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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT (BOSAIR)

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Record Number:

Amplifund Grant Record Number: 100694

Award Type: Grant

Is a Board Meeting Date Requested? Yes

Requested Board Meeting Date: 12/16/2025

Signature Only:

NO

Procurement Director Award / Delegated Award: • N/A

Supplier / Customer / Grantor / Subrecipient: Freeport-McMoRan

Project Title / Description: Mitigate to Protect: Public Safety Through Firewise Action.

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to strengthen wildfire resilience across 14–20 Green Valley community associations by providing the resources, oversight, and support needed to reduce hazardous vegetation and create defensible space. Through targeted removal of high-risk invasive plant species, reduction of wildfire fuel loads, and establishment of fire breaks, the project aims to bring participating communities into alignment with recognized fire-prevention standards, including the NFPA Firewise USA® program. By directing funding through the Green Valley Council for coordinated management and distribution, the project ensures an efficient, collaborative approach to safeguarding residents, property, and natural landscapes from wildfire threats.

Procurement Method: Grant: Not applicable

Procurement Method Additional Info: N/A

Program Goals/Predicted Outcomes: The goal of this project is to provide direct support to 14–20 Green Valley community associations so they can implement immediate wildfire-prevention measures that protect life and property. These measures include mitigating hazardous vegetation—particularly high-risk invasive species such as buffelgrass, fountaingrass, and stinknet—through the removal of wildfire fuel loads, creation of fire breaks, and establishment of baseline remediation levels for plants, trees, shrubs, and brush within each association.

Project success will be evaluated through pre- and post-assessments of residential and association properties to determine compliance with fire-prevention standards established by relevant agencies, including the NFPA Firewise USA® program.

Funding will be provided directly to the Green Valley Council, which will oversee, manage, and distribute the funds to the 14–20 participating community associations.

Public Benefit and Impact:

This project will promote community resiliency by enhancing public safety through the abatement of wildfire risks in especially vulnerable areas including residential areas within the Wildland-Urban interface. This project will help incentivize community associations and individual residents to undertake much needed mitigation of flora, including dangerous invasive species such as buffelgrass, fountaingrass, and stinknet, on community association property and individual residences. This mitigation is intended to reduce wildfire fuel loads, create firebreaks to protect homes and structures, and minimize the overall risks to life and property for Green Valley communities. This project will also assist community associations in meeting Firewise compliance.

Budget Pillar

- Conservation, sustainability & climate resiliency

Support of Prosperity Initiative:

- C-S 2. Address Climate Resilience and Environmental Justice

Provide information that explains how this activity supports the selected Prosperity Initiatives

This activity promotes climate resilience and environmental justice by reducing wildfire risk and protecting vulnerable Green Valley communities through fuel load removal, invasive species control, and preparedness of common areas and residences.

Metrics Available to Measure Performance:

Number of community organizations engaged and properties assessed pre- and post-mitigation to ensure wildfire risk reduction in accordance with local, state, and national standards.

Retroactive:

NO

Grant / Amendment Information (for grants acceptance and awards)

Record Number:

Amplifund Grant Record Number: 100694

Type: Award

Department Code: OEM

AmpliFund Grant Record Number: 100694

Amendment Number: N/A

Commencement Date: 01/05/2026

Termination Date: 05/04/2026

Advantage Initial GTAW# (If Applicable): N/A

Total Revenue Amount:

\$20,000.00

Total Match Amount

\$0.00

Advantage Grant ID # (If Applicable): N/A

All Funding Source(s) required: Freeport-Mcmoran Corporate Funds

Does PCAO need to review the grant award (or grant amendment)?

NO

Does PCAO need to sign the grant award (or grant amendment)?

NO

Match funding from General Fund?

NO

Match funding from other sources?

NO


Are Federal Funds Involved?

NO

Department: Office of Emergency Management

Name: Lisa Romero

Telephone: 5207249300

GMI Director:  for Ken Walker Date: 11/26/2025

Department Director Signature:  Date: 11/24/2025

Deputy County Administrator Signature:  Date: 11-26-2025

County Administrator Signature: _____ Date: 11/26/2025

Dear Mr. Kosiorowski–

Thank you for your interest in the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation Sierrita Site Investment Fund. Across the Freeport-McMoRan and Climax Molybdenum operations, we focus on working with the communities in which we operate to develop partnerships with organizations, fund projects designed to address priority needs and contribute to the sustainability of each community.

Congratulations, your **Public Safety Through Firewise Action** application successfully met the criteria of the Sierrita Site Investment Fund to provide a sustainable benefit to the community and we are pleased to provide funding in the amount of **\$20,000.00**. You will receive your check in the mail or in person if desired, and additional information about grant requirements will be in the award letter that will be included with your check.

This grant is made by the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation on behalf of Freeport-McMoRan Foundation and its operations. Any acknowledgement of our support should be attributed to the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.

Matt Smogor will be in touch directly to schedule formal award presentations at a later date.

Thank you for partnering with Freeport-McMoRan.

