

# 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 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 2012, just under \$2.6 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Community Investment Fund in Greenlee 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. \$295,000 was invested in 2021.

## 2021 grant recipients are:

### **Town of Duncan - \$270,000**

#### ***Asset and Infrastructure Improvements***

Duncan will improve their water and wastewater facilities, converting them to solar power to provide these basic services to residents while taking advantage of renewable energy to power the system.

### **Greenlee Gardens - \$25,000**

#### ***Community Garden Aquaponics***

Gardeners will establish aquaponic grow beds that will serve as a model for home gardening. Aquaponic gardening presents an innovative approach to home gardening due to the size of the plot and the reduced need for water. The ability to grow fresh food can alleviate issues around food supply, while also providing healthy food options.

For more information about Freeport-McMoRan community investments and programs, please contact Martha Lujan at [mlujan@fmi.com](mailto:mlujan@fmi.com) or visit [FreeportInMyCommunity.com](http://FreeportInMyCommunity.com).

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