



Community Service Organization (CSO) Grant Progress Report

Biannual Progress & Financial Report. Due: April 15 for period ending March 31(Reporting Period 1) and October 15 for period ending September 30 (Reporting Period 2). Please e-mail report to: brusher@valdezak.gov

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Reporting Period:	<u>Period 1</u>	Title:	<u>President and Treasurer</u>
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CSO Grant Recipient: Connections to Care

CSO Funded Program: Connections to Care

LINE-ITEM EXPENSE REPORT: Please submit a line-item expense report of how City of Valdez dollars have been used in the current Reporting Period. *Be specific*

We have not invoiced the City of Valdez in 2025 yet. We spent 2024 funds on maintaining our wheelchair van, fuel to heat our shed, the board insurance, workman compensation insurance, and auto insurance for our vehicle. Whatever was left over went towards wages for our one employee, Holly Mooney.





VICTORIES AND OUTCOMES: Report on program successes during this reporting period. Tell Valdez City Council you have done with the City of Valdez CSO Grant. Please also report your progress in outcomes as defined in your CSO Grant application and report the number of Valdez residents served with City of Valdez CSO Grant.

We have provided care to several folks so that they can continue to live in their home. Recently, Providence's Community Foundation did a story on us and featured one of the many we help. It was heartwarming us to hear how richer her life is because of our volunteer and how our volunteer's life was also enriched.

We provided equipment and support to family so that one of our seniors could die at home with family at her bedside.

We provided lots help to seniors moving into Valdez Senior Living Apartments.

We are hosting our Life Planning Seminar next month. We are bringing in an elder lawyer guest speaker. They will take time to sit with our community to answer questions about estate planning, wills, and anything else having to do with end of life. They are also hosting a morning talk for providers to understand changes in Medicaid and Medicare.

In 2024, our 13 volunteers provided over 350 hours of service to 64 clients. We loaned out 102 pieces of equipment, and partnered to give 44 rides.

CHALLENGES: Report on barriers to success during this funding period and how you are working to overcome them.

Our biggest challenges is funding, which seems to always be the case with non-profits. However, we have a strong partnership with the Valdez Senior Center, who provides us with office space, internet, meeting space, electricity, and our equipment shed sits on their property.

Other largest challenge is maintaining a volunteer group. We are happy report we have more volunteers now than we did at this time last year.