Matt Smogor

Social Performance Manager

Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita

Cell: 520-697-5337



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SITE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

At Freeport-McMoRan, we understand that our social license to operate is directly dependent on community relationships. Community engagement and consultation is the key to successful two-way communications so that community members have input into our programs, as well as to ensure local understanding of our operations, impacts and mitigation plans. We believe social investment is about listening to our communities and understanding their needs, priorities and ideas — and being a catalyst for the formation of partnerships that increase prosperity and sustainability.

USE OF THIS APPLICATION

- If this is a request for an **Event Sponsorship** please connect directly with your site contact to determine whether an application needs to be completed.
- Requests from schools must be coordinated through your district superintendent or equivalent personnel. For more information about classroom funding available through Freeport-McMoRan Foundation, please visit the [Education page](#) on our community website.
- Requests should be no more than \$10,000. Typically, awards are between \$500 and \$5,000.
- Requests between \$10,000 - \$20,000 should be discussed with the respective site contact identified below to determine if criteria are met to qualify for a submittal towards Freeport-McMoRan Foundation's [Community Investment Fund](#) or potentially eligible for a site investment.
- Each applicant must submit a current [IRS Form W-9](#), including Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification.
- Each applicant must complete and submit the [Site Investment Project Budget](#). No other project budget versions will be accepted.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

We are committed to supporting programs that contribute to the sustainability of the communities where we have a presence. We work with the communities in which we operate to develop partnerships with community organizations, fund projects designed to address priority needs, and contribute to the sustainability of each community. It is our aim to support organizations, programs and projects that are addressing an identified priority community issue/need.

The identified priority areas are: Education & Workforce Development, Economic Opportunity and Capacity & Leadership. We also seek to support projects within these priority areas that support women's development.

USE OF GRANT FUNDS – Funds will not be awarded to the following:

- Organizations that do not have 501c-3 or other non-profit status as designated by the IRS. (Note: governmental offices or agencies are qualified as long as the project or activity is eligible as outlined in these guidelines).
- Organizations that intend to re-grant the funds via scholarships.
- Requests for individuals, including those for travel support, teams that are restrictive in participation or anything else that benefits a single individual or a very limited number of individuals.
- Fraternal, labor or veteran organizations/activities limited to organization membership.
- Faith-based institutions or other organizations primarily promoting or propagating a particular faith.
- Political or lobbying activities.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION

Applications review cycles vary depending on site. Please reference the review schedule below for your community. Applications should be saved as a Word or PDF document. The application, project budget and a Form-W9 must be submitted to your site contact.

November 10 is the last date an application can be submitted for funding consideration in a calendar year.

Operating Community	State	Application Deadline/Award Notification	Site Contact
Ajo	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Rita Lloyd Mills
Bagdad	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Ann Steward
Bisbee	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Rita Lloyd Mills
Climax Operations: Lake, Summit, Chaffee and Eagle Counties	CO	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Nell Wareham
Globe/Miami	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Robin Bradford
Graham County	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Sean Wenham
Grant County	NM	Feb. 10 – by March 30 May 10 – by June 30 August 10 – by September 30 November 10 – by December 30	Sharon Offutt
Greenlee County	AZ	1 st of the month - 1 st of the following month	Martha Lujan
Green Valley/Sahuarita	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Matt Smogor
Ft. Madison	IA	Feb. 10 – by March 30 May 10 – by June 30 August 10 – by September 30 November 10 – by December 30	Amy Conlee
Henderson Operations: Grand and Clear Creek Counties	CO	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Lalitha Christian
Jerome/Clarkdale	AZ	Applications accepted on a rolling basis. 30-day review process.	Rita Lloyd Mills

It is recommended that organizations submit only one application per year. Please connect with your site contact for additional guidance.

SITE INVESTMENT APPLICATION

Project Name:	Mitigate to Protect: Public Safety Through Firewise Action
Organization Name:	Pima County Office of Emergency Management
Name/Title of Request Contact:	Director Sandra Espinoza
Phone Number:	520-724-9300
Email Address:	Sandra.Espinoza@pima.gov
Mailing Address:	3434 E 22 nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85713-2353
Organization Nonprofit Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> 501c3 <input type="checkbox"/> 501c4 <input type="checkbox"/> 501c6 <input type="checkbox"/> School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please Specify</i>
Total Project Budget amount:	\$20,000
Grant amount requested:	\$20,000
Number of Beneficiaries/Participants:	3,360-4,800 direct, 2,880 indirect
Project START date: (if applicable)	01/05/26
Project END date: (if applicable)	05/04/26
Highlight the priority area of your project from the bulleted list:	<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> Education and Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Success Formal Education: K-12 Out of School Programs Undergraduate Education Workforce Development Economic Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community & Economic Development Environment Growing and Harvesting Health Housing Small Business Capacity and Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Resiliency </div>
Please describe the project and how your project or activity addresses the priority area selected.	
<p>This project will promote community resiliency by enhancing public safety through the abatement of wildfire risks in especially vulnerable areas including residential areas within the Wildland-Urban Interface. This project will help incentivize community associations and individual residents to undertake much needed mitigation of flora, including dangerous invasive species such as buffelgrass, fountaingrass, and stinknet, on community association property and individual residences. This mitigation is intended to reduce wildfire fuel loads, create firebreaks to protect homes and structures, and minimize the overall risks to life and property for Green Valley communities. This project will also assist community associations in meeting Firewise compliance.</p>	
Please describe which communities, target populations and the number of participants your project will serve.	
<p>This project will directly support 14-20 Green Valley community associations comprising approximately 3,360-4,800 community residents. The target demographic is specifically Green Valley residents, a community characterized by being comprised of older adults. The Green Valley community has a median resident age of 73, with 80% of all residents being age 65 and over, of which 22% are Veterans, and of which 27% are disabled. This project will also indirectly support the 12 Green Valley community associations who are currently progressing through the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA program with the goal of becoming a Firewise Certified community.</p>	

