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Community Service Grant Program

## **Advocates for Victims of Violence**



## Community Service Organization (CSO) Grant Progress Report

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

Funding Calendar Year:	<input type="text" value="2025"/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Rowena Palomar"/>
CSO Funding Amount:	<input type="text" value="\$45,000"/>	Email:	<input type="text" value="executive@avvalaska.org"/>
Reporting Period:	<input type="text" value="9/25/25 – 3/26/26"/>	Title:	<input type="text" value="Executive Director"/>
Today's Date:	<input type="text" value="4/13/2026"/>	Phone:	<input type="text" value="(907) 835-2980"/>

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program:

**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*

Expenses from 9/25/25 to 3/26/26:

Commodities:	\$3,238.26
Contractual	18,251.69
Equipment (use of copier):	2,155.74
Facilities	2,449.45
Gas (vehicle for camps & youth programs):	<u>1,086.03</u>
Total Expenses	\$27,181.17





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During this reporting period, AVV provided services to 16 children that stayed at the shelter. Most of them stayed at the shelter for period between 14-18 weeks. AVV's Youth Services Coordinator worked directly with the children and the non-offending parents. Each child's assessment was completed and evaluated. Each child received one-on-one advocacy daily.

AVV provided supplies and clothing to most of the children, what they had on when they came to the shelter were the only clothing they were wearing. AVV also provided them with winter gears.

AVV continuously provided advocacy services to school children referred by the school counselors and/or other community providers on a regular basis.

In addition, AVV continuously provided school programs at the Gilson Middle School during Flex Fridays and every Wednesday at Valdez High School.

February is Teen Dating Awareness Month. AVV provided school presentations to all students at Middle School and High School. We provided information about Bree's Law, Erin's Law, warning signs of Teen Dating Violence and provided resources as well. For students that could not be present during the week-long presentations, a special class was provided by AVV. We also had the Respect Pledge for both schools and had given orange t-shirts for "Wear Orange Day".

AVV produced a video regarding bullying that was aired at the beginning of February just in time for Teen Dating Violence. It is continuously shown at the Civic Center, airport, and at the HUB in Glennallen. We used the video for school presentations and awareness campaign. Bullying is one of the issues that we often hear from children that we served and including the survey that we had.

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

The challenges we had for this reporting period is the lack of affordable apartments for victims and survivors to transition from the shelter to the apartment. This has been a long problem going on. This is the reason why most of the family stays longer at the shelter waiting for an apartment becomes available than to go back to their perpetrators and have the children witness the violence in their household.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Connections to Care**



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Funding Calendar Year:	<input type="text" value="2026"/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Joan Heikens"/>
CSO Funding Amount:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text" value="ioancc@valdezak.net"/>
Reporting Period:	<input type="text" value="Sep 25 - March 26"/>	Title:	<input type="text" value="Board President"/>
Today's Date:	<input type="text" value="4/7/26"/>	Phone:	<input type="text" value="907-255-4326"/>

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program:

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I think it be easier if I gave you reports from our bookkeeper. Please see attached.





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Connections to Care due to funds you provided have been able to provide services to our community, we have provided wheelchair rides, our volunteers have provided in home services such as housekeeping, fixed meals and snow removal. We have assisted disabled folks in moving. When we go into a home to assist folks, we do an assessment to see what other services they may need. Do they have the equipment to make their live safer if no we visit our shed. Has our name implied we connect them into other services, meals on wheels, PCS programs, Medicate.

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

Connections to Care struggles to find volunteers, we advertise on face book and attend health symposium to look for volunteers. We put them with chores, services they are comfortable doing, most our volunteers are not trained CNA, however we do have a few retired RN who are able to provide hands on, this is very helpful with hospice situation.

It continues to be issue that Connections to Care is being confused with Connecting Ties because similarity in our name this has led to folks thinking they have to meet Medicaid standard to receive services from us. This becomes an issue when the person thinks our service is coming from Connecting Ties and do not understand why they do not have daily service. We refer to our self has C2C to our clients and through our face book page we post our services as no cost.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Copper Basin Child Advocacy Center (CRBCAC)**



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Funding Calendar Year:	<input type="text" value="2026"/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Gina Hoke"/>
CSO Funding Amount:	<input type="text" value="25.000"/>	Email:	<input type="text" value="director@crbcac.org"/>
Reporting Period:	<input type="text" value="Sep.'25- Mar.'26"/>	Title:	<input type="text" value="Executive Director"/>
Today's Date:	<input type="text" value="04/15/2026"/>	Phone:	<input type="text" value="907-822-3733"/>

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program:

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**Contractual Services:**

a. Professional Fees/Services: \$2,500

**Other Services:**

a. Communications: \$750

**Other Charges/Expenses:**

a. Insurance: \$3,000





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The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) continues to work on its mission, to help kids/families affected by child abuse in the Valdez region, serving eight (8) new cases in Valdez, since October 1, 2025, in addition to 7 cases requiring continuous follow-up and supports during the last year. The CAC also worked with Middle and High School students, in collaboration with other victim service providers, on prevention/outreach programs during the month of February for Teen Dating and Violence Prevention month.

The CAC continues to make progress in outcomes and goals. During this reporting period, we provided forensic services, i.e. child forensic interviews, child abuse/forensic medical exams, advocacy/support throughout the life of the case (which has been more than a year for some cases). The CAC also provided mental health referrals to clinicians with evidence-based practice, coordination of the multi-disciplinary team (MDT) response, including court proceedings and preparation with the district attorney's office (DAO) and other local victim service providers.

Another successful outcome is that the CAC was re-Accredited, for the next five years, with the National Children's Alliance on October 30, 2025. The MDT contributed a great deal of work and commitment toward this endeavor and it is a privilege to continue to work with a great Team of people that provide care and support for our children's safety.





