



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

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Governor Doug Ducey  
1700 West Washington Street  
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Dear Governor Ducey,

The Flagstaff City Council would like to express our gratitude for the signing of House Bill 2001, which provides funding for mitigation projects to address post-fire flooding and financial assistance to public and private landowners for emergency repairs for infrastructure damage. Unfortunately, HB 2001 can only be applied to damages caused by wildfires that occurred in fiscal year 2021.

The City of Flagstaff and Coconino County experienced the Museum Fire in the summer of 2019, which burned 1,961 acres and triggered evacuations of residents. A significant portion of the Spruce Avenue Watershed was burned, leaving neighborhoods below the watershed vulnerable to severe and life-threatening post-wildfire flooding. To date, the summer of 2021 has resulted in dangerous flooding within Flagstaff city limits and Coconino County, resulting in 88 homes experiencing interior damage, exterior damage, or both, leading to a total private property damage assessment of approximately \$1,013,900. Public infrastructure within the City has also been severely impacted, with an approximate \$2.3 million in damages to date.

We urge you to provide executive support for the legislature to expand the relevant statutes to allow funds from HB 2001 to be used for any post-wildfire impacts that are currently impacting a community. These funds would assist Arizona residents in recovering from devastating post-wildfire flooding and would enable local governments to better mitigate against long-term impacts.

Thank you for your service to our state,

Paul Deasy,  
Mayor, City of Flagstaff