What are the goals of this project and how will you know if you've achieved the goals?

The goal of this project is to provide direct support to 14-20 Green Valley community associations so that they can take immediate preventative measures to minimize wildfire threats to life and property by mitigating flora, including dangerous and high fire-risk invasive plant species (buffelgrass, fountaingrass, stinknet), through the removal of wildfire fuel loads, by creating fire breaks to prevent the spread of wildfire, and by creating a baseline remediation level for plants, trees, bushes, and brush within the association. Project success will be determined by pre- and post-examinations of residential and association property to determine levels of remediation congruent with fire agency standards, including the NFPA Firewise USA program.

How will you evaluate and measure this project's impact and any sustainable benefits?

This project will engage community organizations with subject matter expertise in the areas of wildfire, emergency response, and wildfire mitigation. This project will involve a pre- and post-remediation evaluation of the association property to ensure an effective reduction of wildfire risk congruent with local, state, and national standards. This project will support community associations who are required to conduct baseline remediation of all plants, trees, etc., to comply with the mandates of the NFPA Firewise USA program to become a Firewise Certified community. There will also be a development of and an ongoing review of each community association's strategic wildfire mitigation plan to ensure continuing appropriate action is taken to sustain wildfire risk reduction practices and policies.

Is this a one-time project or ongoing event? If ongoing, how long has it occurred and how will it be sustained?

This will be an ongoing project to provide financial support for wildfire risk mitigation, frontline guidance, and education to community associations in the Green Valley community. The "Mitigate to Protect" project will be the first iteration that will support 14-20 community associations initially through subsidizing the cost of removing wildfire fuel loads, creating fuel breaks, and removing plants and invasive plant species that pose significant wildfire risks. The long-term goal of the project is to provide support, guidance, and education to an additional 60-70 community associations that encompass the Green Valley community and represent an additional population of approximately 14,400-16,800 residents. Support for the continuance of this project will be sought through Pima County funds and additional local, state, and federal grants.

Please describe how the requested funds will be utilized.

14-20 Green Valley community associations will receive up to \$1400.00 each to subsidize the cost of removing wildfire fuel loads, creating fire breaks, removing invasive plant species (buffelgrass, fountaingrass, stinknet), and preparing community association common areas and residences to be wildfire resilient. The funds will also support community associations actively in the NFPA Firewise certification process by subsidizing the cost of creating a baseline of flora mitigation mandated by the Firewise process, so that the community association can become Firewise certified.

Have you received funding and/or in-kind donations for this project in the past three years from Freeport-McMoRan? If yes, please list the amount and year of funding.

N/A

Please list any collaborative or sustaining partners in this project who are providing funds or other resources as well as any known funding amounts that have been or will be provided.

This project will involve in-kind support from local community organizations specializing in emergency response and wildfire mitigation. This project will be supported by the Santa Rita Fire District Fire Corps, the Green Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the Green Valley Council. The partnering agencies will provide direct support, guidance, and education in the areas of wildfire mitigation, invasive species (buffelgrass, fountaingrass, stinknet) management, community mapping in furtherance of wildfire risk mitigation, and strategic planning for future wildfire risk mitigation.

Does the project for which you are applying have a need for volunteers? If yes, please indicate the scope of the volunteer need. (Please note - volunteer support from Freeport-McMoRan is not guaranteed should your project be awarded funding).

This project will incorporate community volunteers to support and provide guidance and education to the participating community associations. The community volunteers will be from the partnering agencies comprised of the Santa Rita Fire District Fire Corps, the Green Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, and the Green Valley Council.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

If awarded, contributed funds must be used for developing and implementing the project as described in this application. Freeport-McMoRan retains the right to disseminate information and materials developed as a result of the project and may request photos or other materials from the project or event for promotional use. Typing your name is equivalent to legal signature confirming that you will comply with the obligations specified above.

Signature:



Date:

11/7/2025

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OR EQUIVALENT PERSONNEL APPROVAL

If this is a request from a school, please ensure your District Superintendent or equivalent personnel has signed off below. Applications without signature will not be considered.

Signature:

Date:

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED

- ☐ Site Investment Application
- ☐ Site Investment Project Budget (No other project budget versions will be accepted.)
- ☐ W-9