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Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2024 Green Valley and Sahuarita Community Investment Fund Recipients

PHOENIX, AZ, January 27, 2025 – Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce its foundation has awarded \$3 million to 66 projects across its 12 U.S. operating communities in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, New Mexico and Texas through its Community and Social Investment Funds.

“The success of our community investments depends on genuine partnerships with communities to identify opportunities, address potential risks to resilience and well-being, and collaboratively develop initiatives that strengthen communities for the long term,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. “We deeply value our relationships with community partners, as these collaborations enable us to contribute effectively to projects and programs that deliver meaningful social benefits and build the foundation for resilience in a post-mining future.

“In 2024, we maintained ongoing dialogue with community stakeholders and partner organizations to drive progress toward greater resilience,” Bame said. “Partners continue to explore critical issues affecting their future, such as the energy transition, climate change, mine transitions, economic diversification and the evolving nature of work.”

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation works with a range of committed partners throughout the investment process. These include True Impact, who helps organizations consider and measure the impact of their projects, and Better City, an economic advisory firm that helps host communities create Resilience Action Plans.

These plans involve a community-driven process to engage stakeholders in identifying and prioritizing risks, developing actionable strategies and finding resources for both short- and long-term actions. They are designed to fit with existing community plans and consider local resources and capacities.

The goal is to boost the community’s overall resilience and ability to respond to risks and opportunities, supporting long-term prosperity. The Foundation aims to support projects that align with these plans through its Community and Social Investment Funds.

Community Investment Fund Process

The Community Investment Fund process is led by seven to nine local leaders representing diverse organizations and two to three Freeport-McMoRan representatives who determine how funds are awarded. These community leaders are selected by members of the local Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement forum

established by Freeport-McMoRan more than 19 years ago to foster open and ongoing dialogue with the community. The process allows the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community needs.

Since 2012, more than \$6.3 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Community Investment Fund in Green Valley and Sahuarita. The funds have been awarded to programs and projects that help foster sustainability and reduce dependency on any single industry. In 2024, \$500,000 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

Business Underdogs

Small Business Education, Mastermind Group – \$21,000

Funding will empower local small businesses through education, leading to increased profit margins and greater community leadership opportunities.

Business Underdogs

Leadership Development Training – \$16,000

Funds will support implementation of a leadership development program to train and develop community leaders.

Continental School District Educational Foundation

Let, Grow, Play. – \$50,000

Funding will be used to purchase interactive playground equipment and games for middle school students, providing a positive influence that protects and improves physical and mental health.

Grace Lutheran Church of Southern AZ

Child Learning Center After-School Care Van – \$50,000

Funds will be used to purchase a van to safely transport children to high-quality, after-school care, enabling more parents to be and stay employed.

Green Valley Assistance Services – Valley Assistance Services

EPIC Part II: Enhancing Families and Older Adults – \$45,000

Valley Assistance Services will provide relevant health and wellness seminars to raise awareness around health issues and improve overall health and wellness outcomes for local residents.

Laptops 4 Learning

Laptops for Sahuarita Intermediate and Middle School Students – \$22,000

Funds will contribute to Laptops 4 Learning, delivering laptops to 130 students at Sahuarita Intermediate and Middle Schools to help ensure they are equipped for success in their education.

Sahuarita Food Bank

Workforce Development Scholarships for Welding and IT Support – \$55,000

This funding will prepare lower-income residents to take certificate exams in welding or information technology support, providing opportunities for increased educational attainment and financial well-being.

Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers of Green Valley District

Purchase of New Patrol Vehicles – \$68,000

Funds will be used to purchase two new patrol vehicles and associated equipment to increase safety resources in the community.

Town of Sahuarita

Walden Grove Traffic Signal – \$65,000

In partnership with Sahuarita School District, these funds will help the Town of Sahuarita install the Walden Grove Traffic Signal, increasing safety for students and others accessing one of the community's largest campuses.

United Community Health Center

Expand Access and Excellence: Facility Renovation – \$65,000

Funding will be go toward renovating and expanding the Continental Family Medical Center building, creating a state-of-the-art facility that will increase community access to quality patient care.

University of Arizona Foundation Cooperative Extension

Community and K-12 Students Preserving the Santa Rita Experimental Range Ecosystem – \$43,000

Project funding will increase opportunities for education and community engagement, fostering a deeper connection to the area's unique natural resources and helping protect the local ecosystem.

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