

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**, and to the general public, that the **PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, January 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1.	Call to Order	Patricia Duarte, Chair
2.	Approval of Minutes	
	a. Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee Summary Minutes - January 19, 2024 This item is for action.	Patricia Duarte, Chair

3.	Approval of the 2024 Independent Accountant's Report on Examination of an Assertion This item is for information, discussion and action.	Rachel Ormsby / Josh Findlay Forvis Mazars
4.	Review of FY 2023-24 Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Projects. This item is for information and discussion.	Cynthia Aguilar / Todd Shackelford
5.	Committee Chairperson's Report The Chairperson will verbally present comments or requests to the Committee. This item is for information only.	Patricia Duarte, Chair
6.	Committee Comments/Requests The Chairperson will entertain Committee member comments or requests. This item is for information only.	Patricia Duarte, Chair
7.	Call to the Public The Committee shall receive items of consideration, discussion and/or complaint. <i>(Those desiring to address the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee should have informed staff in advance of the meeting by following the instructions on this notice.)</i> Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and/or decision at a later date.	Patricia Duarte, Chair
8.	Adjournment	Patricia Duarte, Chair

For further information or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Mary Alejandro, Management Assistant I, Parks and Recreation Department at 602-534-5292 or TTY: 7-1-1.

January 21, 2025

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE (PPPI) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
January 19, 2024

Phoenix Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix AZ 85003
and Virtual on WebEx

Committee Members:

Patricia Duarte, Chair
Ira Feldman
John Furniss
Sarah Porter
Gary Kaasa

COP Staff:

Cynthia Aguilar
Martin Whitfield
Tracee Hall
Theresa Faulk
Todd Shackelford
Seidy Dominguez
Mary Alejandro
Tannia Ruiz
Robin Kelley
Paul Li
Selina Demmert
Ray Ficaglia
Ken Haack
Wendy Jankunas
Jackie Jacquez
Sylvia Hockey
Jarod Rogers
Scott Coughlin
Joe Diaz

Others Present

Rachel Ormsby
Jerry Van Gasse

Absent:

None

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Patricia Duarte called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee Summary Minutes – January 19, 2022**
- b. Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee Summary Minutes – January 30, 2023.**

Committee Member Furniss made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

Item 2a – January 19, 2022 minutes: Remove one of the two times Theresa Faull is listed under COP Staff.

Item 2b – January 30, 2023 minutes: Replace the “C” in Cember with a “M” at the top of page 3, under Item 3.

Committee Member Kaasa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. Approval of the 2023 Independent Accountant’s Report on Examination of an Assertion

PRD Management Services Deputy Director Theresa Faull introduced Rachel Ormsby with FORVIS to share her findings.

Ms. Ormsby reviewed the 2023 Independent Certified Accountant’s Report. She confirmed the Parks and Recreation Department (PRD)’s compliance with the usage requirements of PPPI funds as established in Proposition 101 amended by Proposition A on July 1, 2008. She stated the examination was completed in accordance with attestation standards required by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Ms. Ormsby explained testing was performed on randomly selected samples of transactions. She believed 30 samples were tested and all were found to have no violations, issues or findings.

She stated the City also receives an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) audit in accordance with government auditing standards and that the PPPI activity is included in the report under the Parks and Preserves Capital Projects Fund and is subject to annual audit procedures. A copy of the full report has been provided to all committee members in advance.

Ms. Ormsby drew attention to page 4 of the examination which displayed a summary of expenditures and encumbrances. The total of \$40,236,000 also tied to the ACFR exhibit. She explained how the two reports with same total shows that results are a match which is also part of the audit.

Chairperson Duarte thanked Ms. Ormsby and invited Committee members to share their questions or comments.

Member Furniss stated that based on Ms. Ormsby’s overview, FORVIS examined approximately 25 percent of the projects. He asked if she knew the total value of the projects that were examined.

Ms. Ormsby replied that though she did not have that information readily available, she could get the information back to the Committee members. She added that

every project is subject to a random sample and reiterated that they looked at 30 projects and during the exam they drilled into the makeup of each project as part of the review. She stated that FORVIS will add this information to future reports as well.

Committee Member Furniss stated that in the report some of the projects have sufficient detail in their scope descriptions while others are broader. He asked Ms. Ormsby if she felt this was sufficient description considering the large amounts of funds for the projects.

Ms. Ormsby replied that the information for each project is based on how City staff set up each project. She added that the descriptions could be more detailed.

Deputy Director Faull stated that when a project is set up, the tool used for capturing this information limits the number of characters that can be entered into each field. However, within the system there is more detail provided for each project.

