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Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2022 Globe-Miami Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

PHOENIX, AZ, December 21, 2022 — Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has awarded nearly \$2.9 million to 41 projects in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico through our Community Investment Fund, including \$327,300 in Globe-Miami.

Recipient organizations will receive their monetary awards and be recognized by Freeport-McMoRan and members of the Community Investment Committees during grant presentations this winter.

“The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation aims to provide resources, of which funding is only one part, to support communities and organizations as they focus on actions they can take to build resilience and the range of skills that may be needed to respond to opportunities and challenges,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation works to create a funding process that supports applicants and encourages them to think about the impact that will come from an investment in their work. This moves beyond reporting on outputs, but rather thinking through what change can occur from the work that will be done.

“Throughout 2022, we continued conversations with community stakeholders and partner organizations about the path to increasing resilience in their local communities. While the unknowns of a post-COVID reality persisted as an ongoing threat to resilience, partners also explored other topics that have and will affect their future well-being, such as the energy transition and climate change, mine transitions, economic diversification, and the changing future of work,” Bame said.

Community Investment Funds are led by seven to nine local leaders representing diverse organizations and two to three local Freeport-McMoRan representatives who determine grant recipients. These community leaders are selected by members of the local Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan more than 15 years ago to foster open and ongoing dialogue with the community. The process allows the company and the community to work together to develop thoughtful solutions that address community needs.

Since 2013, more than \$2.5 million has been invested through the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation in the Globe-Miami area. The funds have been awarded to programs and projects that build community resilience and capacity. In 2022, \$327,300 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

Miami High School

Vandal Orchard and Farm – \$75,000

The project will expand the existing outdoor classroom to further enhance students’ opportunities for hands-on experiential learning opportunities. This engagement has shown to increase student interest in and attendance at school, consequently supporting their timely progression to the next grade level.

Gila Community College

Regional Training Center Upgrade – \$150,000

Funding will allow the college to upgrade the Advanced Manufacturing / Fixed Plant, Welding and HVAC programs with state-of-the-art equipment and technology to provide students with 21st-century skills to obtain employment in high-wage, high-demand fields in the Globe-Miami area.

Gila House

Transitional Living Facility Development – \$43,000

By completing site prep and demolition work at a site approved for residential housing development, Gila House will address community blight while beginning to take the steps necessary to establish a multi-unit, multi-family transitional housing facility in the Globe-Miami area.

Local First Arizona Foundation

Rural Business Academy – \$9,300

Local First will work with the City of Globe to develop customer service training for local businesses that will align with ongoing community branding work and build the capacity of local workers and businesses.

Town of Miami

Hostetler Pool Rehab – \$50,000

Funding will allow for the refurbishment of the municipal pool, revitalizing a community asset and providing a community gathering and recreational amenity for the Town of Miami.

For more information about Freeport-McMoRan community investments and programs, please contact Robin Bradford at rbradfor@fmi.com or visit FreeportInMyCommunity.com.

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