



## Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2023 Green Valley and Sahuarita Community Investment Fund Recipients

PHOENIX, AZ, December 6, 2023 — Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has awarded \$500,500 in Green Valley and Sahuarita as part of just over \$3 million awarded to 55 projects in Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, New Mexico and Texas through its Community and Social Investment Fund process.

Recipient organizations will receive their monetary awards and be recognized by members of the Community Investment Committee during presentations in the coming months.

“The success of our community investments relies on partnering with communities to think through opportunities to address potential risks to resilience and well-being, and actively working to identify projects and programs that will strengthen communities over time,” said Tracy Bame, President, Freeport-McMoRan Foundation. “We are grateful for relationships with community partners that allow the kind of collaboration needed to deliver projects and programs that will yield the most meaningful social benefit and continue to build the foundation needed to ensure resilience in a post-mining scenario.”

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation works with a range of committed partners throughout the investment process. The Foundation has an ongoing partnership with True Impact, allowing organizations to forecast the impact of their project in the community.

Community Investment Funds are led by seven to nine local leaders representing diverse organizations, and along with two to three Freeport-McMoRan representatives, they decide how funds are awarded. These community leaders are selected by members of the local Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan more than 18 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 2012, more than \$5.8 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 2023, \$500,500 was awarded to the following grant recipients:

### **The GVC Foundation, Inc.**

#### **Signage for Safety: Increasing Community Awareness – \$69,000**

To increase traffic safety and develop infrastructure for use in community emergencies, funds will be used to purchase portable electronic signs that will increase community awareness of the importance of road safety and provide relevant data to determine if changes need to be made to traffic-related patterns.

**Mobile Meals of Tucson, Inc.**

**Medically Tailored Mobile Meals – \$25,000**

The Medically Tailored Mobile Meals project will improve food and housing security by delivering medically tailored meals to residents unable to prepare meals for themselves, enabling them to continue to live independently in their own homes.

**Parkinson’s Support Group of Green Valley**

**Rock Steady Boxing – \$13,500**

Parkinson’s Support Group of Green Valley will aim to improve the physical health and quality of life of people living with Parkinson’s disease by providing Rock Steady Boxing, a program shown to slow the progression of the disease.

**Sahuarita Food Bank**

**Workforce Development Through Welding – \$114,000**

Funding for this project will be used to train people in welding to meet local workforce demand as well as provide opportunities for increased educational attainment and financial well-being.

**Sahuarita Unified School District #30**

**Pima First: Sahuarita WINS Scholarship – \$175,000**

Funding will provide educational scholarships to at least 75 students, removing barriers to post-secondary education access for Sahuarita students.

**Tucson Values Teachers**

**Teachers in Industry Scholarships – \$25,000**

Tucson Values Teachers will provide scholarships to local teachers participating in Teachers in Industry (TII). TII pairs teachers with industry professionals to provide hands-on, real-world learning opportunities so they can enhance educational opportunities for students as well as further their own teaching skills and capacity.

**Valley Assistance Services**

**Education and Prevention in the Community – \$79,000**

Valley Assistance Services will develop and present health and wellness seminars to raise awareness around health issues and improve overall health and wellness outcomes of local residents.

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