Committee Member Furniss suggested that for future reports he would like to see more information and description for each project.

Deputy Director Faull stated staff would keep this in mind for next year's report.

Committee Member Kaasa asked Ms. Ormsby if she could share what type of items within the examination might raise a red flag to FORVIS and asked for an example.

Ms. Ormsby shared that it comes down to reviewing the details and looking for items or things that are obvious or do not make sense. She stated that if there are items that do not go hand-in-hand with the task this would raise a flag. She shared an example: projects for fire or police that are not connected to Parks in their description could raise a red flag. She concluded that during the exam FORVIS did not observe these types of items.

Chairperson Duarte inquired why there were two entries for Parks Development and PPPI.

Deputy Director Faull responded that funds are separated into two categories: flatland and preserves which is why it appeared as two entries.

With the conclusion of this discussion, Committee Member John Furniss made a motion to approve the report. Committee Member Gary Kaasa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Review of FY 2022-2023 PPPI Projects and Overview of Planned Projects for FY 2023-24

Director Aguilar provided PRD's inventory data which included flatland parks, preserve acreage, trails, facilities, pools, play structures, athletic fields and lighting data. Additionally she presented the list and overview of PPPI completed projects. Completed projects in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 included the following:

- Cesar Chavez Community Center
- Dreamy Draw
- Gila Valley Lookout
- Little Canyon Park
- Sandpiper Pickleball Courts & Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Solano Park Skate Park
- Splash Pads – El Oso Park & Mariposa Park

Committee Member Furniss commented he had a chance to visit the new Cesar Chavez Community Center and found it to be beautiful.

Committee Member Feldman asked if there is a fee for use of exercise.

Director Aguilar responded that there are class fees and annual fees.

Committee Member Feldman shared that he recently went hiking and appreciated that the trail site had accessibility for those with disabilities.

Director Aguilar introduced Deputy Director Todd Shackelford to continue the presentation with current projects underway in FY 2023-24.

Deputy Director Shackelford highlighted the following projects and provided an overview of each:

- Eastlake Pool Renovation
- Highline Park (formerly Circle K Park)
- Roadrunner Park
- North Mountain Park
- South Mountain Activity Center
- La Pradera Park
- Paradise Valley Park

Council Member Kaasa shared that he and his wife visited Lookout Mountain on Monday. He commented that the park was filled with people and that is what we need to remember, that these parks are about people and they are so important for the community.

Chairperson Duarte concurred with Committee Member Kaasa and thanked staff for their work.

Committee Member Furniss added that making sure what is being spent is what is wanted by constituents is an important part and tremendous credit is given to staff.

5. Committee Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Duarte shared that Committee Member Furniss has been selected to serve on another City committee: Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee.

6. Committee Comments/Requests

Committee Member Feldman stated that he lives near Reach 11 Park and would like to see improvements to the park such as shelter and rest areas. He commented that crossing Tatum Road to the park is difficult and unsafe.

7. Call to the Public

Public Speaker Jerry Van Gasse commented on his concerns with the audit/examination and the Committee's role, the lack of transparency and accountability and his desire to request the Committee be dissolved. He also voiced concern over the timing of the meeting notification.

Chairperson Duarte stated the agenda was posted per City Open Meeting Law rules.

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Duarte adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Pending Committee Approval

City of Phoenix, Arizona

Independent Accountant's Report on Examination of an Assertion

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Pending Committee Approval

City of Phoenix, Arizona
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Independent Accountant's Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Phoenix, Arizona

We have examined management of the City of Phoenix's assertion that the City is in compliance with the usage requirements of the Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative (PPPI) funds for the year ended June 30, 2024, as established by *Proposition 101* passed on September 7, 1999, and amended by *Proposition A* effective July 1, 2008. The City's management is responsible for its compliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's compliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management complied with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's compliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance with the usage requirements of the PPPI funds, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the City is in compliance with the usage requirements of PPPI funds, as established by *Proposition 101* passed on September 7, 1999, and amended by *Proposition A* effective July 1, 2008, is fairly stated, in all material respects.

The PPPI expenditures and encumbrances as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, which were examined on a test basis, are summarized in the accompanying schedule.