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

Our MDT has not experienced any barriers during this funding period. Consistent staffing from our law enforcement, child protection, mental health and medical providers has helped the Team to overcome prior barriers with getting cases referred to the CAC and communication efforts. One identified need that the MDT has discussed is the recruitment of an additional medical provider to help support CAC case referrals in performing child abuse exams. This is currently being worked on.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Emergency Assistance and Food Bank of Valdez**



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Name:

CSO Funding Amount:

Email:

Reporting Period:

Title:

Today's Date:

Phone:

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program(s):

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

\*Please see attached "Statement of Activity" for specific line-item expenses.





VICTORIES AND OUTCOMES: Report on program successes during this reporting period.

Tell the Valdez City Council what 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 on the number of Valdez residents that have been served by the City of Valdez CSO Grant.

\*The Food Bank of Valdez has been offering food distribution biweekly for decades. During the CSO reporting period of September 2025-March 2026 approximately 3,661 people utilized the Food Bank of Valdez during distribution days: That number consists of 1,802 families, 2,354 adults, 728 children, and 579 seniors who live, work, and attend school within the Valdez community.

Food is acquired through a federal program called The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) at no cost to the Food Bank of Valdez. However, the TEFAP program has experienced cutbacks at the federal level and the food items available to order are extremely limited. For example, the only items available to order through TEFAP at this time are cans of apple sauce, canned pears, and bags of dry pinto beans. Food that is not available through the TEFAP program is purchased through financial donations, grant funds, such as the City of Valdez Community Service Organization Grant which the Food Bank of Valdez and community members that benefit from these funds are consistently grateful to receive. Other grants received were from Providence of Valdez and United Way of Valdez. Random food items are donated by private citizens at the Food Bank drop off box, and during seasonal food drives sponsored by organizations and businesses within the Valdez Community. Safeway also donates leftover seasonal food items, produce, and bread. Dedicated volunteers manage a garden plot generously donated by the Valdez Community Gardens with 100% of the harvest donated to the Food Bank for the past two years.

This year, the Food Bank of Alaska started offering Emergency Food Assistance (EFA-26) boxes at no cost to the Food Bank of Valdez which will be available until sometime in June 2026. The Food Bank of Valdez has ordered 1,320 EFA-26 boxes to date with each box valued at approximately \$41.00 which equates to food purchase savings of approximately \$54,120.00 in the past six months. The Food Bank of Valdez has recently placed an order for three hundred additional EFA-26 boxes containing frozen food items that recently became available to order. There are no reporting requirements for the EFA-26 food boxes, and the Food Bank of Valdez can order as many boxes as needed while supplies last. Currently, the Food Bank of Valdez stores pallets of EFA-26 boxes at Wilson Brother's until volunteers make room by stocking the shelves before distribution days and can stack boxes in the new storage shed.

Food is also offered for delivery to local senior citizens living in different areas of the community biweekly which is facilitated and delivered by staff from the Valdez Senior Center. The Food Bank of Valdez is open to low-income members of the Valdez community and those experiencing hardship every other Sunday for food distribution.

Due to the free offerings of EFA-26 boxes through the Food Bank of Alaska, the Food Bank of Valdez has only spent \$44,152.16 on food purchases during this reporting period and \$41,955.58 has been paid out in total for all emergency assistance requests, which includes rental assistance, rental deposit assistance, and prescription assistance during this reporting cycle totaling \$86,107.74 in food and emergency assistance pay outs in the last six months.





The Food Bank of Valdez started offering Birthday Cake Kits that were donated so patrons could celebrate a birthday with all the fixings needed to make and decorate a basic cake. The Food Bank of Valdez also provides bags of food for school age children after the federally funded program “Backpack Buddies” was defunded. The Food Bank of Valdez also provides emergency assistance to people in crisis, when requested, such as food and limited funds for basic needs such as the family that lost their home as a result of a devastating fire this winter.

The Valdez Food Bank is a not-for-profit service organization that is 100% managed by dedicated and community minded volunteers who continue to donate their time in support of community members in need by distributing nourishing food, offering limited emergency funds for life sustaining needs, and offering limited financial assistance to help prevent homelessness through the continued support and generosity of the City of Valdez Community Service Organization Grant.

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

\*The freezing weather Valdez experienced this winter created a steady request for emergency assistance for heating and utilities. Not having to pay for the EFA-26 food boxes and receiving the City of Valdez CSO Grant funds provided the means to be able to support at least twenty-three community members seeking emergency assistance in the last 6 months.

There continues to be challenges in having enough volunteers to help with stocking and distribution on a biweekly basis. However, the Food Bank has twelve dedicated volunteer Board Members who all generously donate countless hours of their time to serving members of this community in need through stocking shelves, distributing food every other Sunday, receiving shipments, answering phone calls, messages, emails, writing grants and reports, managing a garden, and attending Food Bank board meetings once a month.

The Food Bank maintains a Facebook page and requests volunteer help through social media, as well as reaching out to other service organizations, businesses, schools, and churches to be able to continue to offer biweekly food distribution.

If you or anyone you know are interested in volunteering, please call the Food Bank of Valdez at (907)-255-FOOD (3663). Please leave a message with your name, phone number, availability, and a volunteer will reach out to you. Thank you for supporting the Emergency Assistance and Food Bank of Valdez, Inc.



