |
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| 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.

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| 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 |

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| 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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July 13, 2021

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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

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue

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.

Mr. Jeffrey Burgess

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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