Dallas, Texas
December 27, 2024

Pending Committee Approval

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
Expenditures and Encumbrances
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Project #	Description	Expense Recovery	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Total
PA75200711	South Mountain Activity Complex	\$ -	\$ 2,814	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,002,814
PA75200185	General Park Development	(6,302)	729,758	5,946,902	6,670,358
PA75200185	General Park Development	-	442,161	4,142,614	4,584,775
PA75200675	La Pradera Park Improvements	-	444,461	3,732,222	4,176,683
PA75200616	Roadrunner Park Renovation	-	3,294,885	210,126	3,505,011
PA75200401	Security Lights	-	2,503,884	857,660	3,361,544
PA75300235	Building Repairs	(457)	2,944,677	197,459	3,141,679
PA75300230	Sports Field Infrastructure	-	8,550	3,085,397	3,093,947
PA75200588	Ho-E Park	-	47,757	2,513,334	2,561,091
PA75300247	SMEEC Exhibit Space Renovation	-	519,723	1,860,339	2,380,062
PA75200709	Papago Park Dam Repair	-	532,859	1,510,111	2,042,970
PA75200739	Deer Valley Community Center	-	1,146,647	827,465	1,974,112
7460200002	Mountain Parks/Preserves	(48)	1,873,801	17,770	1,891,523
PA75200398	Playgrounds	(656)	1,230,118	626,680	1,856,142
PA75200661	Little Canyon Park Renovation	-	1,421,167	341,255	1,762,422
PA75200681	Laveen Heritage Park	-	-	1,635,000	1,635,000
PA75200537	ADA Improvements	-	1,249,534	347,394	1,596,928
PA75200687	Encanto Park Lake Renovation	-	1,069,003	295,340	1,364,343
PA75200615	Paradise Valley Community Center	(82)	1,235,580	98,923	1,334,421
PA77150023	South Mountain Park Improvements	(328,959)	656,378	786,992	1,114,412
PA75200665	Code of Conduct Signage in All Parks	(173)	734,773	337,159	1,071,759
PA75300243	Preserve Edge Protection	-	186,725	859,591	1,046,316
PA75200780	Sueno Park Lighting Infrastructure	-	-	1,014,416	1,014,416
PA75200716	Acoma Park Improvements	-	11,555	964,521	976,076
7460103334	PPPI-NRD – Flatland Parks	(299)	764,943	69,592	834,237
PA75200245	Rio Salado Oeste	-	825,000	-	825,000
7460200001	Sonoran Preserves	-	812,106	2,062	814,168
PA75200693	Rio Salado Park Improvements	-	151,343	566,751	718,094
7460103333	PPPI-NRD – Sonoran Preserve	-	708,753	1,279	710,032
PA75200743	Pecos Comm. Ctr. HVAC Replacement	-	201,740	497,581	699,322
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI	-	641,125	-	641,125
PA75200742	S'edav Va'aki Museum HVAC HC Imp.	-	107,397	527,421	634,818
7450202201	Cortez Pool	-	601,770	1,560	603,331
PA75200538	Cesar Chavez Community Center	144	516,316	61,682	578,142
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI	-	511,258	-	511,258
PA75300121	Irrigation - Water Savings	15	423,925	50,008	473,949
PA75300122	Parking Lots	-	208,448	226,446	434,895
PA75300231	Phoenix Mountain Preserves Improvement	-	365,661	68,642	434,303
PA75200747	Bursera Trailhead Parking Lot	-	44,532	369,944	414,476
PA75200738	Maryvale Community Center	(893)	325,633	81,066	405,806
PA75200618	Hoshoni Park Renovation	-	401,066	-	401,066
PA75200608	South Mountain Community Center	-	124,242	255,709	379,950
PA75200659	Sport Court Improvements	-	120,034	244,711	364,745
PA75200491	Falcon Park Renovation	-	94,845	245,418	340,262
7450403333	PPPI-S – Neighborhood Renewal	-	328,788	1,261	330,049
PA75200781	University Park and Museum Renovation	-	319,399	10,118	329,517
PA75200543	Edison Park Improvements	-	310,183	-	310,183
PA75200535	Washington Park Improvements	-	71,980	236,168	308,148
PA75200680	Harvest Park	-	306,581	-	306,581
PA75300226	Golf Infrastructure	(105)	289,713	15,318	304,926
PA75200672	Holiday Park Center Improvements	-	297,917	-	297,917
PA75200701	Esteban Park Improvements	-	75,047	221,789	296,837
PA75200639	Granada Park Renovation	-	30,745	262,216	292,960
PA75200736	AZ Science Center Café HVAC	-	96,035	196,458	292,493
PA75300225	Aquatic Infrastructure Improvements	-	18,998	265,806	284,804
PA75200775	Pinnacle Dog Park Turf Management	-	-	282,730	282,730
PA75200745	Cave Creek Playground	-	302	269,393	269,695
7450405562	Hermoso Center	-	268,230	200	268,431