# Statement of Activity

## Emergency Assistance and Food Bank of Valdez

September 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

	TOTAL
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Revenue	
43400 Direct Public Support	
43420 Organizations Contributions	1,000.00
43450 Individual, Business Contributions	19,540.00
<b>Total for 43400 Direct Public Support</b>	<b>\$20,540.00</b>
44500 Grants	
44530 Local Government Grants	60,000.00
<b>Total for 44500 Grants</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
44800 Indirect Public Support	\$76,920.34
44840 Building Expansion Grant	-35,686.00
<b>Total for 44800 Indirect Public Support</b>	<b>\$41,234.34</b>
46400 Other Income	
46499 Interest Income	73.68
<b>Total for 46400 Other Income</b>	<b>\$73.68</b>
Rent Deposit Returns	2,465.00
<b>Total for Revenue</b>	<b>\$124,313.02</b>
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<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$124,313.02</b>
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Expenditures	
60900 General and Administrative	
60905 Telephone, Telecommunications	240.59
60906 Office and Operations Supplies	1,783.79
60910 Bank Charges	149.00
60950 Memberships and Dues	121.19
60980 Insurance-Liability, D and O	2,918.00
<b>Total for 60900 General and Administrative</b>	<b>\$5,212.57</b>
62100 Contract Services	
62140 Legal Fees	2,318.75
62150 Outside Contract Services	1,762.50
<b>Total for 62100 Contract Services</b>	<b>\$4,081.25</b>
62900 Utilites	
62901 Electricity	8,743.72
62902 Water and Sewer	138.72
62903 Propane	1,479.13
<b>Total for 62900 Utilites</b>	<b>\$10,361.57</b>
63001 Emergency Assistance	
63010 Electrcity Assistance	2,660.00
63020 Heating Assistance	5,956.03
63030 Emergency Travel	225.00
63040 Rx/Medical Assistance	2,153.71
63060 Rent Assistance	18,024.84
63065 Rent Deposit Assistance	9,486.00
63070 Other Emergency Ai	3,450.00
<b>Total for 63001 Emergency Assistance</b>	<b>\$41,955.58</b>

# Statement of Activity

## Emergency Assistance and Food Bank of Valdez

September 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

	TOTAL
64000 Food Assistance	
64010 Food Purchases	44,152.16
<b>Total for 64000 Food Assistance</b>	<b>\$44,152.16</b>
65100 Other Types	
65110 Pending Receipt	6,712.90
<b>Total for 65100 Other Types</b>	<b>\$6,712.90</b>
<b>Total for Expenditures</b>	<b>\$112,476.03</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,836.99</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$11,836.99</b>



Community Service Grant Program

## **Sound Wellness Alliance Network (SWAN)**



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Funding Calendar Year:	<input type="text" value="2026"/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Allie Steed"/>
CSO Funding Amount:	<input type="text" value="\$37.800"/>	Email:	<input type="text" value="info@swanalaska.com"/>
Reporting Period:	<input type="text" value="Period 1"/>	Title:	<input type="text" value="Executive Director"/>
Today's Date:	<input type="text" value="04/14/2026"/>	Phone:	<input type="text" value="4695152178"/>

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program:

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SWAN has not invoiced the City of Valdez for our 2026 funding yet, as the majority of our payments occur at the end of the calendar year, or beginning of the next year. We used 2025 funds for the following program support.

Ski For Free Program: \$8,000

SWAN Wellness Symposium (to include blood draws, produce expense, and other supplies): \$15,000

Power Hour: \$7,300

Bookkeeping: \$525.00

Community Events (Gingerbread House Decorating Contest, Valdez Winter Wellness Challenge events, and others): \$6,975.00





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SWAN has had an incredibly successful Reporting Period 1! Our eight-week wellness challenge, the Valdez Winter Wellness Challenge had 75 participants sign up and had a forty percent response rate until the end of the challenge. We hosted 11 community events during the challenge. These events included a Goal Mapping workshop, Suicide Prevention Community Meetings, Nutrition Kitchen, Cribbage Tournament, Puzzle Wars, Sound Mental Health Community Presentation, organized volunteering at the Valdez Food Bank, Chili and Cornbread Cookoff, and SWAN Talks. We had 51 people attend our third annual SWAN Talks.

Power Hour has had 466 users. We have partnered with Sound Mental Health to help bring mental health workshops to the community. We are looking forward to getting numbers from PWSC for the Ski for Free program and summer events to share in our second report.

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

One of the challenges SWAN faces is an increased request for our involvement. We continually evaluate these opportunities to ensure they align with our mission and organizational goals. We have said no to events like Oktoberfest, as SWAN works to provide recovery supported activities for our community, and yes to others such as supporting Trans Day of Visibility, Cribbage Tournaments, and Paint Nights.

We also recognize that competition for funding has increased. We are constantly exploring additional revenue streams to ensure we can continue offering wellness programs without cost being a barrier. While this is not an immediate challenge, it remains an ongoing discussion at board meetings, where I regularly share updates on alternative funding sources.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Valdez Adventure Alliance**



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Worthington SRS is budgeted for \$10,500 of the CSO funds, and Shoup Bay Trail is budgeted for \$56,500 of the CSO funds. As of today, we have invoiced only for Worthington SRS. We intend to invoice for Shoup Bay Trail in a few weeks.

**Worthington** Expenses paid with CSO funds to date: \$0

Worthington Expenses paid with other VAA funds as a **match** to the CSO: \$2,049.49

**Shoup Trail** Expenses paid with CSO funds to date: \$2,356.84

Breakdown:

\$533.84 supplies, tools

\$1,343.00 Worker Comp insurance

\$480 equipment rental

Shoup Trail Expenses paid with other VAA funds as a **match** to the CSO: \$6,405.74





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**Worthington SRS:**

We have been, and are currently, communicating with Salmon Cycle and Backroads to confirm their visiting dates and anticipate any needs.

We have been, and are currently, communicating with all cruise ship companies and tour bus companies as possible to obtain possible visitation schedules and anticipate any needs.

Based on the amount of mess of human waste, trash, firepits, etc., as well as intermittent winter visible checks, we estimate Worthington SRS serves approximately 70 people in the winter. Some visitors camp overnight. Some visitors park just for the day to snowshoe, ski, or snowmachine.

**Shoup Bay Trail:**

**Funding:** We have been working diligently on fundraising to secure funds to match the \$56,500 CSO. We have received \$250 from Emblem Club, \$5,000 from Athletic Brewing Two For The Trails grant, and \$1,000 from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

**Environmental Review:** This was submitted in October (as required), but had three parts partially done but not totally complete – NOAA, USACE, and Cultural/Historical. Over the last several months we have worked to get these completed. NOAA and Cultural/Historical are now completed.

