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Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2025 Ajo Social Investment Fund Recipients

PHOENIX, AZ, February 11, 2026 – Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce its foundation awarded \$3 million to 68 projects across its 12 U.S. operating communities in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, New Mexico and Texas through its Community and Social Investment Funds in 2025.

“The success of our community investments depends on strong partnerships with local communities,” said Tracy Bame, President of the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. “By working together to identify opportunities and address potential risks to resilience and well-being, we can support projects and programs that deliver meaningful social impact. These collaborations are essential to building long-term community strength, especially in preparing for a post-mining future.”

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

These plans are part of Freeport’s Resilience Initiative and are built through a community-led process. Local residents and stakeholders work together to identify key risks, set priorities and develop practical strategies for both near-term and long-term action. The plans build on existing community efforts and consider local strengths, resources and capacities.

The Foundation supports projects that align with these plans through its Community and Social Investment Funds, with the goal of strengthening local resilience and the ability to respond to challenges and opportunities over time.

Since 2012, over \$2.1 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Social Investment Fund in Ajo. The funds have been awarded to programs and projects that help foster sustainability and reduce dependency on any single industry. In 2025, a total of \$150,000 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

Ajo Unified School District

Play to Thrive: A Playground for Young Learn – \$50,000

Funds will be used to create a safe and engaging playground for kindergarten through third grade students to support healthy growth and learning.

International Sonoran Desert Alliance

Kickstart Ajo: Job Creation and Workforce Readiness – \$100,000

Project funding will be used to increase the capacity of local businesses to create good, high-paying jobs, while simultaneously working to upskill the local workforce to fill available job openings. This project aligns with the workforce strategy of the Ajo Resilience Action Plan.

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