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## Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Announces 2019 Green Valley / Sahuarita Community Investment Fund Grant Recipients

Green Valley / Sahuarita, AZ (October 15, 2019) — Freeport-McMoRan is pleased to announce the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has awarded \$450,000 to five local projects through the Green Valley / Sahuarita 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.”

A committee comprised of local community leaders representing diverse organizations as well as three Freeport-McMoRan representatives governs the Fund. The community leaders were selected by members of the Green Valley / Sahuarita Community Partnership Panel, a stakeholder engagement process established by Freeport-McMoRan in 2008 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. Soon after, Community Investment Funds were established to give community leaders the opportunity to direct funds from the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation to address local priority issues.

Since its establishment in 2010, the Green Valley / Sahuarita CIF has invested \$5.05 million. The funds have gone to programs and projects that help foster sustainability and reduce dependency on any single industry by supporting initiatives that benefit community priority areas identified by CPP members. Proposals include those in the priority areas of education, environment, community and economic development as well as health and wellness.

### 2019 grant recipients are:

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona**  
***Grace Child Learning Center Playground – \$55,000***

In response to the need for additional, quality childcare in the local community, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is building a facility that will serve 200 children, including infants. The grant supports the construction of a playground at the facility which will allow children to play, explore, learn and grow in a shaded, outdoor area.



### **Sahuarita Food Bank**

#### ***Nourishing our Community Capital Campaign – \$150,000***

This grant will be used as a matching challenge to encourage additional investment in the capital costs needed to create a one-stop facility focused on expanding the Food Bank and creating a space for collaborative family stability programs.

### **Sahuarita Unified School District**

#### ***Discovery Education Techbook – Innovation for K-2nd Grades – \$82,000***

Building on the existing partnership with Discovery Education, Sahuarita Unified School District will extend high quality science education to K-2nd grade students. This program expansion makes available high quality, relevant science curriculum through the K-8 continuum and will continue to support the positive movement in science achievement in students.

### **Town of Sahuarita**

#### ***Sahuarita Biz Program (BizLaunch/BizEDGE) – \$67,000***

Fostering entrepreneurship and small business development through the BizEDGE and BizLAUNCH programs, this investment will allow the Town of Sahuarita to embed this work into their economic development strategy with two years of programming. The continued focus on the cultivation of entrepreneurs and small businesses will lead to long-term economic diversification.

### **Tucson Audubon Society**

#### ***Gardens on the Greens – \$96,000***

Grant funds infuse additional investment in the development of the Canoa Hills Golf Course as it transitions to becoming a public park. Programming will highlight native habitats as community amenities through workshops, presentations, water harvesting and green infrastructure for residents while also building sustainable regional ecotourism.

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

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