Pending Committee Approval

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
Expenditures and Encumbrances
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense Recovery</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Total</u>
PA75200569	Sweetwater Park Improvements	-	67,694	185,430	253,124
7450150101	Tres Rios	-	242,505	(2,111)	240,394
PA75200734	Starlight Park Restroom Design	-	104,596	124,128	228,725
PA75200614	Sun Ray Park Improvements	-	11,075	216,173	227,247
PA75200732	S.M. Env Education Ctr. HVAC	-	206,575	11,545	218,120
PA75200722	Washington Activity Center HVAC	-	208,209	9,724	217,934
PA75300209	Trees - Citywide Planting	(340)	185,937	20,060	205,657
PA75200666	Solano Park Perimeter	-	41,974	161,620	203,595
PA75150049	Spider Trails	-	69,997	121,036	191,033
7440305550	Tarver Learning Center	-	190,092	842	190,935
PA75200723	Santa Maria Park Improvements	-	60,679	128,902	189,581
PA75300234	Preserve Infrastructure	-	-	184,860	184,860
7470103333	PPPI-STM – Youth Sports	-	179,705	384	180,089
PA75200568	Surrey Park Renovation	-	57,598	120,685	178,282
PA75200702	Hayden Park Improvements	-	55,852	109,868	165,720
PA75200683	Lone Mountain Park	-	205	162,945	163,150
PA75200559	Pierce Park Renovation	-	30,533	132,389	162,923
PA75200699	Lindo Park Improvements	-	9,759	148,596	158,355
PA75200737	Beuf Community Center	(34,000)	186,636	-	152,636
PA75200558	Perry Park Renovation	-	38,030	108,361	146,392
PA75200713	Sandpiper Park Pickle Ball Courts	-	45,952	94,948	140,900
7440305615	Winship House	(5,014)	115,720	24,327	135,032
7450505710	Pinnacle Park	-	124,737	116	124,853
AR74000029	Rio Salado Bike/Ped. Bridge Public Art	-	44,013	70,000	114,013
PA75200638	Christy Cove Renovation	-	61,034	51,060	112,094
PA75200749	JFG Mech & Water Treatment Sys	-	32,698	78,387	111,084
PA75200613	Kipok Park Renovation	-	39,741	70,532	110,273
PA75200657	Parks Master Plan	-	69,082	25,573	94,654
PA75200553	Margaret T Hance Park Renovation	-	43	83,987	84,030
AR74000017	Civic Space Park Sculpture	-	82,196	-	82,196
7450406301	Echo Canyon Trail Head	-	64,323	15,882	80,205
7460103335	PPPI-NRD – Neighborhood Renewal	-	80,730	(1,739)	78,991
PA75200612	North Mountain Park Improvements	-	56,866	9,263	66,128
PA77150024	Sonoran Preserve Master Plan	-	61,260	-	61,260
PA75200735	Aguila Golf Course Kitchen HVAC Redsgn	-	50,847	3,921	54,768
PA75200725	Duppa House Improvements	-	18,271	34,597	52,869
PA75200640	Longview Park Building	21	12,774	36,869	49,664
PA75200733	Maryvue Volleyball Court Addition	-	46,369	2,685	49,054
7450405572	Lindo Park - Recreation	-	46,050	336	46,386
7430150000	Parks Initiative Program	-	39,519	1,636	41,155
7440405710	Deer Valley Dog Park – Maintenance	-	40,209	-	40,209
AR74000019	Mountain Preserve Enhance Public Art Prj	-	36,363	-	36,363
AR74000028	Lone Mountain Park Public Art	-	35,722	-	35,722
PA75200556	Momo Park Improvements	-	33,205	-	33,205
PA75200719	Eastlake Pool Renovation	-	27,420	-	27,420
PA75200674	La Pradera Park Area	-	25,228	-	25,228
PA75200717	Heritage Park ADA Pavers	-	24,765	-	24,765
PA75100171	Preserve Land Acquisition	-	20,511	-	20,511
PA75200700	Hance Garden	-	17,409	2,704	20,113
PA75200746	SISP Memorial Hall Renovations	-	18,625	-	18,625
7440305613	Hance Park Dog Park	-	16,516	-	16,516
PA75200428	Parks Signage	-	9,134	7,024	16,158
AR74000026	Laveen Heritage Park Public Art Proj.	-	15,933	-	15,933
PA75200730	Piestewa Roadway & Ped. Bridge	-	11,878	-	11,878
PA75200757	Margaret T Hance Park Renovation	-	-	11,586	11,586

Pending Committee Approval

City of Phoenix, Arizona
Summarized Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative
Expenditures and Encumbrances
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Continued)

