

# SAFFORD CONNECTS: CPP HIGHLIGHTS Q2 2026



This newsletter provides updates from our recent Community Partnership Panel. It is part of our commitment to keeping the community informed about site activities and fostering open and ongoing dialogue.

Learn more about our commitment to communities:

[Freeport In My Community](#)

## ✓ IN THIS EDITION...

Operations: [Ashurst Acid Transload Facility](#)

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## SITE OPERATIONS UPDATE

### Employment Update

#### Safford Headcounts

Employment: 1,560

Vacancies: 80

Contractors: 230

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#### Morenci Headcounts

Employment: 4,000

Vacancies: 190

Contractors: 1,540

#### TC-Sanchez and CASC Headcounts

Employment: 210

*\*Headcounts are an approximation based on date of meeting*

## Additional Updates

- **Safford Operations Performance**
  - Challenging first quarter with ongoing increased cost pressures as well as reliability and maintenance challenges at North American operations but the second quarter outlook is improved as sites manage through setbacks to achieve their respective safe production targets.
  - Continued focus on execution and operational stability.
- **Ashurst Acid Transload Facility ✓**
  - Developing a rail-to-truck sulfuric acid transload facility near Fort Thomas.
  - Intended to reduce long-haul truck traffic, improve logistics efficiency and site transportation costs.
  - Facility design is modest with very limited infrastructure, utilizing mobile transloading equipment to pump acid from rail cars into carrier tanks for transportation to the mine site. All transloading operations will take place on paved surfaces with graded drainage to secondary containment points as an environmental control.
  - Target project completion and operations start by year end 2026.
  - Ongoing highway safety coordination with ADOT to effectively design and build for minimal traffic impact.
  - Continued evaluation of safety considerations and mitigation measures.
- **Geothermal Exploration**
  - Early-stage evaluation of geothermal heat to improve copper recovery from leach operations.
  - Includes partnership with a geothermal firm and exploration activities on nearby properties, with engagement letters sent to neighboring landowners to begin dialog about scope and areas of work.
  - No development decisions have been made.
- **Leadership Transition**
  - Retirement of the current site General Manager, Vicki Seppala, at the end of June.
  - Incoming General Manager Casey Clayton brings prior site and processing experience, with transition expected in early July.

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## SITE ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

- **Sulfuric Acid Plant Emissions Event ✓**

- An emissions release occurred during startup following a planned maintenance outage due to equipment failure under thermal stress.
- This event was reported to appropriate regulatory agencies as required.
- No off-site impacts occurred and no evacuations were required.
- Root cause tied to internal damage and corrosion not visible during standard inspections.
- Corrective actions include enhanced inspection methods, earlier component replacement, and more proactive maintenance practices.

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## SOCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

### A Conversation on Community ✓

**Introducing Cory Stevens.** Cory, Senior Vice President and President & Chief Operating Officer – Freeport Americas, shares why community partnerships matter and how working alongside local organizations helps create lasting, positive impact where we operate. Watch his message [here](#).



### Global Volunteer Month

Each year, Freeport employees come together to support their communities for Global Volunteer Month. Volunteer projects focus on biodiversity and skill-based learning opportunities, reflecting the company's commitment to **Proudly Creating Better Futures**. Each site organizes events tailored to local needs; learn more about Safford's projects below.

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Safford's volunteerism included STEM education, youth engagement and biodiversity projects.



# Freeport's 2026 Grant Programs

## Community Investment Fund

The Community Investment Fund is driven by three priority areas:



**Education & Workforce Development**

### Resilient People

Early Education | K-12 | Higher Education | Workforce Development | STEM | Community Education & Support



**Economic Opportunity**

### Resilient Economies

Health | Safety | Housing | Environmental | Small Business Support | Access to Food | Economic Development | Cultural Heritage & Arts | Community Infrastructure



**Capacity & Leadership**

### Resilient Organizations & Systems

Training & Skill-Building | Community & Emergency Planning | Citizen Engagement & Participation | Organization Governance & Effectiveness

**Application Opens:**

**May 13, 2026**

**Application Closes:**

**June 26, 2026**

*at 5 p.m. AZ time*

**Awards Announced:**

**Nov. 20, 2026**

## Mini-Grants for Education

Designed to support K-12 teachers and schools in communities where Freeport has an operational presence.

**Application Opens:**

**July 6, 2026**

**Application Closes:**

**Sept. 4, 2026**

*at 5 p.m. AZ time*

**Awards Announced:**

**Oct. 30, 2026**

# Women's Development Grants

Support organizations providing women and girls opportunities to advance educational attainment, create and expand businesses, and increase financial capability and employment through education and/or workforce skills training.

