



# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**HB2554: search and rescue equipment fund**  
**Sponsor: Representative Bliss, LD 1**  
**Committee on Military Affairs & Public Safety**

### **Overview**

Establishes the County Sheriffs Search and Rescue Equipment Fund (Fund). Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund (GF) to the Fund for FY 2024.

### **History**

For all 15 counties in Arizona, the sheriffs are statutorily responsible for conducting and coordinating search and rescue operations. Sheriffs may also assist sheriffs in other counties or request assistance from them ([A.R.S. § 11-441](#); [DEMA, search and rescue](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Establishes the Fund, consisting of legislative appropriations, and subjects the monies in the fund to legislative appropriation. (Sec. 1)
2. Directs the State Treasurer to administer the Fund. (Sec. 1)
3. Requires the State Treasurer to distribute monies from the Fund to county sheriff's offices for search and rescue related equipment beginning FY 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter. (Sec. 1)
4. Outlines percentage distributions of Fund monies for the counties. (Sec. 1)
5. Specifies that remaining unexpended monies at the end of the fiscal year are considered part of total fund balance for the following fiscal year. (Sec. 1)
6. Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the GF in fiscal year 2024 to the Fund. (Sec. 2)
7. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing. (Sec. 2)

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