**Recreational Trails Program reimbursable grant:** We submitted the application for Phase 5, the boardwalk on October 31, as was required.

**Winter maintenance:** This has been being done by Jim Pomplun and volunteers from the Outdoor Leadership Program at the college.

**Use:** There has been winter use of the trail. There have been people on it when I was. People have told me they are using it. It is difficult to estimate. We researched a foot counter system, but what we could find, do not have good reviews for functioning in extreme cold. We estimate 300 users over the winter.





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

**Worthington SRS:**

Within the next few weeks, we will begin weekly trips to Worthington to track conditions to anticipate the earliest possible opening date. In anticipation of these trips, we have been preparing the vehicles.

Within the next few weeks, we will begin weekly trips to Worthington to try to begin cleaning up some of the nasty messes left by people over the winter. There will be some travel and some crew expenses related with this. We have begun the work plan and list, and begun assembling needed gear into a specific location in storage.

Within the next few days, we will order visitor envelopes.

**Shoup Bay Trail:**

**Funding:** Unfortunately, we did not secure any of the funding from Conoco Phillips we submitted. Additionally, Trail Fund Grant application which usually opens in December, has still not opened. We will continue to track this one possibly opening, and will continue to look for other funding sources.

**Environmental Review:** This was submitted in October (as required), but the USACE part was one part that was partially done but not totally complete. Over the last several months we managed to get the permit from USACE. However, it (all of its type) expired March 14, 2026. In the next few weeks, we will be working to reapply for a new USACE permit. We can move forward on other work that needs to be done on Shoup Trail before we receive this, but we cannot move forward on the boardwalk itself.

**RTP:** We submitted the application for Phase 5, the boardwalk on October 31, as was required.

However, this program is in the process of being moved from AK State Parks to DOT. This has created an extreme delay in the review of the applications, which, is usually completed by now, but has not even begun. We can move forward on other work that needs to be done on Shoup Trail before we receive this, but we cannot move forward on the boardwalk itself. Additionally, RETP requires that Phase 4 must be closed before we can begin on Phase 5. We anticipate being able to close Phase 4 no later than mid-June.



Campers currently at Worthington





Community Service Grant Program

## **Valdez Arts Council**



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Funding Calendar Year: 2026 Name: Mo Radotich

CSO Funding Amount: 20,000 Email: valdezartscouncil@gmail.com

Reporting Period: 9/2025-3/2026 Title: President

Today's Date: 4/4/2026 Phone: 907-255-7059

CSO Grant Recipient: Valdez Arts Council

CSO Funded Program: Valdez Arts Council 2025-2026 season

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*

*See attached financial reports:*

*Ticket attendance tally, amount of people attending each show and outreach*

*Breakdown of cost and income per performance*

*Financial report for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to March 30, 2026*





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Our mission is to provide diverse educational and cultural opportunities to the residents of Valdez and the surrounding communities, to enrich the quality of life, and to foster appreciation for the arts.

This has been an amazing season! Attached please find the number of residents attending each show. A Victory this year is we seem to have more youth and students who have been coming to shows! These are the shows we have done:

Delbert Anderson, September 30, 2025

Delbert Anderson on trumpet, Robert Muller on keys, Khalill Brown on drums, Evan Suiter on bass. The Delbert Anderson quartet was such an energy filled and cultural experience. Delbert shared stories from his Dine/Navajo background and how that has created the music over the years. The wisdom of the elders guiding not just music but helping others develop into good humans. Jonah Minkus played the drums along the spectrum from sounding like a rolling train to a soft, quiet whisper. Robert Muller rolled those keys on that grand piano to a new height. Kim Stone gave us a steady groove on bass. These four complemented each others talent, having a great time and bringing us along to dance in our seats. His contributions to music and culture have been featured in The New York Times, JazzTimes, [Grammy.com](https://www.grammy.com) and NPR. At the outreach at the high school Delbert mentioned how when he was 10 years old a trumpet player came to his school and performed and it changed the trajectory of his life.

A Valdez Christmas Special, December 13, 2025

1st Act: Valdez Dance Company, with New York Dancers

2nd Act: A Christmas Carol, by TBA

The Valdez Christmas Special had all the feels! Starting off with The Valdez Dance Company song they performed in New York City. The amount of work those dancers and their teachers put into it shined on the stage. Next Larissa and Hailey played some violin Christmas songs beautifully at intermission. TBA Theatre performed a strong and emotional classic, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Wayne played 22 characters with the support of Seth on the piano helping bring the ghosts to life and more.

International Guitar Night, January 20, 2026

If you look up spirit, passion and talent combined, you will find International Guitar Night. This all-star lineup: Brazilian flamenco sensation Lucas Imbiriba, Russian fingerstyle innovator Alexander Misko, classical guitarist Thu Le from Viet Nam and our first ukulele maestro Taimane from Hawaii gave their all to Valdez! The audience fell in love and joy with the performers, listening to the intricate music played, sometimes singing and clapping along with the musicians, amazed at the variety and depth of music. Then Valdez skies



showed up for them with an incredible Aurora display after their performance. The Northern Lights danced and swayed for our four visitors who had never seen them before. A full circle of inspiration.

Cherish the Ladies, February 9, 2026

Eleven performers bringing Irish music, singing and dancing to Valdez!

For four decades, Cherish the Ladies has captivated audiences worldwide as one of the most celebrated Irish music ensembles in history. Renowned for their exhilarating mix of traditional Irish music, stunning vocals, and propulsive step dancing, they have won the hearts of audiences and critics alike. An amazing night of music and dancing with our Cherish the Ladies! This performance was ever-moving, from the immense talent of the CTL musicians and singers telling us their stories through words and music, to the gentle, emotional ballads of Kate Purcell that brought tears to our eyes and then interjected with footstomping, handclapping, joyous step dancing, this show had it all! CTL have won well-deserved awards around the world, and our fresh snow sparkled like diamonds welcoming them to Valdez to share their talents with us and brighten our day.