**Application  
Opens:**

Sept. 2, 2026

**Application  
Closes:**

Oct. 9, 2026

*at 5 p.m. AZ time*

**Awards  
Announced:**

Dec. 4, 2026

## Community Engagement

- **Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona Presentation**
  - The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona serves a large, multi-county region through partnerships and mobile distribution, relying heavily on private support.
  - Food insecurity remains high, particularly in rural areas with gaps in consistent access to food. Key barriers include transportation challenges, limited distribution points and unmet dietary needs.
  - Local partner organizations often face capacity limitations, and the presentation emphasized the need to strengthen partnerships and build local capacity through grants and outreach efforts.
  - The food bank's future focus includes increasing access to food through mobile and home delivery models.
- **Graham County Housing Assessment Presentation**
  - Graham County is experiencing a housing shortage driven by population growth and increased employment demand.
  - Rental vacancies are low, indicating limited available housing, especially for renters.
  - Many households are cost-burdened, spending more than one-third of income on housing.
  - Contributing factors include rising home prices, rents, utility costs, and infrastructure limitations.
  - Key needs include additional short-term housing for contractors and more affordable, well-maintained units for lower-wage workers.
  - **Study and Findings**
    - Study incorporated surveys, community input, interviews and data analysis, with a final report in progress.
    - Housing supply has not kept pace with economic and population growth, requiring coordinated planning and development.

- Increased new construction is needed across all housing price points.
- **Next Steps**
  - Report is complete and has been published with final revisions.
  - Findings are intended to inform coordinated planning and development efforts, using community input to guide future housing strategies and actions.

## Resilience Initiative



### Resilience Plan Update

- Ongoing development of the Graham County Resilience Plan (2.0), moving toward defined actions and strategies.

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## GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT

Freeport maintains a formal Grievance Management System allowing community stakeholders to share concerns directly with company officials. Learn more about our Grievance Management process at [FreeportInMyCommunity.com](https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com).

The topics of concern received included:

- Concern regarding driving behaviors on Safford-Bryce Road including excessive speeds and behaviors around stopped school buses

### Grievance Report

Q1 2026: **2**

YTD Active: **1**

YTD Closed: **1**

Previous Year Active: **0**

### Community Information & Grievance Line

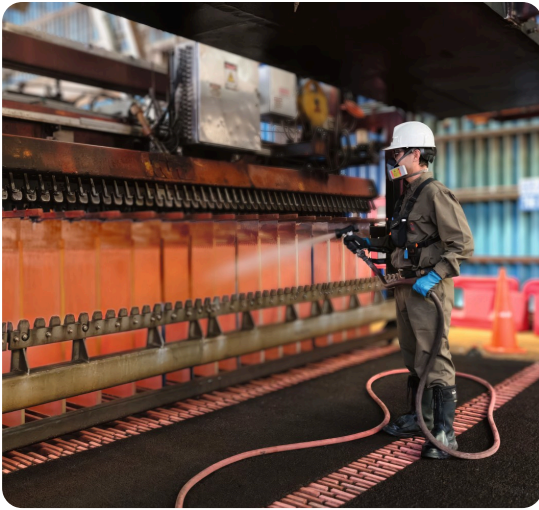
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24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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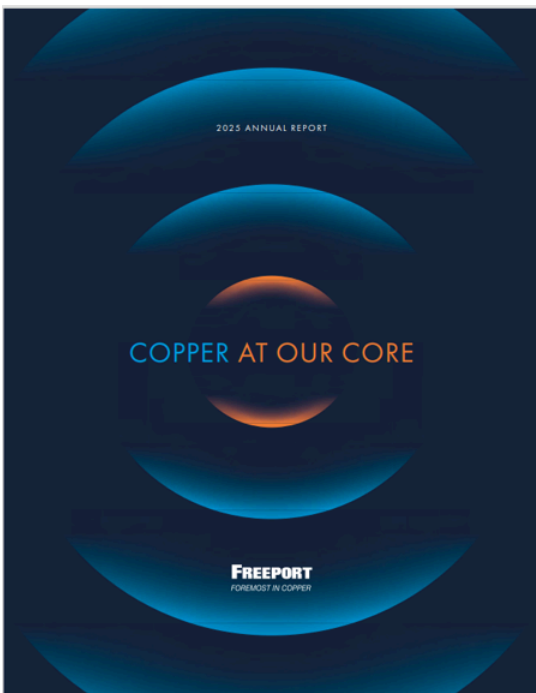
## COMPANY UPDATE



## Freeport Reports First-Quarter 2026 Results

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## 2025 Reports Now Available!



The **2025 Annual Report** and **Sustainability Report** are now available. Click the images or visit [FCX.com](https://www.fcx.com) to learn more.

## We want to hear from you!

We value your feedback. Please share your thoughts on the CPP by completing this quick survey.

[CPP Feedback Survey](#)

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