

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL



STATE BOARD MEETING DATE March 25, 2013

SUBJECT: Arizona Agricultural Youth Organization Special Plate Fund (Annually Reoccurring)

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Brown, Deputy Associate Superintendent

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

Name of Contracting Parties: Arizona FFA Association

Purpose: To provide funds to student career and technical education organizations (FFA) that promote agricultural education programs at middle schools, junior high schools and high schools in this state, that connect students to careers in science, business and the technology of agriculture and that develop student leadership opportunities in agriculture FFA Chapters in Arizona.

Contract Amount: Total approximately \$49,470 to be transferred from the Department of Transportation in a Companion Transfer Document. Of that amount up to \$500 is to be allocated to cover administrative fees for the Arizona Department of Education associated with processing the funds.

Source of Funds: Authorizing Legislation:

15-791. Arizona agricultural youth organization special plate fund

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The Arizona FFA business council working with the Arizona Legislature was able to have this law passed during last year's session. Their aim was to provide leadership funding for the Arizona Association FFA and to promote both agriculture and the FFA.

This request is to withdraw the first amount of funds from the special plate fund for the FFA.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW: Approval for funding from Arizona agricultural youth organization special plate fund (Arizona FFA)

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []

CONTRACT ABSTRACT

This is a proposed contract between the State Board for Vocational and Technological Education per A.R.S. § 15-791 and the following and the Arizona FFA Association.

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A. The Arizona agricultural youth organization special plate fund is established consisting of monies received pursuant to section 28-2436. The state board of education acting as the state board for vocational and technological education shall administer the fund. The first thirty-two thousand dollars in the fund shall be reimbursed to the entity that provides the thirty-two thousand dollars to the department of transportation pursuant to section 28-2436. Not more than ten per cent of monies deposited in the fund annually shall be used for the cost of administering the fund. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated. The state board of education acting as the state board for vocational and technological education shall annually allocate monies from the fund, excluding administrative fees, to student career and technical education organizations that promote agricultural education programs at middle schools, junior high schools and high schools in this state, that connect students to careers in science, business and the technology of agriculture and that develop student leadership opportunities in agriculture. The organizations shall use the allocated monies for the organizations' operations and activities and for student scholarships.

B. On notice from the state board of education acting as the state board for vocational and technological education, the state treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

ADDITIONALLY:

The establishing entity that provided the \$32,000 to the Transportation Department was the Arizona Association FFA; therefore they are the designee to receive the funds from the sale of the plate. The Arizona Association FFA is also the only Department of Education student organization that is a "student career and technical education organizations that promote agricultural education programs at middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools in this state, that connect students to careers in science,

business and the technology of agriculture and that develop student leadership opportunities in agriculture.” ARS 15-791 was developed for the benefit of the Arizona Association FFA by the agriculture industry.

Responsible Unit at Department of Education:

Division Director: Dan Brown, CTE/SII Director
Program Contact: Tyler Grandil, State FFA Advisor

Dates of Contract:

The agreement shall take effect when approved by the Board.

Explanation of Contract:

Previous Contract History

The Arizona FFA and Agricultural Education programs in Arizona, in an effort to better publicize, promote and encourage career in Agriculture and Agribusiness started a license plate program to raise funds. After five years of hard work their efforts paid off when the Arizona Cattle Feeders Association in conjunction with several other agriculture businesses had a bill sponsored for a specialty license plate that would benefit the Arizona Association FFA. These organizations believed the Arizona FFA was the best-known way to promote agriculture. Thus a bill was passed in 2010 that allowed this specialty plate. So far over 1200 individuals and businesses have requested and received this plate. The Arizona FFA is now requesting funds in order to continue promoting agriculture in Arizona.

Number Affected (Students, Teachers, and Public, as appropriate)

79 FFA Chapters, 102 teachers/advisors, 9,500 students

Method of Determining Contract Amounts

Funds are requested from the Department of Transportation for the amount that has been collected to date.

Evaluation Plan

The Arizona Association FFA is under the supervision of the Department of Education, Career & Technical Education Division, CTSO Team.

Board Action Requested

It is requested that the State Board of Vocational Education approve the disbursement of \$95,000 as described above.

**ARIZONA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION SPECIAL PLATE FUND
REQUEST
March 2013**

AGENCY

AMOUNT REQUESTED

Arizona FFA Association

\$49,470