Bon Debarras, March 6, 2026

A Montreal Quebec trio uniting the world with music, dance and poetry. On guitar, banjo, violin and harmonica this group carries an identity, a style and an energy-filled zest for life! folklore, the stories of the community. They invited audience members to dance on stage. It was joyful! The group explained in English how their version of Quebec French language is very different than the French spoken in France. The performers would explain what each song's inspiration came from, then all the songs were sung in French, yet everyone could clap along, dance in the aisle, or help with the chorus, proving once again...music is the universal language.

2026-2027 Season planning is wrapping up, Bruce Good has been working on this since September 2025.

**CHALLENGES:** Report on barriers to success during this funding period and how you are working to overcome them. Our barriers are similar to last report.

1. Developing new volunteers and sponsors. We are an all-volunteer non-profit that completes all the scheduling, planning, communications and publicity for performances. It's many hours of work, divided by a small board. We are passionate about the importance of the arts and willing to continue, but also recognize developing more volunteers is healthy for the organization.

2. Affordable and reliable transportation for performers to come to Valdez. The cost of air and land transportation to Valdez is impacting our cost to put on shows and impacts the performers timeline for their tour. This also impacts their ability to provide outreaches to the school.

Roundtrip airfare for such a short distance can be cost prohibitive. If they are willing to rent a car and drive an Alaskan winter road, it reduces their availability for other performances in the state. This extra time needed to travel impacts their ability to have time to do an outreach at the school. We had a group of 4 musicians who were here on tour that had so much gear they were bringing to perform, it was more than the airlines could handle on one flight.





In January, we collaborated to write a grant for transportation for the Harper Grant through Alaska State Council on the Arts for the Bon Debarras show. This grant actually helped other communities more than Valdez for the travel this time, but is a great example how working with other Alaskan presenters helps all of us. The performers ended up driving to Valdez and that impacted their ability to provide an outreach due to time.

We don't have a solution for this, except it does impact the number of shows we will be able to book and we are being cautious in the number of performances we schedule. We have an amazing volunteer (Valdez Expediting) who traveled to Anchorage and back to get 12 performers for Cherish the Ladies from Anchorage a day before their show, then the day after returned them to Anchorage, a huge donation of time and money, without this we would have never been able to have those performers come to Valdez.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your past support.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Valdez Avalanche Center**



## Community Service Organization (CSO) Grant Progress Report

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Funding Calendar Year: FY2026

Name: Sarah Carter

CSO Funding Amount: \$79,500

Email: [scarter@alaskasnow.org](mailto:scarter@alaskasnow.org)

Reporting Period: Sep 2025 - Mar 2026

Title: VAC Director

Today's Date: April 14, 2026

Phone: 907.255.7669

CSO Grant Recipient: Valdez Avalanche Center - Alaska Avalanche Information Center

CSO Funded Program: Avalanche Forecasting and Avalanche Safety Outreach

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We are wrapping up a banner season of forecasting and avalanche awareness outreach. Most recently, our collaboration with Valdez Parks & Rec in hosting the family event of Beacons & Eggs at Meals Hill at Nayurluku Park. The event brought out more than 50 people aged 70 to 7 months. With hands-on learning that engaged and educated families, helping prepare and plan for outdoor adventures in the winter by using the avalanche forecast.

VAC has actively solicited and secured several new community partners and donors this winter: Much of this is due to the long volunteer hours of new VAC advisory board members, Robin Miller and Annie Hughey. Alpine Air (\$1,000), AK Backcountry Guides (\$250),

Summit Ski Co (\$250), Valdez Brewing (\$500), Silverton

Mountains Guides (\$500), Northern Aspects (\$1,000), Valdez

Yacht Club (\$500), Valdez Heli Ski Guides (\$2,500), Copper

Valley Telecom (\$500)

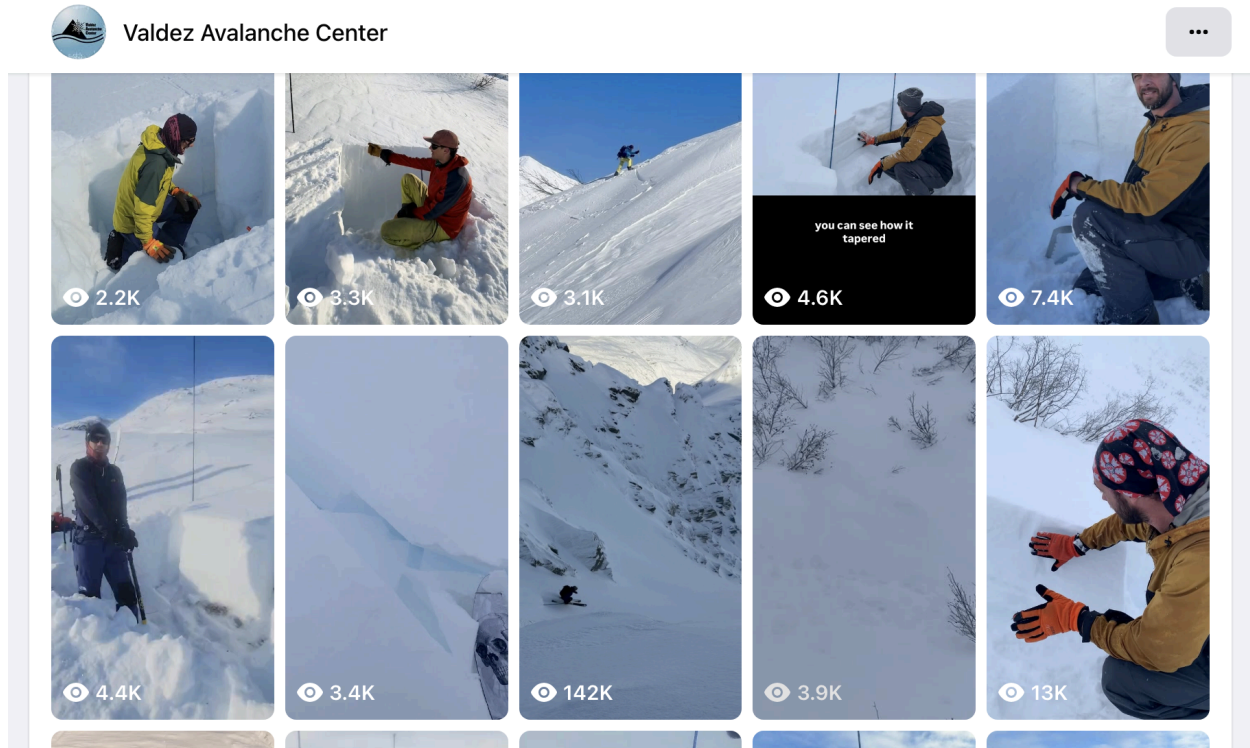
We have many other new volunteers who have committed to assisting with fundraising and outreach, which made it possible to raise \$9290 at our spring fundraiser March 28.

