

# Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2021 Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

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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 Freeport-McMoRan Foundation works with a range of committed partners throughout the investment process. The most effective investments are born out of collaboration. The Foundation’s 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 under \$4.3 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Community Investment Fund in Graham County. 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. \$400,000 was invested in 2021.

## 2021 grant recipients are:

### **Aravaipa Watershed Conservation Alliance** ***Watershed Conservation Plan – \$30,000***

Funding will allow the Alliance to develop the first Cooperative Watershed Management Plan for the Upper Aravaipa watershed.

### **Boys and Girls Club of the Gila Valley** ***Grow Smarter 2021- \$25,000***

The Boys and Girls Club continues to be a critical resource where students receive tutoring and homework help, providing safe and quality care during out of school time that allows individuals to stay in the workforce.

### **City of Safford** ***El Paso Park Reimagined - \$210,000***

The addition of a splash pad and other key features will further develop El Paso Park into a safe and accessible community asset.

### **Graham County Interfaith Care Alliance** ***Our Neighbor’s Farm and Pantry Satellite Expansion Planning Project - \$50,000***

The plan will allow Our Neighbor’s Farm and Pantry to thoughtfully expand their food production and education offerings, while continuing to meet local food security needs of existing clients.



**Graham County Rehabilitation Center**  
***Vocational Training Curriculum – \$40,000***

The installation of a PAES Lab will give clients of the Rehabilitation Center a chance to explore career fields to find those best suited to them and support their transition into the workforce.

**Southeastern Arizona Clean and Beautiful (SEACAB)**  
***Water Bottle Filling Stations- \$45,000***

Enhancing infrastructure along desert trails will encourage additional usage while also reducing the number of one-time use water bottles by having water refilling stations available throughout the trail network.

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