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Joint Resilient Response Project Announced by Leadville Lake Economic Development Corporation

The Leadville Lake County Economic Development Corporation (LLCEDC) continues to develop innovative plans to improve the quality of life in Leadville Lake County. A recently announced program involves a pilot project to identify, anticipate, plan, and prepare for potential threats to our environment, economy, safety, and well-being. Some of the threats being examined include storms, drought, civil unrest, and pandemics.

The project is a partnership between LLCEDC, Climax Molybdenum, a subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan, and Better City, a leading economic development consulting firm.

The project goal is to develop a list of actions and projects that could be eligible for federal and state grants. Those projects will also receive priority consideration for future [Freeport Community Investment Fund](#) participation.

LLCEDC has been fortunate to have Nell Wareham actively engaged as a member of its governing board. Nell is the manager of Strategic Community Development for Freeport-McMoRan, the parent company of Climax Molybdenum, and was instrumental in helping LLCEDC be selected for this pilot project.

Jason Hall, LLCEDC's board president, says projects like these demonstrate the value of the Leadville Lake County Economic Development entity and belief in working closely with business

partners. “A project like this is beyond our ability to accomplish without major partners like Climax. They have experience with contingency planning, safety analysis, and planning for resilient responses to major events that communities many times larger than ours can’t match. We’re fortunate to have them as a driving force in this project. Better City will provide depth of experience working with communities to produce community-specific, tangible results on projects like ours.”

Early steps in the project include mobilizing the local team planning for presentations to the public, City Council, and other organizations. In addition to presentations, the project also includes communication with the entire community through news releases and other outreach. As the project advances, there will be a review of existing plans and studies, the cataloging of community resources and organizations essential for community resiliency, and identifying threats and risks.

The later portions of the project will include identifying and vetting potential actions leading to resilient responses to events, reviewing potential action plans with key stakeholders, and creating the final action list.

The Leadville Lake County Economic Development Corporation is the leading catalyst for business success by helping to retain and expand the economic base in Leadville and Lake County. Governed by a Board of Directors elected by its membership, the LLCEDC is committed to assisting the development of a diverse and sustainable economy for all of Leadville Lake County.

Businesses, individuals, and organizations interested in supporting Leadville Lake County Economic Development Corporation’s ongoing work of creating growth while protecting the area’s unique character can visit the LLCEDC website at lakecountyedc.com, or reach out to Nancy Bailey, Executive Director at director@lakecountyedc.com or 719-293-2316.

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