Great feedback from community members about our outreach and forecasts. Our social media is helping the community understand how important VAC is as a community service organization. See an example of our video posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/978247654859419> Our posts this winter averaged 3 thousand



views, with a high of 14,000 views on some of the update posts.



1. Five day per week avalanche forecasts for Valdez’s three avalanche zones from Jan. 1, 2025 through present, and planned through April 30.

- 2. Issuance of special avalanche weather alerts to the public as appropriate - necessary January 15, 2026.
- 3. Provide one age appropriate avalanche education event at each Valdez City School: we presented avalanche awareness programs in our elementary, middle, and high schools. We hosted several community hands-on learning events. We also partnered with Parks & Rec, the Valdez Snowmachine Club, Ice Fest, Kite Fest, Hillclimb, and Northern Aspects to deliver timely avalanche awareness information.
- 4. As per the conclusions of the National Avalanche Center report, conduct forecaster exchanges with Chugach National Forest Avalanche Center

Josh McDonald participated in a face-to face exchange with CNFAIC and Gareth Brown communicates regularly with Andrew Schauer, CNFAIC forecaster. Our forecasters participated in a statewide forecasters meeting, as well as hosted a State of the Snowpack webinar in February.

Our monthly reports are organized as follows:

Number of Forecasts/Advisories/Summaries Issued:

Number of Observations Posted:

Notable Weather Events/Snowpack Summary





List Education/Outreach Events & Number of Attendees:

List Fundraising Events/Activities and Money

Upcoming Events/Activities: Additional Information

November:

1 introduction to season forecast

10 forecaster Obs, no public

The last week of November's snow above 3000' doubled our snowpack. SH buried.

Nov14 TGR film 76 people

Nov.20 Snowmachine club season kickoff at Civic Center ~100 people

City Council Meetings Oct. 9 & Nov.18

VAC advisory board meeting Nov.19

~ 40 new memberships

\$ 4,867.73 raised in donations/memberships/community partnerships and fundraisers

Dec. 11 Fireside rescue chat at Valdez Brewery

New Silverton Mountain Guides silver community partner

December:

48 Forecasts published for Maritime, Intermountain, and Continental zones

12 observations: 11 forecaster, 1 public

12/1 Raincrust. 12/4-26 Dry, cold clear, windy outflow. 12/27-31 Light snowfall.

December 11 Fireside Chat and Rescue at Valdez Brewery Josh, Gareth, and Sarah presented ~35 participants.

Dec.17 Gilson Middle School taught by Rafael Alfaro & Carrie Abruzo.130 student participants.

VAC advisory board meeting Dec. 3.

AAIC Regional Check-in Meeting Dec.15 Dec. Dec. 11

Brewery event had a couple members join.

\$ 4,168.75 raised in donations/memberships/community partnerships

January 14 Herman Hutchens Elementary awareness.

Jan. 30 volunteer training at Stampmill.

Contracts for 2026: Gareth Brown 40 hours/week at \$35/hour, Paul Ramseth and Josh McDonald 20 hrs/week \$25/hour





January:

72 forecasts for 3 climate zones, 1 avalanche warning issued January 15

25 observations: 15 by forecasters, 10 public

High Avalanche Danger January 15-16, widespread cycle. mid-late January has had persistent and deep persistent as top problems

Jan.14 Herman Hutchens Elementary awareness. Raf & Mark Prevost (partner with Valdez Snomachine Club) taught 100 3-5 graders.

We had 38 volunteers come out for our Jan.30 volunteer training! VAC advisory board meeting Jan. 7

\$350 from Petro Star to sponsor volunteer night pizza

\$1750 income for CVEA training

\$48 income from memberships

SERVS crew training Feb.16-18, Ice Fest, Bike Bash, Spring Fundraiser March 28 at Growler Bay Brewery Our forecasting team is covering the forecasts and observations - between the three of them, they are in the field almost seven days a week.

