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## New website shows how Arizona is spending your tax dollars



Arizona State Capitol

PHOENIX- For the first time in Arizona history, a new website will offer taxpayers more government transparency on the spending of their tax dollars.

State Treasurer Dean Martin said the new site called **AZCheckbook.com** shows users exactly where their money is going.

"Finally, taxpayers will have Arizona's checkbook at their fingertips. Now they can see exactly where their hard-earned money is being spent by the government," said Martin.

The site also provides detailed information about how the State of Arizona is spending taxpayer money, and how much they are receiving from all sources, including the federal government.

The Treasurer's Office said it will post complete accounting data as it becomes available each month.

However, the Governor's General Accounting Office will only provide historical data from previous years for a fee of \$800 for every additional month's balance requested.

"Unfortunately, we have no appropriation to pay nearly \$10,000 per year for this information," said Treasurer Dean Martin. "We will continue to capture this data monthly going forward, but until the fee is waived or an appropriation provided, year over year comparisons will be limited to fiscal year 2009 and forward."

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