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Freeport-McMoRan Announces 2017 Globe-Miami Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

Globe-Miami, AZ (July 27, 2017) — The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has announced that the 2017 Globe-Miami Community Investment Fund grant recipients have been selected.

A total of \$250,000 was awarded to five nonprofit organizations. Recipients were recognized at a presentation held on Thursday, July 27 at the Freeport-McMoRan Training Center in Globe, Arizona.

The Globe-Miami Community Investment Fund was established in 2012 to support programs and projects that help create community resiliency to weather potential changes in the commodity markets or mining operations, and increase sustainability post mining. Eligible programs and projects include those in the areas of education, community and economic development, environmental stewardship and health and wellness. A committee comprised of community leaders representing diverse organizations and two Freeport-McMoRan representatives governs the Fund. The community leaders were selected by the Globe-Miami Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan in 2012 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.

The 2017 grant recipients include:

City of Globe – \$70,000

Besh Ba Gowah Restoration

This grant will support the City of Globe's effort to revitalize Besh Ba Gowah to enable the museum to continue to offer a safe and culturally and economically significant tourism destination for visitors from all over the world.

Cobre Valley Center for the Arts – \$45,000

Building Preservation Project

Dollars will be used for refurbishments necessary to protect the future of the historic 1906 Courthouse building and maintain it as another important economic driver and tourism asset in Historic Downtown Globe.

Gila Community College – \$50,000

Fire Science Safety Program

Funding will be used to support the Fire Science Safety Program offered at the college. Dollars will purchase the equipment necessary to sustain a community-based program that safely trains students for jobs that can be filled locally.

Miami Genesis – \$45,000

Bullion Plaza Lighting Project

Investment in the installation of lighting around the greenspace in front of Bullion Plaza Museum will leverage a multi-partner project allowing for the development of a community gathering place that is safe and accessible to the community as well as visitors.



Signal Peak Community Foundation – \$40,000
Cobre Valley Youth Club Van

Funds will be used to purchase a passenger van for the Cobre Valley Youth Club. As the Club transitions from affiliation with the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley, basic operational items are necessary to ensure continuation of one of the only youth-serving institutions in the area, helping young people to become productive citizens that contribute to their community.

“Through the Globe-Miami 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 or Robin Horta at rhorta@fmi.com.