<p>February: 63 Forecasts published for three climate zones: 11 Moderate Danger, 48 Considerable , 4 High danger</p>	<p>28 Observations posted: 13 Pro-observers, 15 Public</p>	<p>Two days of High Avalanche Danger February 15-16 due to storm loading on persistent weak layers</p>	<p>February was very busy:          Spring Silent Auction Fundraiser Planning - Morgan ■ Working on acquiring donations ○ Thursday February 19th - Civic Center ■ Table: 6:00-8:00pm - Annie &amp; Sarah ○ Valdez Brewing IceFest Registration - Sarah ■</p>	<p>February 11: VAC Board Meeting . Donations: AMH - Donated \$800 worth of Petzel Rad System ■ 10% off at Prospector ■ 20% off at Summit Ski Co</p>	<p>upcoming March 28 Spring Fundraiser.</p>	<p>February 6th forecaster avalanche involvement</p>
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			<p>Table: Friday February 20th - 5-8pm ○ IceFest Market - Civic Center Ballroom - Check out local artists, food vendors and informational booths - Robin/Kyle ■</p> <p>Table: Friday, February 20th - 2-5pm ■ Table: Saturday, February 21st - 10-5pm ■</p> <p>Table: Sunday, February 22nd - 10-2pm ○ How to Use Forecast Awareness Event - Gareth ■</p> <p>Table: Sunday February 22nd - 6:30-9:00pm ○ Statewide Webinar - February 25th ○ High School Awareness Event -</p>			
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			February 26th			
March: 66 forecasts for three zones: 51 moderate danger/15 considerable	21 observations: 9 forecaster/11 public	Persistent weak layers stayed on the forecasts. High pressure and dry for weeks.	March 10th - State wide avalanche center meeting including CNFAIC, Juneau, AAIC Centers o Weekly Tuesday Forecaster Meetings March 11 VAC Board Meeting	March 28 Spring Fundraiser \$9290 plus 6 new memberships	Beacons & Eggs April 4, Kite Ski Fest, Hillclimb, Pint Night, Fairbanks Tavern fundraiser	Thank you cards going out to all spring fundraiser donors and volunteers

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





## Challenges

We are seeking additional funding for community outreach in our community and schools. Right now, the outreach relies on volunteers, which is not sustainable.

AAIC went through a transition of executive director. Our last P&L is attached. Current expense numbers will be available soon, as we have an interim administrator hired April 5, who will assist us in compiling up-to-date values.

It is our hope to gain their guidance on revising our FY2027 budget to cover the needs of our forecasting and education programs. As well as broaden our fundraising efforts and focus on growing our membership.

<b>Valdez Avalanche Center</b>	
<b>Profit and Loss</b>	
January 1, 2026 - January 31, 2026	
<b>Beginning VAC Balance - 12.31.25</b>	<b>\$ 20,081.45</b>
<b>Income</b>	
5100-1 Community Partnerships	
5100-2 Individual Donations	
5100-3 Memberships	\$ 48.25
5100-4 State/Local Funding	\$ 79,500.00
5100-5 Education Programs	\$ 1,750.00
5100-6 Event/Fundraisers	
5100-8 Donor Advised Funds	
5100-9 Foundation and Trusts	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 81,298.25</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
6100-1 Operations/Permit Expenses	
6100-2 In Reach/Communications	



6100-3 Program Expenses	
6100-4 Event Expenses	
6100-5 Staff Development/Travel	
6100-7 Supplies	
6100-8 CC Fees	
6200-1.1 General Liability	\$ 435.20
6200-1.2 Professional Liability	
6200-1.3 Directors & Officers	
6200-1.4 Workman's Comp Insurance	\$ 606.12
6200-2.1 Advertising	
6200-2.10 Fundraising Expense	
6200-2.11 Misc AAIC Expense	
6200-2.2 Accounting Fees	\$ 75.20
6200-2.4 Bank & Assoc. Fees	
6200-2.5 Office Expenses	
6200-2.6 Website	
6200-2.7 Postage & Shipping	
6200-7 Payroll	
66100 Taxes	\$ 730.99
66200 Wages	\$ 8,326.18
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,173.69</b>
<b>Ending VAC Balance - 01.31.26</b>	<b>\$ 91,206.01</b>





Community Service Grant Program

**Valdez Senior Center Inc.**



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Funding Calendar Year:	<input type="text" value="2026"/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Allie Steed"/>
CSO Funding Amount:	<input type="text" value="\$287,200"/>	Email:	<input type="text" value="vsdirector@valdezseneiorcenter.org"/>
Reporting Period:	<input type="text" value="Period 1"/>	Title:	<input type="text" value="Executive Director"/>
Today's Date:	<input type="text" value="04/14/2026"/>	Phone:	<input type="text" value="907-835-5032"/>

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program:

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The Valdez Senior Center received \$71,800.00 from the City of Valdez during Reporting Period 1. We've used all of that funding on the following items. \$4,000 has been set aside to pay for our annual audit, \$28,835.99 on payroll expenses, \$150.00 for our Meals on Wheels membership, \$989.52 on advertising, \$25,457.06 on food, \$3,341.12 on nonfood items for our kitchen, \$926.64 on insurance, \$367.51 on accounting, and the remaining \$7,732.16 on utilities.





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The Valdez Senior Center has been able to provide 59 Valdez residents with Meals on Wheels service, delivering a total of 4,633 meals in Reporting Period 1. We have served 858 congregational meals to 36 seniors, and have provided 818 rides to 31 members of the community. We have conducted informal wellness checks that have resulted in EMS needing to be contacted and continued to host enriching activities for our seniors during the winter months.

As outlined in our application, we do not turn anyone away if they need the services we offer. We have provided home delivered meals daily since January 1<sup>st</sup>. In May, we will send out our annual survey asking for input on how the Valdez Senior Center can better support our seniors. We will share those findings in Reporting Period 2.

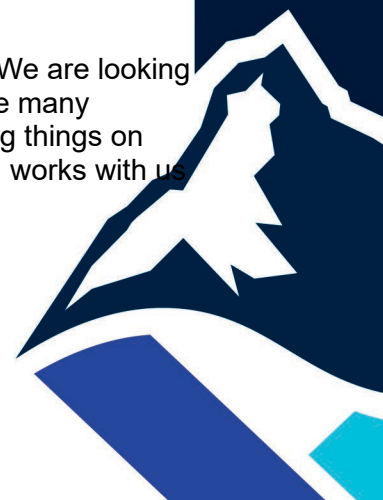
One large victory, is our adoption of a new menu process. We have started to use Grove Nutrition to create menus best tailored to our seniors dietary needs and our budget availability. This has allowed us to save money in purchases as well as know that we are serving our seniors well rounded meals with recipes created by a senior nutritionist.

