

Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2021 Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

Phoenix, AZ (October 29, 2021) — Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce that the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has awarded just under \$2.8 million to 39 projects in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico through our Community Investment Fund process.

Recipient organizations will receive their monetary awards and be recognized by members of the Community Investment Committee during grant presentations this fall.

“Working in collaboration with a range of committed community partners, we’re continuing to focus on empowering citizens through opportunities to acquire a broad range of skills, education and leadership to foster community resilience and transformation that leads to sustainability,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. “Things like vocational skills and educational attainment not only lead to healthier, higher standards of living but also are transferable beyond mining into other areas of the economy while broader leadership abilities support resilience and self-governance that enable thriving communities post-mining.”

The most effective investments are born out of collaboration. The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation works with a range of committed partners throughout the investment process. The Foundation’s new partnership with True Impact provides a highly supportive application process that allows organizations to think through the impact their project will have in the community. From there, in communities with a Community Investment Fund, local community leaders representing diverse organizations, as well as two to three Freeport-McMoRan representatives decide how funds will be awarded. The community leaders are selected by members of the local Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan over 15 years ago to foster open and ongoing dialogue with the community and allow the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community needs.

Since 2011, just over \$5.3 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Community Investment Fund in the Green Valley and Sahuarita communities. The funds have gone to programs and projects that help foster sustainability and reduce dependency on any single industry by supporting initiatives that build community resilience and capacity. \$500,000 was invested in 2021.

2021 grant recipients are:

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona ***Child Learning Center Art and Nature Children’s Garden Project- \$135,000***

Enhancement of the Center’s physical space will provide both additional learning opportunities for existing students while also growing enrollment capacity to serve even more children and families meeting the need for additional childcare options in the community.

Mobile Meals of Tucson ***Meals for Seniors Program- \$25,000***

In partnership with local organizations, additional volunteers will be leveraged to provide at least 40 new individuals with freshly prepared meals, supporting homebound seniors with mental and physical wellness support.

Sahuarita Food Bank ***Building for Economic Opportunity- \$200,000***

By investing an additional \$200,000 in the project, total support from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation for the construction of a new facility to meet basic food security, workforce and other needs in the Sahuarita region will be \$350,000.



Pima County Library Foundation
Sahuarita Library Outdoor Space- \$20,000

The COVID19 pandemic showed the need for outdoor spaces to continue to provide critical programming to meet the needs of community members. This space will ground the entrance of the new library and provide the chance to safely offer programming, performances and other learning opportunities.

Green Valley Assistance Services
Purposefully Built Capital Improvement Project- \$120,000

Valley Assistance Services will be able to expand and improve upon the critical social service programming it provides to its clients by making purposeful improvements and enhancements to its existing building.

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