



July 8th, 2025

To: Valdez City Council

Re: Community Service Organization; Committee Report

The City of Valdez Community Service Organization Committee ("CSO Committee") met on July 8, 2025 comprised of 3 members of City Council, Finance and Administration Staff, and the City Clerk.

Discussion as follows:

- I. National Avalanche Center (NAC) Report
The NAC has concluded their report on the Valdez Avalanche Center (VAC) pursuant to City Council request, and the report will be available as a part of the packet submission for 2026 CSO Applications should the VAC continue to seek funding from the City of Valdez. An official document has not been submitted to the City of Valdez at the time of this writing.
- II. CSO Biannual Progress Reports (New requirement for CSO applicants in 2025)
The CSO committee had two main points of discussion.
 1. CSO committee asked staff to informally poll grant recipients regarding reporting and inform the council of any important findings or feedback for consideration.
 2. The committee further contemplated a tiered approach to reporting in order to reduce the reporting requirements for low dollar grant recipients and/or increase the requirements for high dollar grant recipients. No recommended changes were proposed at this time.
- III. Target Funding Not-To-Exceed (NTE) 75% of Valdez Program Budget (New requirement for CSO applicants in 2025)
A proposal to reduce the target to 50% was proposed, however, there was not unanimous support from the committee. Therefore, there are no recommended changes at this time.
 1. For clarification: "Target Funding of NTE 75% of the Valdez Program Budget" refers to operations or programs that are funded by the City of Valdez CSO grant that take place within the City of Valdez jurisdiction. If the CSO request exceeds the Target Funding, a narrative is given and considered for funding on a case-by-case basis.
 2. The committee desired to ask the broader body of the City Council if there is a different specific Target Funding goal on which a majority could agree.





IV. City Sponsored Events

Economic Development receives applications for City Sponsored Events, defined as events in which in-kind and/or monetary contributions are requested. This does not include "City Events" which are entirely run by the City of Valdez.

1. The CSO Committee respectfully asks the City Council if the same CSO Committee can meet to further develop and examine the application process for City Sponsored Events as they have done with CSO Applications, adding to the committee's original scope.

V. Other Business

The CSO Committee had recommendations to bring clarity to the CSO application, feedback was well received by staff and will be incorporated in 2026 applications. Applications for CSO Funding are on track to be available July 15th and due August 15th.