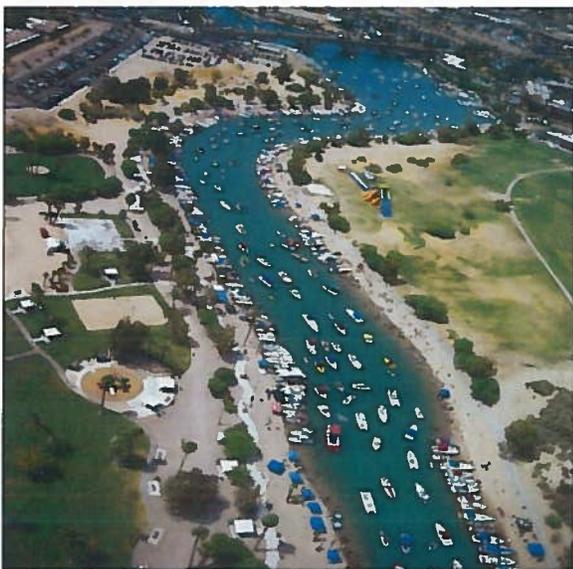


LAKE HAVASU LAW ENFORCEMENT WATER SAFETY CENTER

(No general fund dollars requested.)

Description of issue and how recommending the agency's request furthers the agency's mandates:



Lake Havasu is the busiest recreational boating waterway in Arizona, providing opportunity to more than four million visitors in 2015. Watercraft recreation is the foundation of the robust tourism-driven economy of the Lake Havasu community. To ensure the sustainability of an industry dependent on watercraft recreation, several agencies conduct regular law enforcement and public safety patrols on the lake. These agencies are responsible for enforcing laws, protecting public safety and investigating watercraft accidents.

Unlike other busy lakes in Arizona, there is no multi-agency aid station to serve as a hub for public safety and enforcement activities, and the office currently used is insufficient for the number of agencies. The retrofitted metal garage where arrestees and intoxicated boaters are currently processed does not provide a safe environment for officers and members of the public. This requires officers to transport subjects to the Mohave County Jail in Kingman, Arizona, which takes officers away from the lake for a minimum of three hours. Last summer, officers patrolling Lake Havasu contacted more than 1,700 boaters, making 22 OUI arrests, and issuing more than 200 boating safety citations and 942 warnings, all indicative of the consistent need for enforcement.



Proposal:

A one-time budget increase of \$680,000 will allow the Department to partner with Arizona State Parks, a private developer and potentially other entities to initiate construction of a new aid station that includes indoor plumbing, a separate area for holding detainees, and an area for boatlift, canopies and boathouses near the existing Water Safety Center on leased BLM property.

The new facility would include the essential infrastructure for an effective public safety center including adequate space for eight agencies. It would house all the work space necessary to hold and process arrestees, provide space for blood and breath testing, include an interview room to talk to victims and/or suspects, and facilitate inter-agency cooperation on medical or search and rescue responses. By ensuring public safety and safe watercraft operation on the lake, the facility would continue to support Lake Havasu's tourism-driven economy. The new facility would provide secure lake access which does not currently exist. Housing eight different law enforcement agencies in one facility also would provide for efficient and accountable government. The facility would include space for other uses such as boating safety education and watercraft registration services (Game and Fish currently is conducting a pilot program to provide such services in Lake Havasu City. During a two-day pilot effort in July, 214 watercraft transactions were completed – saving many customers the drive to Kingman).

Performance Measures to Display the Effects of the Proposal:

Key Goal: Healthy People, Places & Resources

State Key Function: Championing the Health of People and Resources

Agency Key Function:

2. Promoting active and healthy people
3. Conserving resources for multiple benefits

Lead Measure:

- i. Hunting/fishing license sales

Mission Measures: Healthy Outcomes

- d. Parks and outdoor recreation

Key Goal: Safe Communities

State Key Function: Protecting Life and Property

Agency Key Function:

2. Enforcing laws
3. Deterring criminal activity
5. Providing law enforcement and fire services
8. Promoting safe workplaces
10. Ensuring safe travel

Lead Measure:

- e. Workplace safety
- f. Emergency response plans

Mission Measures: Public Safety Outcomes

- f. Injured workers
- g. Traffic fatalities
- h. Natural disaster emergency response

Key Goal: Efficient & Accountable Government

State Key Function: Accelerating Agency Performance

Agency Key Function:

6. Optimizing physical assets
7. Managing risks

Lead Measure:

- a. Employee productivity
- d. Speed of service
- e. Cost savings

Mission Measures: Improving Government Outcomes

- b. Service efficiency

Key Goal: Strong, Innovative Economy

State Key Function: Driving Economic Opportunity

Agency Key Function:

5. Strengthening Arizona's reputation

Lead Measure:

- e. Visitors

Mission Measures: Economic Outcomes

- g. Visitor spend

Department Scorecard and Measures

Agency Scorecard: Reduce the number of boat accidents

Operational Objectives:

- Decrease the number of boat accidents annually
- Decrease the number of alcohol- and drug-related boating accidents
- Increase compliance for required safety equipment
- Increase watercraft registration compliance

Alternatives Considered and Reasons for Rejection:

Expand the current office instead of implementing new construction – This alternative was evaluated, but due to the rocky uneven terrain and limited space along the shoreline, there is not enough room. The new facility will tentatively be anchored to the shore, but much of it will likely extend over the water.

Use the existing State Parks water safety center up the hill from the current office – This site was evaluated but rejected because it is too far (approximately 1/3 of a mile) from the shore, which does not allow for efficient movement of equipment, officers, arrestees or medical patients from the water to the facility.

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Impact of Not Funding This Fiscal Year:

Officer and public safety will be compromised and the law enforcement agencies' ability to respond to public safety challenges will be reduced by being crowded into an insufficient space while serving customers, or processing prisoners and medical patients.

Statutory Reference:

A.R.S. Title 5 directs the responsibility for law enforcement relating to the operation of watercraft to the Commission and Department.

A.R.S. § 5-311 directs the administration of law enforcement and boating safety programs on the state level to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Capital Outlay:

\$500,000 New safety center building

\$180,000 Boathouses, boatlifts and canopies

Classification of new positions:

No new Full Time employees are included in this budget request.

Budget Request:

Game and Fish Fund \$680,000 one-time increase