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## **More Than \$3.4 Million Approved for Arizona Ranches**

### *Livestock and Crop Grant Conservation Program Helping Ranchers Protect Arizona's Wild Lands*

(Phoenix) – In the midst of record home growth in the Valley and the Grand Canyon State, ranchers throughout Arizona have been awarded more than \$3 million to make improvements on their ranch land(s) and not have to sell their private land(s) to developers. The Arizona Department of Agriculture is awarding these funds through the Livestock and Crop Conservation Grant Program.

Consider:

- On average, it is estimated that over an acre per hour of agricultural or non-urban land is converted to urban uses.
- More than **\$3.4 million** to be awarded this year alone.
- These funds can be used to match Arizona and federal funds.



Statistics:

- 56 grants awarded (80 applicants submitted 101 applications – some applicants submitted multiple applications)
- Total request for grant funds was over \$10.4 million
- Total funds awarded: \$3,403,064.20
- Total matching funds leveraged by LCCGP funding: \$3.62 million, which includes \$1.78 million in state funds and \$1.63 million in federal funds
- Average grant award is \$60,769
- Many projects span multiple years (ranging 1-5 years)

Grantees:

- See [attached](#) document with complete outline.