

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Climax-Area Community Investment Fund

I. Background

Freeport-McMoRan is a leading international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona. FCX is the world’s largest publicly traded copper producer, the world’s largest producer of molybdenum and a significant gold producer. Our Colorado locations include the Climax Mine in Lake and Summit Counties and Henderson Mine and Mill in Clear Creek and Grand Counties. The company has a strong commitment to safety performance, environmental management and to the local communities where it operates.

The Climax Area Community Investment Fund was established by the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation in 2011. The Foundation funds capacity-building programs and initiatives that support communities as they address obstacles that prevent them from fully realizing their development goals. The programs and projects the Foundation supports are designed or selected for their ability to increase a community’s capacity to achieve measurable results; creating a stronger community less dependent on a single industry or business and more economically diverse and sustainable.

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will have at least **\$250,000 available to support projects in Lake, Summit, Chaffee and Eagle Counties in Colorado**. The dollars will be awarded by May 1, 2018 and are designated to support projects in the [following areas](#), as deemed important by community partners through our stakeholder engagement processes. The investment seeks to support one or more community project(s) that addresses an identified opportunity or obstacle to community development and long term sustainability

Community & Economic Development	Community Engagement
	Housing
	Business Diversification, Support and Attraction
	Community Engagement
	Infrastructure Development
	Tourism Development
	Career/College Readiness
	Transportation
Education & Training	Career/College Readiness
	Early Childhood Education and Services
	K-12 Education
	Teacher Training and Retention

Environment	Land Use
	Conservation, Stewardship and Sustainability
Health & Wellness	Access to Quality Care & Healthcare Facilities
	Mental Health / Social Services
	Fitness, Nutrition or other Health Education

II. Eligibility

Applicants must be a federally recognized 501c3, unit of government or college/university providing direct service in **Lake, Summit, Chaffee OR/AND Eagle** Counties in CO.

III. Grant Application

Through this Request for Proposals (RFP), the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation invites eligible organizations to apply for funding. The process will be conducted in two phases:

Phase I: A letter of interest and alignment to describe the proposed project.

Phase II: Full application (by invitation after Phase I) to fully describe the project including an assessment or evidence of need, specific program activities, implementation timeline, budget, evaluation, etc.

IV. Proposal Content Requirements

PHASE I: Letter of Interest (LOI)

Due: October 13, 2017

In the first phase of the process applicants will describe the following key information. The LOI should be submitted to Angie Harmon at aharmon@fmi.com.

Key Criteria / Letter Components (no more than 3 pages in length):

- Description of project
- Description of need supported by data (preferably at County or local level)
- Identification of specific community(ies) where the project will be implemented
- Key project partners
- Description of any type of needs or other assessment done prior to submitting this Letter of Interest to validate the potential impact or value of the proposed project (*Not required, but if available please explain results of assessment*).
- Estimated budget including expected sources of funds

Applicants who are best aligned with the priorities of the RFP will be invited to submit a full proposal.

PHASE II: Full Proposal
Due: February 15, 2018

Invited applicants will be provided a link to the online application to submit a full proposal through the Foundation's grants management system. Information about what is required of a full application can be found at the *Sample Application and Tips* link [here](#).

V. Timeline

September 1, 2017:	Application Opens
October 13, 2017:	Letter of Interest and Alignment Due to aharmon@fmi.com
December 15, 2017:	Notification of Application Invitation
February 15, 2018:	Application Due
May 1, 2018:	Grant Recipients Notified / Announced
May 2019:	Impact Report Due

VI. Selection Process & Funding

Through the Community Investment Fund, the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation will make investments in programs that best meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this RFP through consultation with local stakeholders. A committee comprised of community leaders representing diverse organizations and two Freeport-McMoRan representatives governs the Fund. The community leaders were selected by the Climax Area Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan in 2008 to foster open and ongoing dialogue with the community, allowing the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community issues. Organizations will have their application scored using a standardized rubric that considers established criteria. Finalists will be asked to participate in an in-person interview or may be contacted to answer clarifying questions if needed.

Funding will be paid out by May 1, 2018.

A separate cash or in-kind investment equal to at least 10% of the proposed program budget is highly encouraged. Applicants that can leverage 25% or greater cash and/or in-kind match will receive additional /priority consideration (via a weighted score in the scoring rubric that will be used).

VII. Questions

Applicants may submit questions for clarification pertaining to the RFP to the following email address: aharmon@fmi.com or nwareham@fmi.com. If the question is lengthy or challenging to explain via email, you may send an email to request a phone call. (Please provide contact information).

VIII. Other Notes

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation reserves the right to make all final determinations with regard to the selection of Letters of Interest and Alignment invited to submit a full application as well as the selection of applicants to receive grants. The Foundation further reserves the right to make adjustments to the process, criteria, timeline or any other aspects of this RFP, with appropriate communication to those who may be affected by any such changes.