<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense Recovery</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Total</u>
PA75200715	Pueblo Grande Maintenance	-	11,276	-	11,276
PA75200724	Laveen Conveyance Channel Improvements	-	8,941	-	8,941
PA75200720	Phoenix Center for the Arts	-	8,048	-	8,048
PA75200668	Highline Park Improvements	-	6,406	-	6,406
7450305710	PV Dog Park – Maintenance	-	5,453	(602)	4,851
PA75200677	Sunridge Park Track	-	3,865	-	3,865
AR74000020	Eastlake Park Aquatics Public Art Project	-	3,164	-	3,164
PA75200718	PV Park Infrastructure	-	3,073	-	3,073
AR74000028	Lone Mountain Park Public Art	-	1,850	-	1,850
PA75150052	Cholla Trail Design	-	1,765	-	1,765
AR74000030	Lookout Mtn. Park Public Art Proj.	-	1,582	-	1,582
PA75200684	Splash Pads	-	1,309	-	1,309
PA75200714	Kuban Park Improvements	-	1,162	-	1,162
PA75200654	Desert Horizon Park	-	975	-	975
PA75200609	West Plaza Park	-	536	-	536
7450405570	Lindo Park – Maintenance	-	513	-	513
7460200004	Camelback Mountain	-	487	-	487
PA75200552	Madison Park Renovation	-	482	-	482
PA75200580	Reach 11 Dog Park	-	277	-	277
PA75200708	Cielito Park Fencing	-	179	-	179
7430160000	Parks Dev Mountain Preserve	-	2,099	(1,974)	125
PA75200731	Maryvale Playground	-	47	-	47
PA75200584	La Pradera Park Maintenance	-	(324)	-	(324)
PA75200726	Washington Activity Ctr. Improvements	(1,799)	1,041	-	(758)
PA75200671	Desert Willow Park Renovations	-	(1,815)	-	(1,815)
Total Program Expenditures					\$ 85,513,659
Operating Transfers					\$ 61,493,064
Operating Transfers					24,020,595
Total Expenditures Including Transfers Out					\$ 85,513,659



To: Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative Oversight Committee

Date: January 27, 2025

From: Cynthia Aguilar, Director

Subject: REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PHOENIX PARKS AND PRESERVE INITIATIVE PROJECTS

This report provides the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative (PPPI) Oversight Committee with highlights of projects completed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 with the use of PPPI funds.

BACKGROUND

The Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative (PPPI) is a voter-approved increase in the privilege license tax rate (sales tax) by one-tenth of one penny. The initiative was established to fund the development, improvement, maintenance, and operation of regional and neighborhood parks to enhance community safety and recreation, as well as to purchase lands for the Phoenix Mountain and Desert Preserves. A key stipulation of the PPPI is that the funds cannot be used for non-City facilities.

Initially approved in 1999 for a 10-year period, the ordinance allocated 60% of the funds for preserves and 40% for flatland park facilities. In 2008, voters extended the initiative for an additional 30 years, expiring in 2038, and adjusted the allocation percentages, designating 60% for flatland park facilities and 40% for preserves.

DISCUSSION

The reallocation of funds under the extended PPPI reflects the evolving priorities of the City of Phoenix. The increased funding for flatland park facilities (60%) enables the completion of regional parks initiated under the original 1999 PPPI, as well as the acquisition and development of new parks. This funding also supports critical enhancements, such as the addition of shade structures, expanded green spaces, new recreational features, shaded pedestrian and bike paths, and recreation programs aimed at youth engagement to combat drugs, gangs, and crime. Additional resources are directed toward Park Rangers, security, lighting, and maintenance, improving safety and usability across park facilities.

The remaining 40% of the funds are allocated to mountain and desert preserves. These funds ensure the purchase of land for preservation, the construction of trailheads, trails, parking, and interpretive centers, and the continuation of the Sonoran Preserve Master Plan. This allocation also enhances Ranger presence, security, and maintenance of the preserves to protect natural resources and improve visitor experiences.

