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Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2025 Climax Mine Community 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.

Community Investment Fund Process

The Community Investment Fund application review and selection process is led by seven to nine local leaders representing diverse organizations and two to three Freeport representatives who determine how funds are awarded. The community leaders are selected by members of the local Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement forum established by Freeport more than 20 years ago to foster open and ongoing dialogue with the community. This collaborative process ensures funding decisions reflect local priorities and support meaningful, long-term solutions.

Since 2012, more than \$5.1 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Community Investment Fund in Lake, Summit, Chaffee and Eagle Counties. 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 \$330,000 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

St. Vincent General Hospital District***Ambulance – \$15,000***

Funds will support the purchase of a new ambulance to help ensure reliable trauma response and medical care for citizens.

Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, Inc.***Tabor Opera House Roof Replacement Project – \$20,000***

Funds will support a project to replace the roof of the Tabor Opera House as part of the overall restoration work of this national historical landmark.

Chaffee County Community Foundation***Nonprofit Leadership Program – \$20,000***

Funding will be used to launch the Nonprofit Leadership Development Program to develop capacity in nonprofit and community leaders.

Lake County Community Fund***Lake County Early Care and Education Fund – \$25,000***

Funds will be used to increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare for local families by providing tuition assistance, educator stipends and emergency support for providers.

Smart Bellies***Kid's Weekend Food Program – \$25,000***

Funds will provide bags of nutritious food to children, bridging the weekend food security gap for participants in Summit and Lake Counties.

Project Dream***Project Dream K-6 Out-of-School Time Programs – \$30,000***

Funds will help support working families by providing reliable after-school and Friday programming for Lake County children.

Elevated Community Health (Summit Community Care Clinic)***Elevated Community Health's Lake County Primary Care Office Hours – \$40,000***

Funding will be used to support the expansion of operating hours for integrated primary care and behavioral health services at the Lake County Primary Care Office making healthcare more accessible.

Lake County Community Fund (LCCF)***Capacity-Building Project – \$45,000***

Funding will strengthen Lake County's nonprofit ecosystem by expanding LCCF's capacity and services through grant writing, leadership training, targeted resources, and a streamlined grantmaking platform. This project aligns with the non-profit collaboration strategy of the Lake County Resilience Action Plan.

Cloud City Conservation Center***C4 Energy Program – \$50,000***

Funds will be used to implement the C4 Energy Program to improve housing conditions and increase energy efficiency for Lake County residents allowing people to remain in their homes in a stressed housing market.

St. George Episcopal Mission***Community Meals and Pantry – \$60,000***

Funds will help improve food security by providing nutritious food to residents in need. This project aligns with the Community Connection Strategy of the Lake County Resilience Action Plan.

In addition to the Foundation's investment, Climax operations supported five additional applicants from the Community Investment Fund process:

Chaffee Housing Trust

Railyard Affordable Housing – \$20,000

Funding will support Chaffee Housing Trust in their mission of providing low-income Lake County households with affordable rental housing and support in becoming homeowners, creating long-term housing stability and economic security.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County

inSTEMaccess Program – \$10,000

Funds will support the inSTEMaccess program, a hands-on STEM curriculum for youth ages 6–16 that connects science to everyday life and inspires curiosity, confidence and academic success.

Eagle River Youth Coalition

Mountain Youth Life Skills Education – \$10,000

Funds will support Mountain Youth's evidence-based programs in the Eagle River Valley, helping students build life skills, healthy coping strategies and positive decision-making skills to help prevent risky behaviors.

Lake County Search and Rescue

Search and Rescue Command Staff Portable Radio Replacement – \$10,000

Funds will replace outdated radios for Lake County Search and Rescue command staff with modern dual-band units to facilitate effective coordination and communication in emergency situations.

Keystone Science School, Inc.

Summit Day Camp – \$10,000

Funds will keep Summit Day Camp accessible for working families by offsetting costs and delivering science-based, hands-on learning, outdoor exploration and social-emotional development in a safe, inclusive summer environment.

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