

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Freeport-McMoRan Announces 2017 Greenlee County Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

Morenci, AZ (December 6, 2017) — Grant recipients for the 2017 Greenlee County Community Investment Fund process have been selected. Three local projects will be recognized and receive a total of \$250,000 in grants at an awards ceremony held as part of the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce Mixer on Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 pm in the Blue Door Sanctuary.

The Greenlee County Community Investment Fund (CIF) was established in 2011 as part of Freeport-McMoRan's objectives to support sustainable benefits for operating communities and to assist the community in appropriate ways to ensure their self-sufficiency beyond the presence of Freeport-McMoRan operations. The CIF is administered by an investment committee comprised of community leaders selected by the Greenlee County Community Partnership Panel (CPP), a stakeholder engagement process that was established to foster open and ongoing dialog with the community and create opportunities for the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community issues.

Since 2011, the Greenlee County Community Investment Fund has invested over \$1.9 million in locally-identified projects affecting positive change in the following community priority areas identified by CPP members: Community & Economic Development, Education & Training, Environment, and Health & Wellness.

2017 Grant Recipients Include:

**Duncan School District*****Project: Classroom Technology – \$44,000***

Funds will provide Promethean interactive whiteboards in K-12 classrooms at Duncan School District. Equipping teachers with interactive whiteboards will enhance the classroom environment by creating opportunities for hands on learning with a goal to increase student achievement.

**Town of Clifton*****Project: General Plan Update – \$91,000***

In an effort to provide a framework for growth and development, funds will support the town of Clifton's General Plan Update. The plan will guide the development of the town in a manner that will foster positive social and economic growth. The town of Clifton will engage with business owners, property owners and residents to create a vision for the future of Clifton with hopes of increasing entrepreneurial opportunity and property values in the community.

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## **Town of Duncan**

### ***Project: Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements – \$115,000***

This investment will support much-needed upgrades to the Duncan Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current system provides services to the town of Duncan and residential septic tanks in the surrounding community. These improvements will ensure that significant infrastructure is in place to support existing and future economic development.

“Through the Greenlee County 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](http://FreeportInMyCommunity.com) or by contacting Southeastern Arizona Community Development staff member Emily Muteb: [emuteb@fmi.com](mailto:emuteb@fmi.com) or (928)865-6235.