In FY 23-24, PPPI funding supported the successful completion of several significant projects. These include the renovation of parks and facilities to enhance community usability. Some highlights include:

- Cave Creek Larkspur and Sweetwater Playgrounds
 - Replaced playground structures and updated sidewalks to comply with ADA regulations.
- Encanto Park ADA Playground
 - Installed an ADA accessible playground.
- Falcon Park
 - Installed new restroom, sports court, playground, parking lot maintenance and LED lighting.
- Hoshoni Park
 - Installed new playground, parking lot, irrigation and lighting improvements.
- La Pradera Park
 - Installed a new restroom, fitness equipment, sports courts and LED lighting.
- Roadrunner Park
 - Renovation of restroom, tennis courts, ramadas, parking lot and lighting; made ADA improvements; and performed lake edging, depth and infrastructure.
- Deer Valley Community Center
 - Renovation of flooring, paint and lighting.
- Maryvale Community Center
 - Renovation of flooring, paint, restroom remodel and lighting.
- Pecos Park Community Center
 - Replaced the HVAC system.
- Paradise Valley Community Center
 - Interior and exterior building improvements.
- South Mountain Visitor Center
 - Replaced 10 heating, ventilation and air conditioning units.

These accomplishments illustrate the initiative's continued impact in addressing both urban and natural recreation needs, reinforcing its importance to the Phoenix community. **Attachment A** contains descriptions of all projects utilizing PPPI funding in FY 23-24.

RECOMMENDATION

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Project No.	Project Name	Project Description
PA75200711	South Mountain Activity Complex	Remodel ramadas, restrooms, and parking lot.
PA75200185	General Park Development (Fund 1022)	Construct park projects as needs are identified.
PA75200185	General Park Development (Fund 1437)	Construct park projects as needs are identified.
PA75200675	La Pradera Park Improvements	New restroom, fitness equipment, sports courts and LED lighting.
PA75200616	Roadrunner Park Renovations	Area lighting, parking lot, ramada, tennis court, restroom facility, and lake and ADA accessibility improvements.
PA75200401	Security Lights	Retrofit LED security and pathway lighting citywide.
PA75300235	Building Repairs	Repair citywide park building infrastructure.
PA75300230	Sports Field Infrastructure	Repair sports field infrastructure citywide.
PA75200588	Ho-E Park	Area lighting, playground, landscape and irrigation improvements.
PA75300247	SMEEC Exhibit Space Renovation	Design and implement renovations to exhibit space at South Mountain Visitor Center.
PA75200709	Papago Park Dam Repair	Evaluate and repair the dams.
PA75200739	Deer Valley Community Center	Renovate flooring, paint, and lighting.
7460200002	Mountain Parks/Preserves	Staffing and operating costs for park rangers and trailheads.
PA75200398	Playgrounds	Replace playground equipment citywide.
PA75200661	Little Canyon Park Renovation	Playground, parking lot, area lighting, ramada, site furnishing, landscape, irrigation and ADA improvements.
PA75200681	Laveen Heritage Park	New park at 71st Avenue and Meadows Loop.
PA75200537	ADA Improvements	Correct ADA deficiencies at park facilities.
PA75200687	Encanto Park Lake Renovation	Evaluate existing pump equipment, dredge the lake bottom, and repair leaks.
PA75200615	Paradise Valley Community Center	Interior and exterior building improvements.
PA77150023	South Mountain Park Improvements	Complete ranger station, picnic area, parking lot and trailhead improvements.
PA75200665	Code of Conduct Signage in All Parks	Install of Code of Conduct signs in all parks.
PA75300243	Preserve Edge Protection	Fencing preserve boundaries to maintain the integrity of the preserve
PA75200780	Sueno Park Lighting Infrastructure	Replace pathway, area lighting infrastructure, poles and fixtures.
PA75200716	Acoma Park Improvements	Install two new ramadas and resurface the parking lot.
7460103334	PPPI-NRD-FlatlandPks	PPPI (Fund 1022) Funded Park Ranger positions
PA75200245	Rio Salado Oeste	Study for Rio Salado Oeste.
7460200001	Sonoran Preserves	Staffing and supplies expenditures for Park Rangers.
PA75200693	Rio Salado Park Improvements	Implement improvements to trailheads, parking, lighting, and erosion control.
7460103333	PPPI-NRD-SonoranPres	PPPI funded Park Ranger positions
PA75200743	Pecos Comm. Ctr. HVAC Replacement	Replace HVAC equipment.

