

October 22, 2025

Valdez Avalanche Center CSO Application Resubmission

Objective: Ask the City Manager to request that the Valdez Avalanche Center (VAC) resubmit their 2026 CSO application such that the requested City of Valdez funding amount to no greater than 50% - 65% of "Total Valdez Program Costs". Any request above 50% of total program funding must include an explanation of why additional funding is necessary from a financial and operational perspective. Any request above 50% should also include a narrative of how the VAC plans to become less financially dependent on City of Valdez funding in the future. This information should be provided so the Council can review the resubmission during their scheduled 10/30/2025 budget worksession.

Deliverables: At a minimum, the updated application must clearly include and account for the following deliverables.

1. Five day per week avalanche forecasts for Valdez's three avalanche zones from Dec 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026
2. Issuance of special avalanche weather alerts to the public as appropriate
3. Provide one age appropriate avalanche education event at each Valdez City School
4. As per the conclusions of the National Avalanche Center report, conduct forecaster exchanges with Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center

Updated Financial Information: Provide an updated line item "Valdez Programming" budget for 2026, compared to last year's budget and last year's actual expenditures. Essentially, this is asking for an updated version of a table that VAC provided in their initial application (see page 177-178 of the Council CSO packet).