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Freeport-McMoRan Announces 2017 Green Valley/Sahuarita Community Investment Fund Grant Awards

Green Valley, AZ (September 27, 2017) — Recipients of the 2017 Green Valley/Sahuarita Community Investment Fund (CIF) process have been selected and six local programs and projects will receive a total of \$450,000 in grant funding. The Green Valley/Sahuarita CIF was established in 2010 as part of Freeport-McMoRan’s goal to support sustainable benefits for the communities in the areas where we operate and assist these communities in appropriate ways to ensure their self-sufficiency beyond the presence of our operations.

The CIF is administered by a committee comprised of community leaders selected by the Green Valley/Sahuarita Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established in 2007 to foster open and ongoing dialog and opportunities for the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community issues.

Since 2010, the Green Valley/Sahuarita CIF has invested more than \$4.1 million in locally-identified projects affecting change in the following community priority areas: community and economic development, community health and safety, education, and environment.

2017 Grant Recipients Include:

The GVC Foundation***Project – Esperanza Beautification - \$34,500***

Funds will be used to transform medians on one of Green Valley’s most traveled routes into climate-friendly, natural, attractive and self-sustaining landscapes. This community beautification project improves the overall viewscape of the community while also bringing community members together to sustain the asset.

GVR Foundation***Project – www.RetireArizona.org - \$33,500***

Real estate and tourism are key economic drivers in Green Valley. The continued development of www.RetireArizona.org leverages collective resources of the community to position Green Valley as a premier destination for active adults and retirees with goals to increase demand for homes and generate increased local business that builds economic viability.

Green Valley Gardeners

Project – Desert Meadows Park - \$56,500

Funds allow for park enhancements that will further develop and support the tourism and economic development opportunities that Desert Meadows Park has realized since its creation including improvements to the surrounding neighborhoods and regional events.

Sahuarita Unified School District

Project – Discovery Education Techbooks Innovation - \$79,500

This program will provide all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students with an online Science Techbook to continue to develop an aligned, cross-district approach to science education. The 5-year District partnership with Discovery Education will have a positive impact on students' mastery of science through implementation of this 21st century program that encourages both active engagement and cognitive investigation through the Techbook platform.

Town of Sahuarita

Project – Sahuarita Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Center - \$170,000

Leveraging a multi-million dollar federal investment, funding will support project preparation and permitting to create a multi-tenant, advanced manufacturing center that will provide flexible space for growing small business innovation and technologies in Sahuarita and throughout Southern Arizona.

Valley Assistance Services

Project – Neighbors Awareness in Memory Loss (AIM) - \$76,000

This project will create “memory cafes” in safe environments that provide those with dementia and memory loss with a way to stay engaged in the community while also raising awareness among community members and first responders on how to effectively support this growing population of residents.

“Through the Green Valley/Sahuarita Community Investment Fund, our goal is to enable the community to adapt to meet the social and economic needs of its residents, becoming increasingly sustainable over time,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. “We are pleased to be a partner in supporting processes and activities that assist in creating a vision for the future, establishing action plans, and implementing the kinds of programs and initiatives that will help the community reach its goals. The projects supported through the CIF represent the path to a viable future and we thank the engaged community leaders, members and nonprofits who are working to create successful, sustainable communities.”

Information about Freeport-McMoRan community investments and programs may be obtained by visiting FreeportInMyCommunity.com.