

## STATE OF ARIZONA

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## SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: Veteran Donation Fund Usage

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The Arizona Veterans' Donation Fund, established in 1999 by the Arizona legislature, has helped fund programs that benefit veterans and their families throughout Arizona. A.R.S. §41-608 specifies that tax-deductible donations to, and monies held in, this account can *never* revert to the State General Fund. The assets held in the account can only be used, "for the benefit of the veterans within this state," through small grants and large grants, each with their own documented application process.

In its interpretation, the Department reads, "for the benefit of the veterans within this state," to mean veterans who reside in Arizona and not veterans residing outside of Arizona seeking to benefit from VDF funded activities within this state.