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PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI (Fund 1022)	Salary transfers and central service fees (Finance) out of operating costs.
PA75200742	S'edav Va'aki Museum HVAC and HC Imp.	Design and install improvements to HVAC and humidity control systems.
7450202201	Cortez Pool	Operating costs.
PA75200538	Cesar Chavez Community Center	Construction cost for the new community center.
PA75200393	Parks Development PPPI (Fund 1437)	Salary transfers and central service fees (Finance) out of operating costs.
PA75300121	Irrigation - Water Savings	Upgrade irrigation systems for water savings citywide.
PA75300122	Parking Lots	Renovate Parks and Recreation Department parking lots citywide.
PA75300231	Phoenix Mountain Preserve Improvements	Restroom, picnic area, parking lot and trailhead improvements.
PA75200747	Bursera Trailhead Parking Lot	Install temporary trailhead parking.
PA75200738	Maryvale Community Center	Renovate flooring, paint, restroom remodel and lighting.
PA75200618	Hoshoni Park Renovations	Playground, parking lot, irrigation and lighting improvements.
PA75200608	South Mountain Community Center	Interior and exterior building improvements.
PA75200659	Sport Court Improvements	Citywide sports court repairs or conversions.
PA75200491	Falcon Park Renovation	New restroom, new sport courts, playground, parking lot maintenance, LED lighting
7450403333	PPPI-S-Neighborhood Renewal	Staffing for programs in underserved areas of the city (Faye Gray, Muriel Smith Centers).
PA75200781	University Park and Museum Renovation	Replace exterior lighting, windows, renew stucco, and paint.
PA75200543	Edison Park Improvements	Park expansion project.
PA75200535	Washington Park Improvements	Renovate flooring, painting, LED lighting, etc.
PA75200680	Harvest Park	Construct a new park at 55th Avenue and Samantha Way.
PA75300226	Golf Infrastructure	Repair golf course infrastructure citywide.
PA75200672	Holiday Park Center Improvements	Building repairs.
PA75200701	Esteban Park Improvements	Parking lot improvements, ADA sidewalk installation, and playground replacement.
PA75200639	Granada Park Renovation	Irrigation, lake improvements and new park amenities.
PA75200736	Arizona Science Center Café HVAC	Design and update the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning for Café.
PA75300225	Aquatic Infrastructure Improvements	Repair aquatic infrastructure citywide.
PA75200775	Pinnacle Dog Park Turf Management	Replace turf and repair irrigation system.
PA75200745	Cave Creek Playgrounds	Replace old playground structures, and update sidewalks to comply with ADA regulations.
7450405562	Hermoso Center	Operating costs.

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PA75200569	Sweetwater Park Improvements	Area lighting, playground and parking lot improvements.
7450150101	Tres Rios	Operating costs.
PA75200734	Starlight Park Restroom Design	Design and construct a replacement restroom.
PA75200614	Sun Ray Park Improvements	Landscape, parking lot, security lighting, restroom and ADA accessibility improvements.
PA75200732	S.M. Education Ctr. HVAC	Replace ten heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units at South Mountain Visitor Center.
PA75200722	Washington Activity Center HVAC	Repair the HVAC system.
PA75300209	Trees - Citywide Planting	Plant new trees in parks citywide.
PA75200666	Solano Park Perimeter	Perimeter fence, skate plaza, lighting, and gates.
PA75150049	Spider Trails	Perform revegetation of spider trails.
7440305550	Tarver Learning Center	Operating costs.
PA75200723	Santa Maria Park Improvements	Design and construct skate plaza and LED lighting
PA75300234	Preserve Infrastructure	Water line, signage, electrical and parking improvements.
7470103333	PPPI-STM-YouthSports	PPPI (Fund 1022) funded recreation staff for youth sports leagues.
PA75200568	Surrey Park Renovation	Playground, ramada, ADA walkway, irrigation and basketball court improvements.
PA75200702	Hayden Park Improvements	Irrigation system improvements and restroom renovations.
PA75200683	Lone Mountain Park	New park at 56th Street and Montgomery.
PA75200559	Pierce Park Renovation	Parking lot, playground, security lighting and sports field lighting improvements.
PA75200699	Lindo Park Improvements	Renovate and upgrade the parking lot and park lighting, and plant trees.
PA75200737	Beuf Community Center	Roof repairs.
PA75200558	Perry Park Renovation	Playground, basketball court, parking lot and replace restroom.
PA75200713	Sandpiper Park Pickle Ball Courts	New pickleball courts.
7440305615	Winship House	Operating costs.
7450505710	Pinnacle Park	Operating costs.
AR74000029	Rio Salado Bike/Ped.Bridge Public Art	Art project.
PA75200638	Christy Cove Renovation	Area lighting, parking lot and irrigation improvements.
PA75200749	JFG Mech & Water Treatment Sys	Engineering evaluation of the mechanical and water treatment systems at Japanese Friendship Garden.
PA75200613	Kipok Park Renovation	Area lighting, playground, landscape and irrigation improvements.
PA75200657	Parks Master Plan	Systemwide analysis for park improvements, park development and park land acquisition.
PA75200553	Margaret T. Hance Park Renovation	Area lighting, irrigation system, and other improvements.
AR74000017	Civic Space Park Sculpture	Retrofit sculptural netting and replace existing lighting with higher efficiency LEDs.
7450406301	Echo Canyon Trail Head	Operating costs.

