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Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2025 Green Valley and Sahuarita 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 \$6.8 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 2025, a total of \$500,000 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

United Community Health Center

Advancing Provider Retention and Efficiency through Innovation – \$30,000

Funds will be used to implement new tools designed to support providers in delivering high-quality care.

Sahuarita Unified School District Educational Enrichment Foundation

Dyslexia Program K-12 – \$39,000

Funding will create a specialized dyslexia intervention program including tutoring services to improve reading progress.

Sahuarita Food Bank

Welding Equipment for Workforce Development – \$40,000

This funding will help prepare residents to take certification exams in welding, providing opportunities for increased education and financial well-being.

Sahuarita Unified School District

Sahuarita High School Athletic Training Center – \$50,000

Funds will be used to create a modernized athletic training center to support student-athletes and P.E. students.

Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers of Green Valley District

Purchase New Patrol Vehicle – \$55,000

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

Continental Elementary School District

Continental Curriculum and Instructional Technology Resource Bundle – \$75,000

Funding will provide essential educational technology, curriculum and resources critical to academic success for PreK-8 students.

Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce Foundation

ElevateEdAZ Workforce Development Business Support – \$103,000

In partnership with the Sahuarita Unified School District, funds will be used to launch the rural implementation of ElevateEdAZ, creating career awareness pathways for students through a proven workforce model.

Santa Rita Fire District

Stay Alive with LifePak35 – \$108,000

Funds will equip frontline Emergency Medical Service units with LifePak35 advanced cardiac monitors for use during critical emergencies.

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