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## Freeport-McMoRan Announces 2018 Green Valley/Sahuarita Community Investment Fund Grant Awards

Green Valley, AZ, January 30, 2019 — Six local programs and projects recently were chosen as recipients of \$501,500 in 2018 Green Valley/Sahuarita Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant awards.

“Partnership with local government, civil society, nonprofit organizations and citizens is absolutely essential, and we congratulate the organizations receiving 2018 grant awards,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.

“We believe one of our key responsibilities is to assist communities in envisioning and planning for their own sustainable future at such time that our mines are no longer viable,” Bame said. “Sustainable development is a very long-term activity, so it’s critical we work with communities now and on an ongoing basis to create, identify and invest in the opportunities and projects that will diversify the local economy, create a stronger economic foundation for the future, and contribute to their lasting social well-being.”

The Green Valley/Sahuarita CIF was established in 2010 as part of Freeport-McMoRan’s goal to support sustainable benefits for the communities in areas where we operate and to assist these communities in appropriate ways to ensure their self-sufficiency beyond the presence of our operations.

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

Since 2010, the Green Valley/Sahuarita CIF has invested more than \$4.6 million in locally-identified projects affecting change in these community priority areas: community and economic development, community health and safety, education and environment.

Grant recipients for 2018 include:

**Continental Elementary School District**  
***Continental IXL Learning Project – \$75,000***

Funding will provide devices and licensing to integrate IXL science and math curriculum across the district. The addition of technology will allow for individualized learning and increased access to quality STEM education for all students.



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## **GVR Foundation**

### ***GVR Pickleball Complex – \$50,000***

In an effort to capitalize on the economic opportunity provided by the existing and growing recreational activity of pickleball, this project will support improved community infrastructure for the community of Green Valley. Completion of the GVR Pickleball Complex has the potential to increase tourism in Green Valley, not only driving additional tax revenue, but also highlighting the community's amenities and encouraging people to move into the community.

## **Sahuarita Unified School District**

### ***National Math Science Initiative (NMSI) – \$150,000***

Building on four years of successful implementation of the National Math and Science Initiative AP Program, the investment will support an additional three years of programming at SUSD and Continental Districts. As the first NMSI partner in Arizona, SUSD has experienced success in implementation of the program with an average increase of 300 percent in the number of AP tests taken, a 140 percent increase in qualifying AP scores, and more than 600 hours of teacher training.

## **Santa Rita Experimental Range/University of Arizona**

### ***STEM Teacher Program at Santa Rita Experimental Range – \$40,000***

The project will provide hands-on learning experiences for Green Valley and Sahuarita educators at the Santa Rita Experimental Range. This collaborative professional development will provide STEM engagement strategies and activities that can be taken back to local classrooms, enhancing student learning.

## **Town of Sahuarita**

### ***The District at Sahuarita – \$54,500***

Funding will allow the town of Sahuarita to develop a plan to establish a central gathering place where residents can live, work, shop, dine and enjoy a sense of place. The project builds on the town's visioning process, which includes the need for a central district as identified by community members.

## **Valley Assistance Services**

### ***Community-Centered Approach to Care – \$132,000***

In partnership with the Green Valley Fire District, funding will create a new healthcare delivery system that provides seniors' in-home visits from a nurse practitioner and RN. This coordination of care will allow treatment of medical conditions that might otherwise go unseen, providing patient-centered care with health education and medical advocacy.

More information about Freeport-McMoRan community investments and programs is available at [FreeportInMyCommunity.com](http://FreeportInMyCommunity.com).

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