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

An ongoing challenge is the impact of funding changes at the federal level, alongside the rising cost of everything. Changes in federal priorities and funding trickle down and impact non-profits like the Valdez Senior Center on a large scale. We raised prices for lunch in 2025 and will be raising the rent on our tenants in Reporting Period 2. We also requested additional funding for our NTS program from the state and City of Valdez. We did receive the increased request in full from both funders. We also are working to increase our membership numbers and clients utilizing our caregiving services, both sides of our non-profit that help bring in funding for facility costs. We are continuing to explore additional revenue sources and funding options.

With the increased cost of food, we reached out to Providence Valdez Medical Center and other partners for their cost saving measures. We received great information and have begun to implement a few suggestions including the new menu, spoken about above.

We are also facing our building, like many in the city, aging and in need of repair. We are looking for outside funding sources to help us maintain the building. I am fortunate to have many volunteers and we have been washing walls, repairing holes, and slowing updating things on weekends and afterhours. Luckily, the City of Valdez is an incredible landlord, and works with us to ensure that the building is safe and emergent repairs are seen to immediately.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Friends of Valdez Animal Shelter**



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Funding Calendar Year:	<input type="text" value="2026"/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Jamie Pierce"/>
CSO Funding Amount:	<input type="text" value="\$10,000"/>	Email:	<input type="text" value="Jamiepierce433@gmail.com"/>
Reporting Period:	<input type="text" value="Jan1-Mar31"/>	Title:	<input type="text" value="President"/>
Today's Date:	<input type="text" value="4/10/26"/>	Phone:	<input type="text" value="9072558247"/>

CSO Grant Recipient:

CSO Funded Program:

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City of Valdez.....\$10,000.00  
 6 Spays.....-\$3,122.00  
 5 Neuters.....-\$1,728.00  
 Total.....\$5150.00





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During the first quarter of the year, the Valdez Animal Shelter responded to a significant intake involving 10 **Malamute/Husky puppies**, along with their mother. Large-breed dogs such as Malamutes and Huskies can have a substantial impact on shelter capacity and community animal populations if not addressed early and responsibly.

All of the puppies were provided with necessary veterinary care and were **spayed or neutered prior to adoption**. In addition, the mother dog was successfully spayed, ensuring no future unplanned litters. This comprehensive approach reflects the shelter's ongoing commitment to humane animal population control and responsible pet stewardship.

Based on established animal reproduction estimates, this single intervention is expected to have **prevented more than 600 future puppies**. By addressing the issue at its source, the shelter not only reduced long-term intake pressures but also helped prevent overcrowding, strain on resources, and the potential for neglected or abandoned animals within the community.

This outcome demonstrates the importance of early accessible spay and neuter services. Preventive measures such as these allow the Valdez Animal Shelter to focus resources on animal health, adoption services, and education while supporting the overall well-being of animals and residents alike.

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





These efforts highlight the powerful impact of early intervention, accessible spay and neuter services, and community collaboration. With continued support, the Valdez Animal Shelter can remain focused on compassion, responsible animal care, and promoting a healthier, more sustainable future for animals and the people who care about them. FAVS and ARVO are partnering to host a **Spay and Neuter Clinic on April 11th**, offering **free or low-cost healthcare services** for our furry companions.





Community Service Grant Program

## **Valdez Torpedoes Swim Club**



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Funding Calendar Year:	2025/2026	Name:	Debra Lancaster
CSO Funding Amount:	\$25,000	Email:	President@valdeztorpedoes.com
Reporting Period:	Sept 2025-March 2026	Title:	President
Today's Date:	4/13/2026	Phone:	765-717-9373

CSO Grant Recipient: Valdez Torpedoes Swim Club

CSO Funded Program: Valdez Torpedoes Swim Club

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Month:	Pool Fees paid:	Meet/Travel Fees:	Banana Meet:
September	\$900		
October	\$900	Oct 24 Fall Harvest Meet \$1078.93	
November	\$922		
December		Dec 5 Central Area Champs Meet \$1,071.60	
January	\$2167.50	Jan 9 Winter Splash Meet \$1,148 Jan 30 Water Bowl Meet \$60	\$399.99
February	\$1620.00	Feb 13 Age Group Championships \$2505.66 Feb 28 Palmer Invite \$833.70	
March	\$1,080		\$1,722.43
Total Spend Sept 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 - \$16,409.81			

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The City of Valdez CSO Grant has continued to be highly beneficial to the Valdez Torpedoes Swim Club (VTSC). Our swim season began in September, and grant funds have been used to offset monthly pool rental fees and travel costs associated with out-of-town swim meets. During this reporting period, VTSC athletes were able to participate in multiple competitive events, including the 2025 Fall Harvest (Anchorage), Central Area Championships (Anchorage), 2026 Winter Splash (Anchorage), Water Bowl (Anchorage), AKSI Age Group Championships (Kodiak), Palmer Spring Invite, and Spring Equinox (Anchorage). Without CSO support, participation in these meets would have been limited, potentially preventing our swimmers from recording qualifying times for the Central Area and AKSI Age Group Championships.

In February, VTSC also expanded programming by launching a Masters Swim Program for adults ages 18 and older. This program provides structured coaching and workouts to adult swimmers in the community. Several Masters participants have expressed interest in competitive opportunities, and the club is actively exploring ways to support that interest in the future.

During this reporting period, VTSC served a total of 34 registered swimmers, including 28 youth swimmers and 15 Masters swimmers.

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

The Valdez Torpedoes Swim Club (VTSC) faces its primary challenge of increased registration numbers. Operating costs, including pool rentals, coaching salaries, equipment, bookkeeping, and software, continue to rise, preventing us from reducing monthly tuition fees.

Even with increased registration numbers this year we are still unable to decrease our monthly tuition. We are continuing to look for fundraising opportunities and grant opportunities to help with funding. This year we were able to complete the following grants and fundraisers, Holiday Wreaths, United Way Grant, Chili Cook Off and Laps for Dollars.

