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Freeport-McMoRan Announces 2018 Globe-Miami Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

Globe-Miami, AZ, June 6, 2018 — The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has announced that the 2018 Globe-Miami Community Investment Fund grant recipients have been selected.

A total of \$284,500 was awarded to six nonprofit organizations. Recipients were recognized at a presentation held on June 6, 2018 at the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum in Miami, AZ.

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 2018 grant recipients include:

City of Globe – \$20,000***Preparing Our Children, Repairing Our Economy***

A community-wide effort to study and identify educational strengths and opportunities will be led by the City of Globe. The process will propose a strategic path forward towards the most effective way to support local community and economic development needs.

Gila County Historical Museum – \$40,000***Renovation and Upgrade of the Museum Building***

Funds will be used to make needed renovations to the 100-year-old museum building, maintaining the asset as a point of interest and pride for the community.

High Desert Middle School – \$25,000***Auditorium Improvements***

The HDMS Auditorium is a resource for community partners who need a venue to host events and is in need of repairs. Funding will allow for necessary improvements to maintain the venue as a cultural and social amenity for the community.

Gila House – \$110,000

The Gila Alderman Safe Haven

This grant will support Gila House’s effort to maintain and operate emergency shelter and safe house services for local domestic violence victims needing to flee harmful situations at home, helping families break the cycle of violence and transform their lives.

Town of Miami – \$47,000

Bio-Waste Recycling Facility

Funds will be used to support the Town’s effort to establish a bio-waste composting facility to reduce the amount of green waste disposed of in the existing Gila County Landfill.

University of Arizona – \$42,500

Mentoring Youth in GlobeMiami (myGlobeMiami)

This grant will be used to develop a program to provide one-on-one mentoring, group mentoring, and peer-mentoring services to under-served youth populations with a goal to increase indicators that lead to student success in school and life.

“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. Sustainable development is a very long-term activity, so it’s critical that 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,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. “Partnership with local government, civil society, nonprofit organizations and citizens is absolutely essential, and we congratulate the organizations receiving 2018 grant awards.”

Information about Freeport-McMoRan community investments and programs may be obtained by contacting Robin Bradford (rbradfor@fmi.com) or visiting FreeportInMyCommunity.com.

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