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7460103335	PPPI-NRD-Neighborhood Renewal	PPPI (Fund 1022) funded community outreach Park Ranger.
PA75200612	North Mountain Park Improvements	Trailhead, ramada, playground area and lighting improvements.
PA77150024	Sonoran Preserve Master Plan	Updates to the Sonoran Preserve Master Plan.
PA75200735	Aguila Golf Course Kitchen HVAC Redesign	Update the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning for the kitchen.
PA75200725	Duppa House Improvements	Improvements to stabilize and protect the historic house.
PA75200640	Longview Park Building	Renovate flooring, LED lights, restroom remodel and paint.
PA75200733	Maryvue Volleyball Court Addition	Additional concrete volleyball court and lighting.
7450405572	Lindo Park - Recreation	Recreation programming costs.
7430150000	Parks Initiative Prg	Parks Dev cost center for staffing and admin expenditures for PPPI-funded CIP projects.
7440405710	Deer Valley Dog Park - Maintenance	Operating costs.
AR74000019	Mountain Preserve Enhancements Public Art Prj	Art project.
AR74000028	Lone Mountain Park Public Art	Art project.
PA75200556	Momo Park Improvements	Playground, ramada, irrigation system and landscape improvements.
PA75200719	Eastlake Pool Renovation	Design and construct a replacement swimming pool.
PA75200674	La Pradera Park Area	Replace area lighting.
PA75200717	Heritage Park ADA Pavers	Design and install ADA compliant pavers.
PA75100171	Preserve Land Acquisition	Purchase preserve land for the Parks and Recreation Department.
PA75200700	Hance Garden	Hance Park garden improvements.
PA75200746	SISP Memorial Hall Renovations	Repair flooring and doors, and improve lighting in Memorial Hall at Steele Indian School Park.
7440305613	Hance Park Dog Park	Operating costs.
PA75200428	Parks Signage	Replace monument and regulation signs citywide.
AR74000026	Laveen Heritage Park Public Art Proj.	Art project.
PA75200730	Piestewa Roadway and Ped.Bridge	Improvements to Piestewa Peak roadway and pedestrian bridge.
PA75200757	Margaret T Hance Park Renovation	Improvements to the park in collaboration with community and stakeholder groups.
PA75200715	Pueblo Grande Maintenance	Repairs of roof, wood structural members, adobe and stucco coating of the Maintenance Shop.
PA75200724	Laveen Conveyance Channel Improvements	Improvements to the Laveen Conveyance Channel.
PA75200720	Phoenix Center for the Arts	Repair flooring, complete painting, and replace lighting fixture and windows.
PA75200668	Highline Park Improvements	Playground, table and bench, and site improvements.
7450305710	PV Dog Park-Maintenance	Operating costs at Paradise Valley Dog Park.

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PA75200677	Sunridge Park Track	Redesign and construction of southern property.
AR74000020	Eastlake Park Aquatics Public Art Project	Art project.
PA75200718	PV Park Infrastructure Improvements	Sewer repairs, lighting improvements, and parking lot repairs at Paradise Valley Park.
AR74000028	Lone Mountain Park Public Art	Art project.
PA75150052	Cholla Trail Design	Landscape improvements.
AR74000030	Lookout Mtn.in Park Public Art Proj.	Art project.
PA75200684	Splash Pads	Construct and/or renovate splash pads at city parks.
PA75200714	Kuban Park Improvements	Electrical repairs and improve security measures.
PA75200654	Desert Horizon Park	Replace existing parking lot.
PA75200609	West Plaza Park	Renovation and park improvements.
7450405570	Lindo Park - Maintenance	Operating costs.
7460200004	Camelback Mountain	Operating costs.
PA75200552	Madison Park Renovation	Playground, flood irrigation and ballfield improvements.
PA75200580	Reach 11 Dog Park	Dog park at Reach 11 Recreation Area.
PA75200708	Cielito Park Fencing	Install fencing along the north side of the park.
7430160000	Parks Dev Mountain Preserve	Parks Dev staff position to support PPPI-funded CIP projects.
PA75200731	Maryvale Playground	Install playground equipment.
PA75200584	La Pradera Park Maintenance	New enclosed maintenance yard including lighting, asphalt and security system.
PA75200726	Washington Activity Ctr. Improvements	Replace existing flooring, restroom plumbing fixtures, pipes, paint and LED lights.
PA75200671	Desert Willow Park Renovations	New playground, LED area lighting, and parking lot improvements.