

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #26-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, AMENDING THE 2026 CITY BUDGET BY ACCEPTING A RASMUSON TIER ONE GRANT FOR THE VALDEZ VOICES AND VISIONS PLACEMAKING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is committed to preserving and celebrating the community's history, culture, and identity while enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Rasmuson Foundation has awarded the City of Valdez a Tier 1 Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to support the Valdez Voices and Visions Project; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez Voices and Visions Project is a community placemaking initiative designed to celebrate Valdez's unique history, culture, people, and sense of place through public storytelling, interpretive signage, public art, and wayfinding enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the project seeks to preserve and share stories of the original townsite, the 1964 Good Friday Earthquake, Alaska Native heritage, maritime traditions, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline era, and the individuals and families who have shaped the community throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, the Valdez Voices and Visions Project directly supports City Council priorities related to tourism, recreation, community identity, economic development, and quality of life by enhancing public spaces, strengthening community pride, and improving the visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, placemaking projects such as Valdez Voices and Visions contribute to economic development by encouraging visitor engagement, increasing visitation to local attractions, supporting local businesses, and creating meaningful connections between residents, visitors, and the community's history; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Budget must be amended to accept these funds and to authorize its expenditure for the Valdez Voices and Visions Placemaking; and

WHEREAS, budget amendments must be formally appropriated via Budget Amendment Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that the 2026 City Budget is amended as follows:

Section 1: Misc. Economic Development Grants Revenue, 350.5400.33111, is increased by \$25,000.

Section 2: Rasmuson Valdez Voices and Visions Grant Expense, 350.5400.49500, is increased by \$25,000.

Section 3: The City Manager or their designee is authorized to execute any grant related agreements or documentation.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 16th day of June, 2026.

City of Valdez, Alaska

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk