



# City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.  
Valdez, AK 99686

## Meeting Agenda

### City Council

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Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### **Council Budget Work Session – Ports & Harbors; Reserves; Wrap-up & revisit topics**

#### **WORK SESSION AGENDA - 6:00 pm**

*Transcribed minutes are not taken for Work Sessions. Audio is available upon request.*

1. [2026 Budget Work Session: Revisit Topic: KCHU, Avalanche Center, Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ports and Harbor Division, Reserve Funds, Wrap-up](#)



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**ITEM TITLE:**

2026 Budget Work Session: Revisit Topic; KCHU, Avalanche Center, Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ports and Harbor Division, Reserve Funds, Wrap-up

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jordan Nelson, Finance Director

**FISCAL NOTES:**

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Funding Source: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

This is an appropriations-setting workshop for the 2026 Budget

City Council will review exhibits related to appropriations on the following subjects:

- Revisit Topic; Avalanche Center
  - Valdez Avalanche Center
  - KCHU
  - Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Ports and Harbor Division
  - Airport Fund
    - Airport Department
  - Harbor Fund
    - Harbor Department
  - Port Fund
    - Port Department
- Reserve Funds

- Wrap-up

# **Ports and Harbor, Reserves & Wrap-up**

October 30, 2025

City of Valdez 2026 Budget Work Session



# Revisit; Avalanche Center

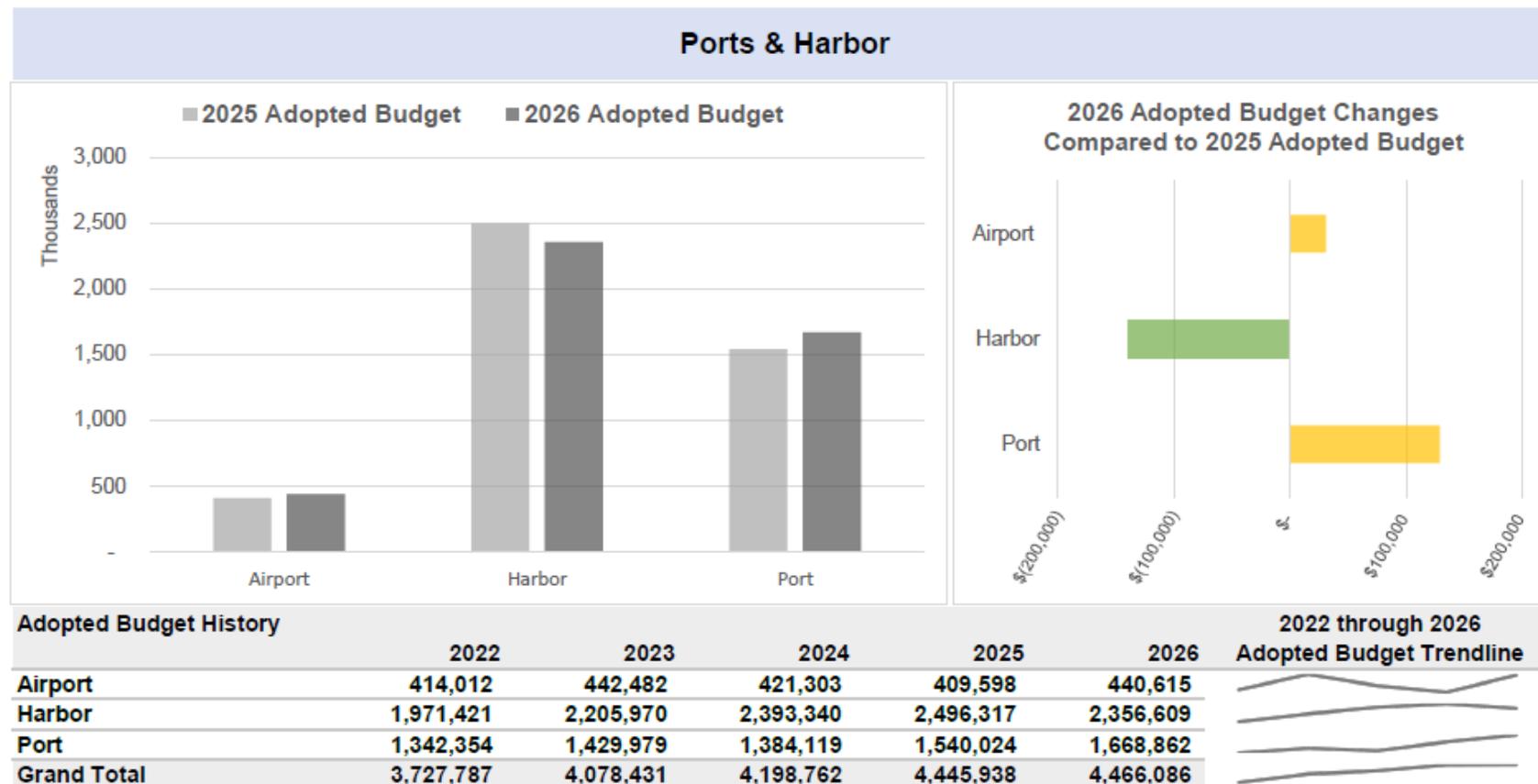
## Council Request

- Funding NTE 50-65% of Total Valdez Program Costs
  - 5 day/week forecast
  - Special Wx alerts
  - One age-appropriate avalanche education event at each VCS school
  - Forecaster exchange with CNFAIC

*See attachment for full resubmission request communicated to VAC*

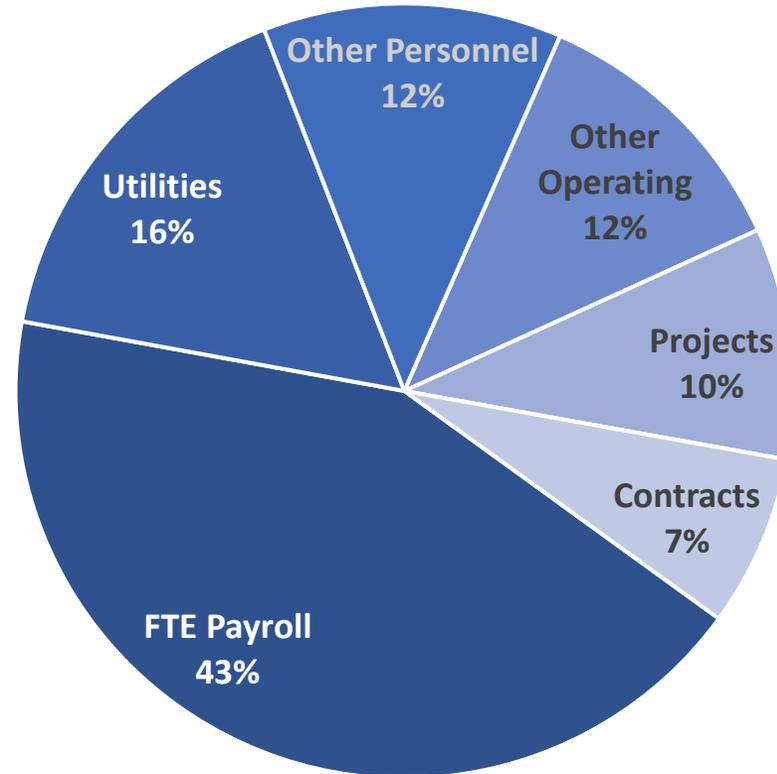
# Ports and Harbor

- Return FTE structure to previous allocations
- Contribute to Reserves
  - Port \$414.2K
  - Harbor \$63.4K
- Diversify Port Income
- Increased Cruise Ship numbers and Passengers
- Transition from RAVN Alaska to Reeve Air



# Ports and Harbor Appropriations

Ports & Harbor Division  
Total Appropriations: \$4,943,799

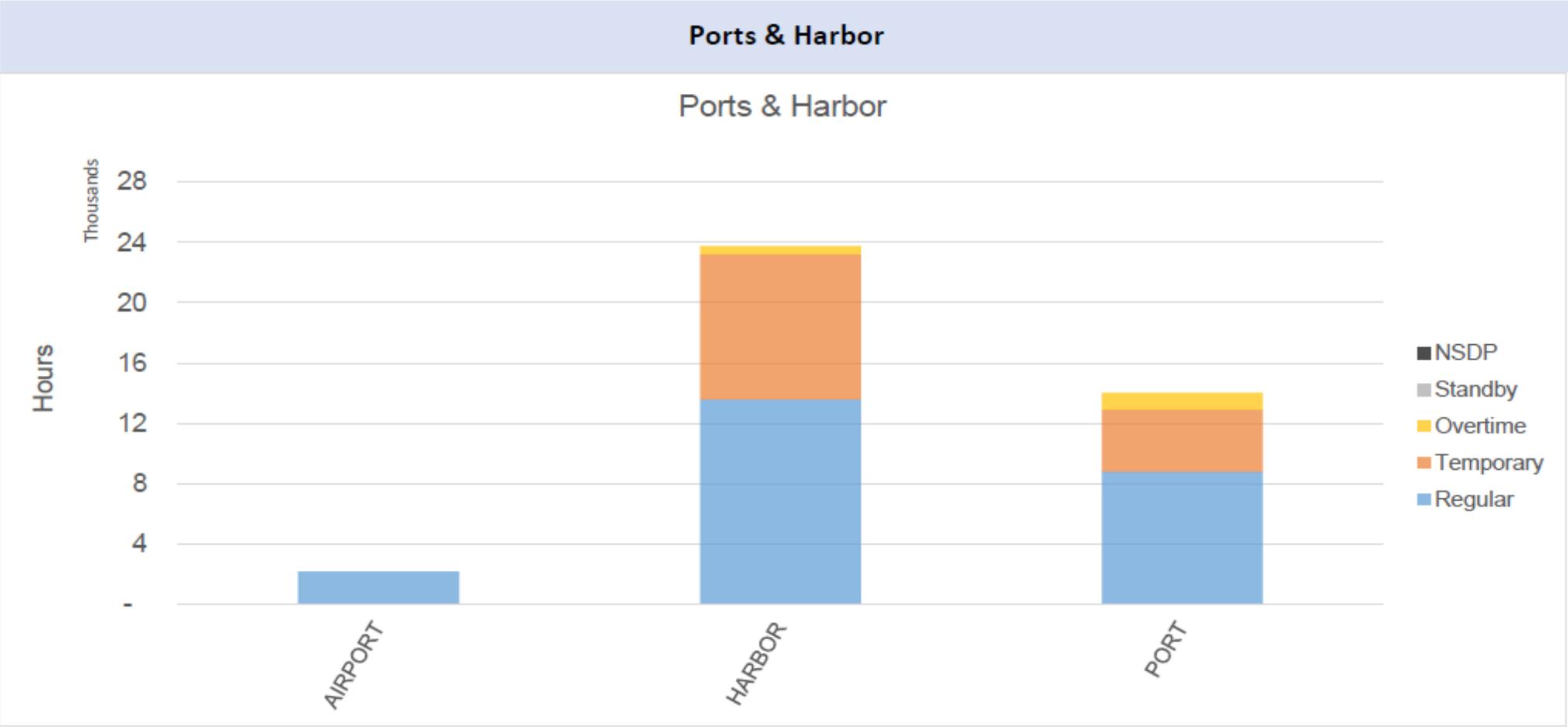




# Ports and Harbors Division – What’s in each expense category?

• <b>FTE Payroll</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	• <b>Other Operating</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
• Salaries	53.7%	• Insurance	21.4%
• Benefits	46.3%	• Building and Grounds Maintenance	20.3%
• <b>Other Personnel</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	• Operating Supplies	12.2%
• Temporary Wages	64.4%	• Parts & Supplies for Equipment	11.1%
• Overtime	23.1%	• Rent	7.7%
• Travel and Transportation	7.8%	• Misc. Marketing	6.1%
• Clothing	1.9%	• Communications and Postage	6.0%
• Training	1.5%	• Vehicles & Equipment Fuels	5.3%
• Dues & Subscriptions	1.3%	• Harbormaster Conference	2.6%
• <b>Utilities</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	• Advertising & Promotion	2.0%
• Electricity	87.1%	• Other Capital Equipment 5-10K	1.3%
• Heating	12.9%	• Office Supplies	1.3%
• <b>Projects/Reserve</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	• Reproduction and Copying	1.1%
• Port Reserve	86.7%	• Hazmat Supplies	0.9%
• Harbor Reserve	13.3%	• Equipment Rental	0.3%
• <b>Contracts</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	• Vehicle Maintenance	0.3%
• Contractual Services	65.8%		
• Professional Fees & Services	34.2%		

# Ports and Harbor Division Total Hours



# **Airport / Airport Fund**



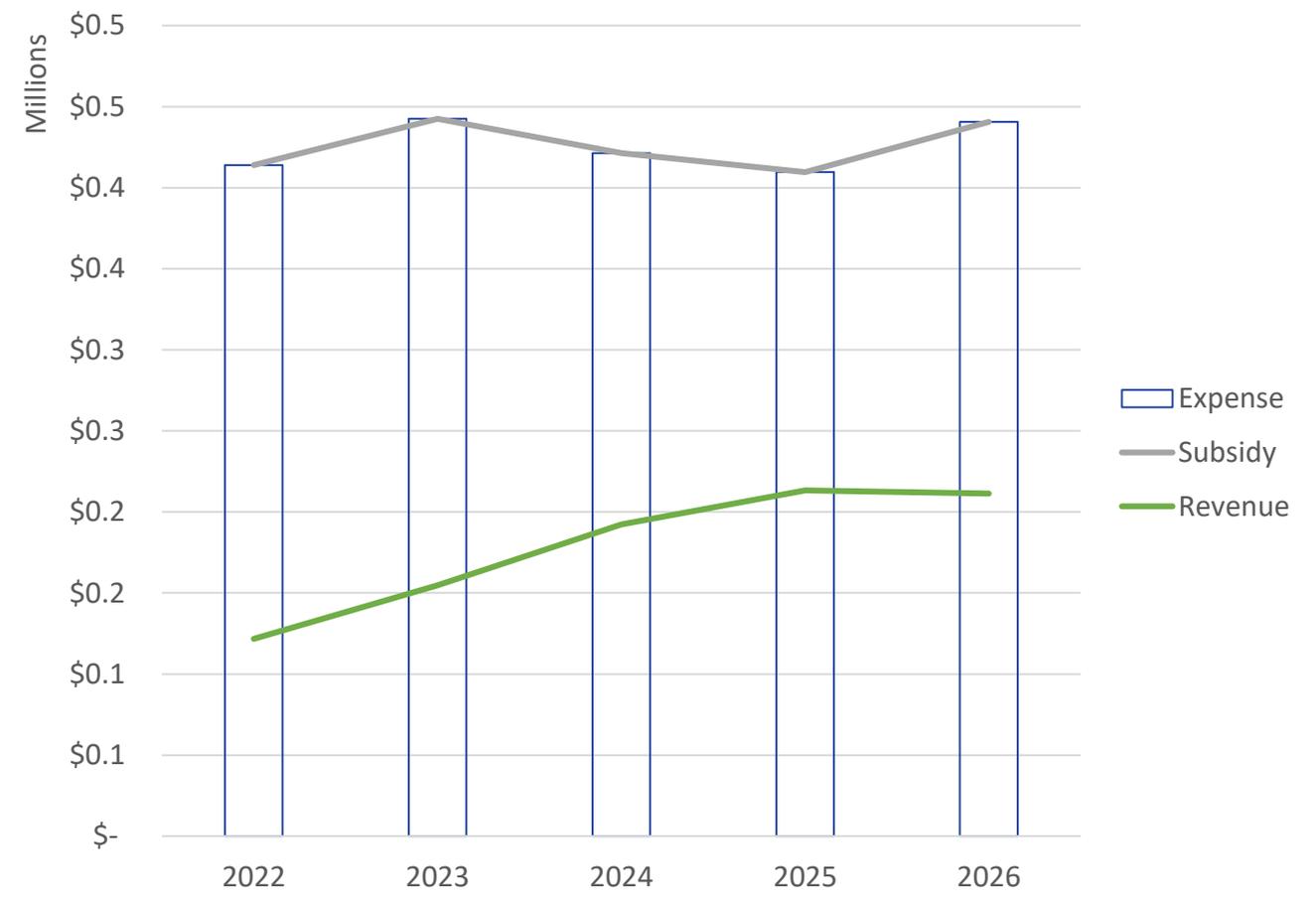


**Fund Balance \$1,617,138**

Operating Subsidy

- 2024 - \$229,016
- 2025 - \$196,300
- 2026 - \$229,221

**Airport Fund**



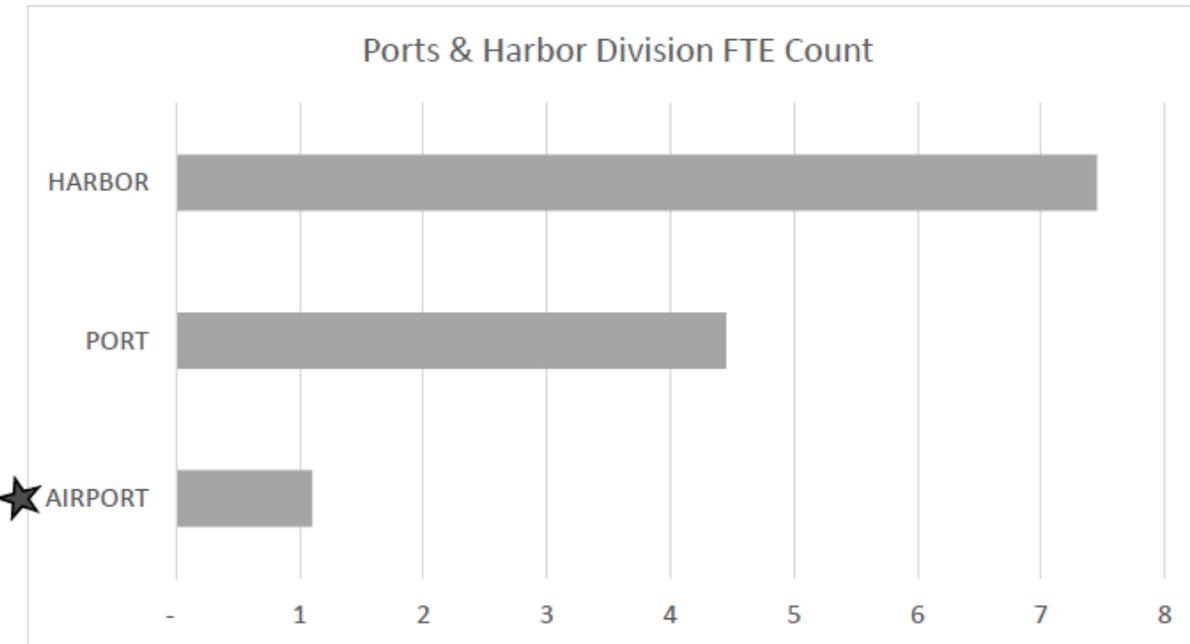
# Airport

## AIRPORT

### Mission:

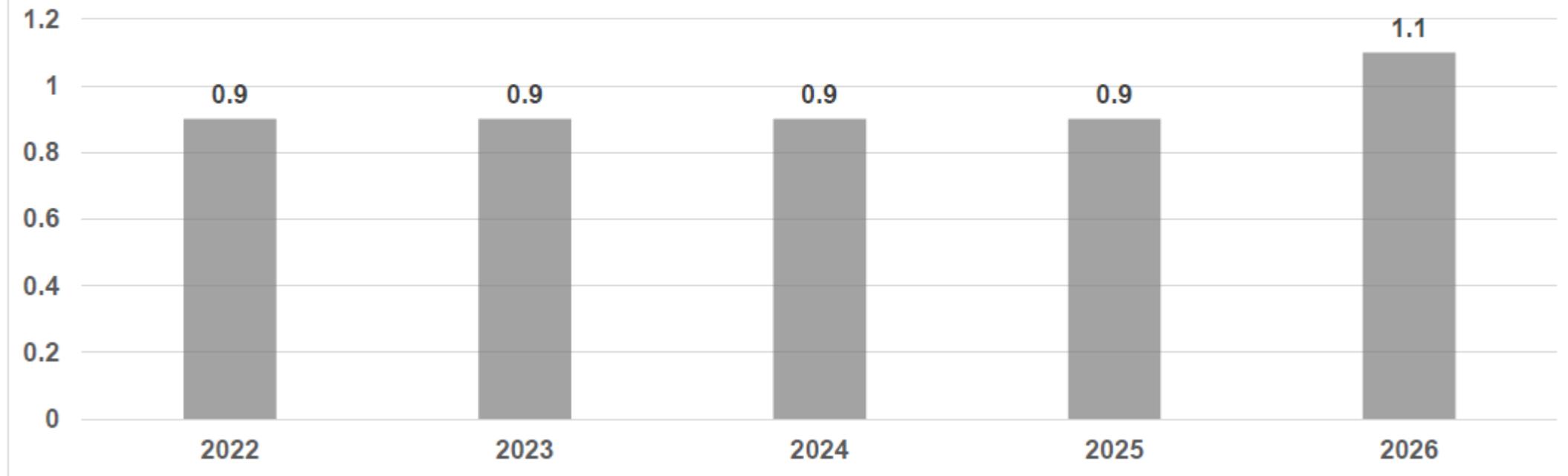
*Facilitate commercial tenant leases, manage the City owned Airport Terminal Building, and liaison with the State of Alaska as the owner and operator of the airport.*

	FTE
DIRECTOR	0.10
OPERATIONS MANAGER	0.30
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CONTRACT SPECIALIST	0.10
PORT/HARBOR MAINT TECH I	0.30
SECURITY & MAINT TECH	0.30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1.10</b>

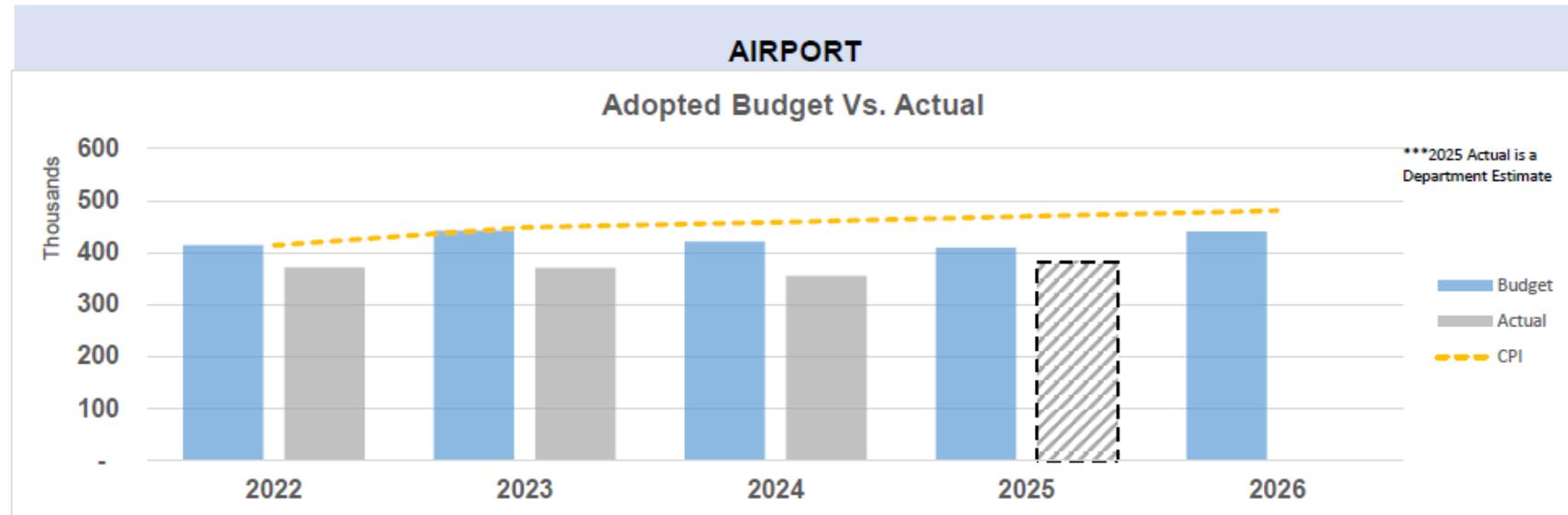


## AIRPORT

### 5 -Year FTE Count



- Operating Subsidy \$229K
- Budgeted Revenues
  - Leases \$168K
  - Vending Leases \$6K
- \$34K increase to FTE Payroll Costs due to restructure
- Elimination of all overtime, \$2.3K reduction
- All other categories status quo



Expenses	Actual Expenditure				Estimate	Adopted Budget		2025 to 2026 Budget Changes	
	2022	2023	2024	2025		2025	2026	Dollar Change	Percent Change
FTE Payroll	132,213	138,062	128,578	141,078	143,542	177,595	34,053	23.7%	
Other Personnel	1,863	1,684	1,310	-	2,286	-	(2,286)	-100.0%	
Other Operating	56,759	56,091	57,726	63,789	68,770	68,020	(750)	-1.1%	
Contracts	47,410	47,160	47,160	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	0.0%	
Utilities	133,090	127,876	120,459	127,000	145,000	145,000	-	0.0%	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>371,336</b>	<b>370,873</b>	<b>355,233</b>	<b>381,867</b>	<b>409,598</b>	<b>440,615</b>	<b>31,017</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	

FTE Payroll Expense Category		All Other Expense Categories	
Over 7.6%	▶	Over 2.3%	▶
2.3-7.6%	▬	0-2.3%	▬
Below 2.3%	✔	Below 0%	✔



## AIRPORT

### Programs and related measures

**Program:** 2026 Department Goals

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**Focus:** Fill Vacant tennant space at the airport

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\$2.16 per square foot lease price

# **Harbor / Harbor Fund**



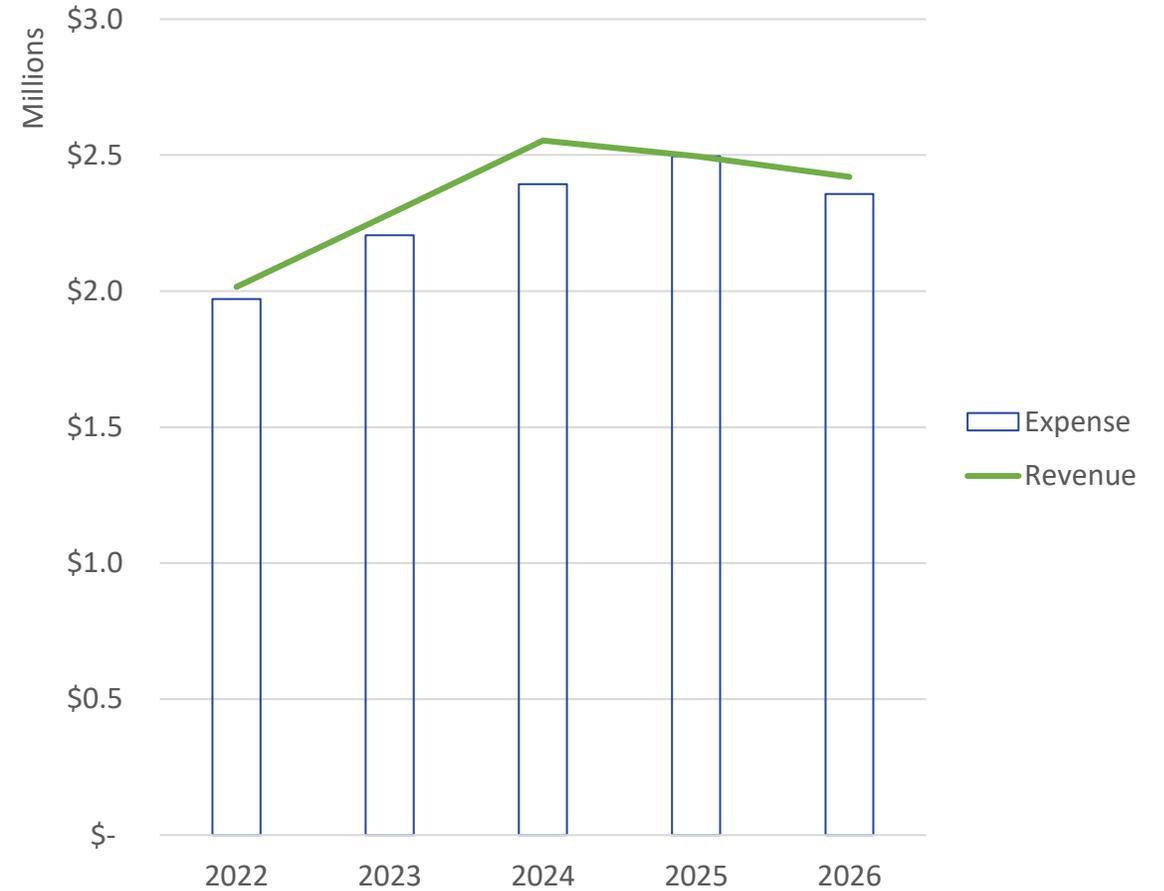


**Fund Balance \$2,582,219**

*Revenue Exceeding Expenses*

- 2024 - \$160,285
- 2025 - \$0
- 2026 - \$63,452

**Harbor Fund**



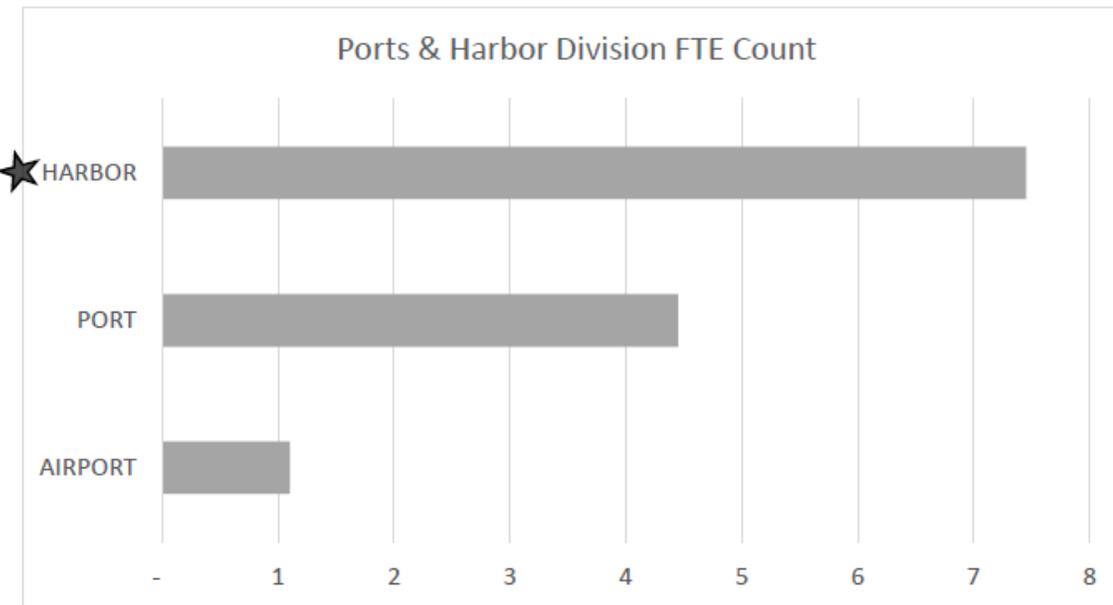
# Harbor

## HARBOR

### Mission:

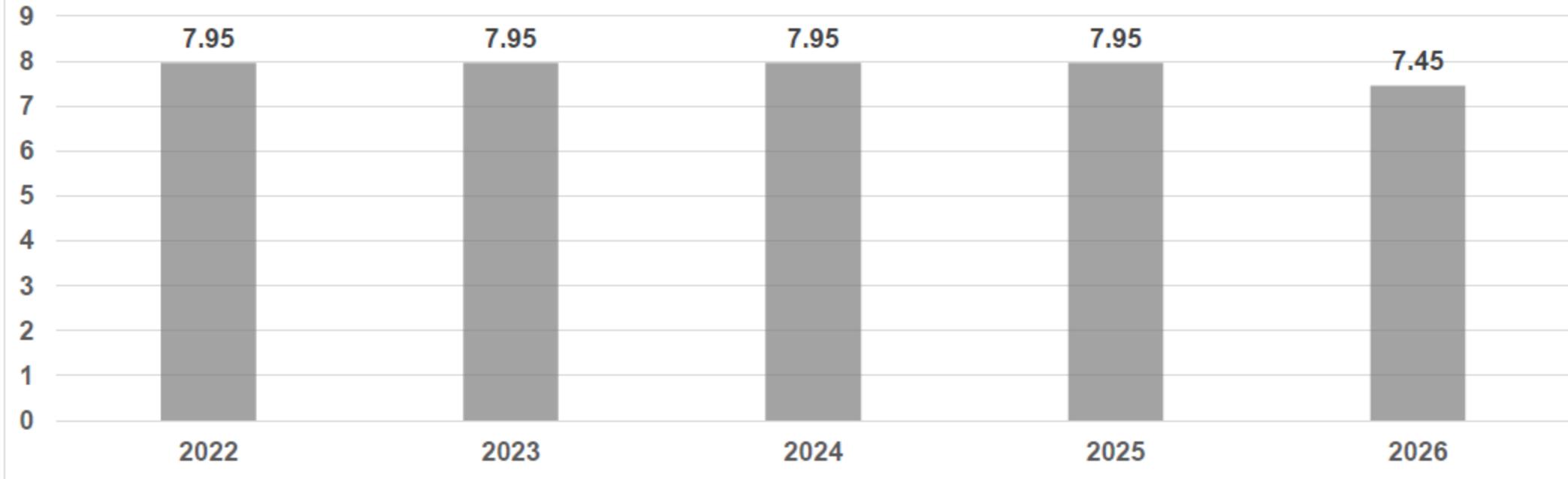
*Guided by our core values, it is our pleasure to provide a sustainable world-class maritime experience. Above all, we will remain responsible members of our community and the industries we serve, a leading resource for our customers, and committed to empowering economic growth through our first-rate facilities.*

	FTE
DIRECTOR	0.45
HARBORMASTER	1.00
ASST HARBORMASTER	1.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CONTRACT SPECIALIST	0.50
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	2.00
PORT/HARBOR MAINT SHOP FOREMAN	0.50
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	2.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7.45</b>

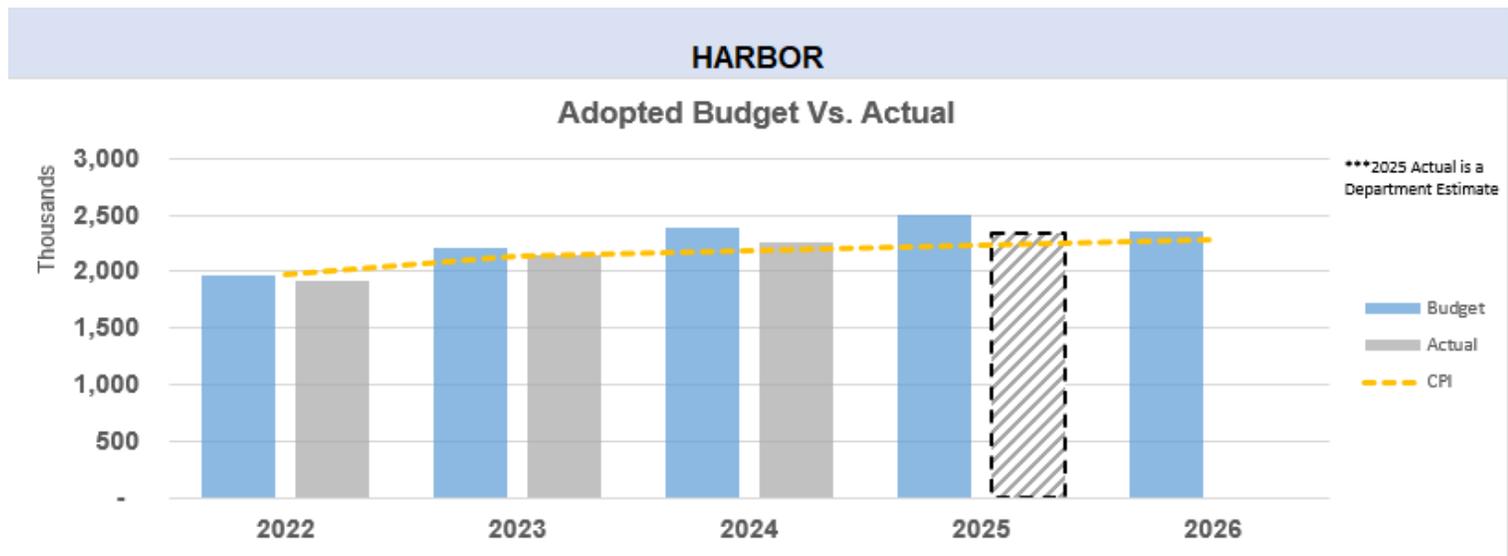


## HARBOR

### 5 -Year FTE Count



- No Operating Subsidy
- \$63K appropriated to maintenance reserve
- \$49.7K FTE cost reduction with restructuring
- 3,000 Temporary hours eliminated, 41.5K reduction in temporary wages
- \$60K budgeted for merchant Service fees
- \$13.8K reduction in Annual maintenance contracts
- \$15K budgeted for the annual harbor master conference
- Revenue Decline \$76K, 3.1%



Revenues	Actual Revenue			Estimate	Adopted Budget		2025 to 2026 Budget Changes	
	2022	2023	2024		2025	2026	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Harbor	(2,622,535)	(2,805,575)	(2,273,749)	(2,250,301)	(2,496,317)	(2,420,061)	(76,255)	-3.1%

FTE Payroll Expense Category		All Other Expense Categories	
Over 7.6%	Over 2.3%	Over 2.3%	Over 2.3%
2.3-7.6%	0-2.3%	0-2.3%	0-2.3%
Below 2.3%	Below 0%	Below 0%	Below 0%

Expenses	Actual Expenditure			Estimate	Adopted Budget		2025 to 2026 Budget Changes	
	2022	2023	2024		2025	2026	Dollar Change	Percent Change
FTE Payroll	871,322	1,081,137	1,157,482	1,207,277	1,250,103	1,200,377	(49,726)	-4.0%
Other Personnel	301,707	353,056	406,703	368,844	409,975	361,723	(48,252)	-11.8%
Other Operating	233,436	226,214	259,286	277,755	292,859	286,359	(6,500)	-2.2%
Contracts	172,062	189,817	145,699	191,489	218,680	184,850	(33,830)	-15.5%
Utilities	337,937	301,401	285,544	301,445	324,700	323,300	(1,400)	-0.4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,916,464</b>	<b>2,151,625</b>	<b>2,254,713</b>	<b>2,346,810</b>	<b>2,496,317</b>	<b>2,356,609</b>	<b>(139,707)</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>

## HARBOR

### Programs and related measures

**Program:** 2026 Department Goals

**Focus:** Begin collection and budgeting of the Fuel Flowage Fee

Contribute to the Harbor Major Maintenance Reserve

Operate harbor without subsidy from the general fund

**Program:** Liveboards

**Focus:** 15 Liveboards; 12 Tenant 3 Transient

# **Port / Port Fund**



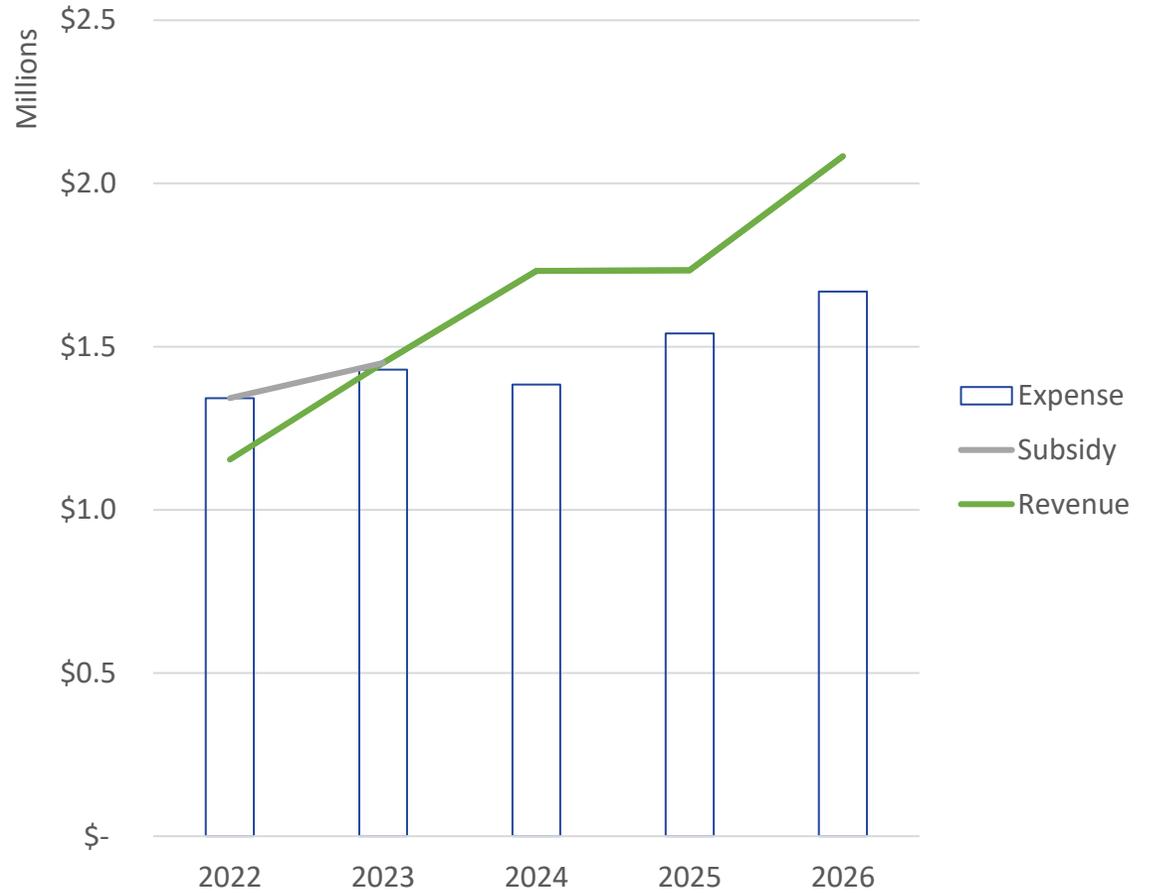


**Fund Balance \$5,346,484**

*Revenue Exceeding Expenses*

- 2024 - \$347,833
- 2025 - \$193,991
- 2026 - \$414,260

### Port Fund



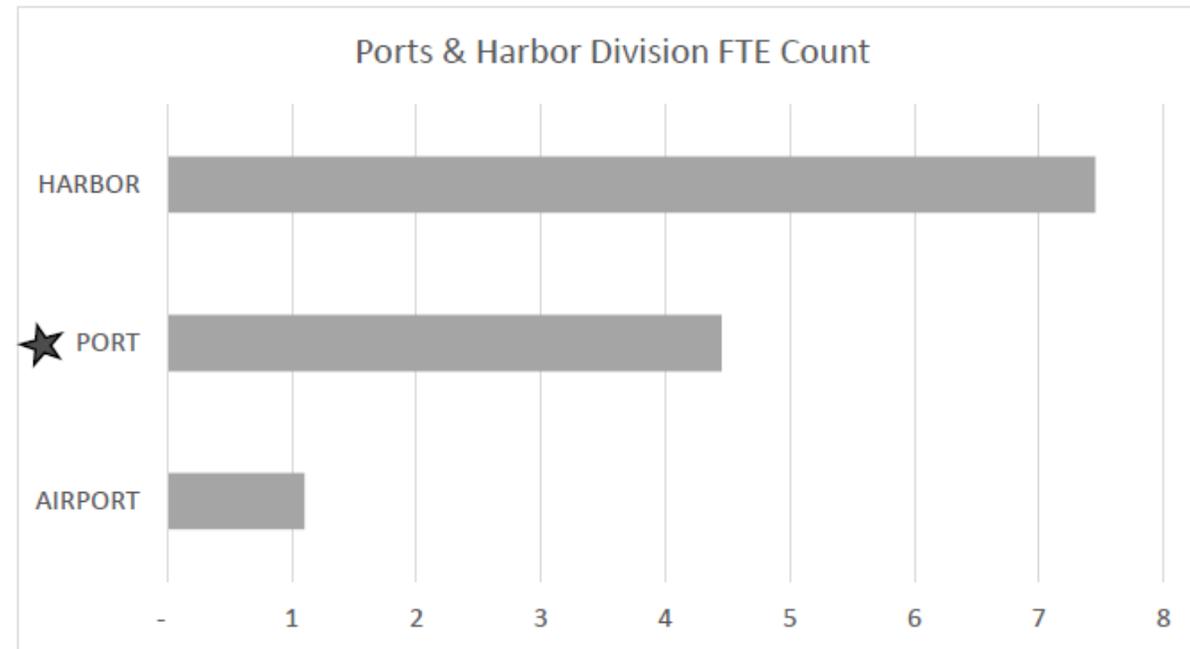
# Port

## PORT

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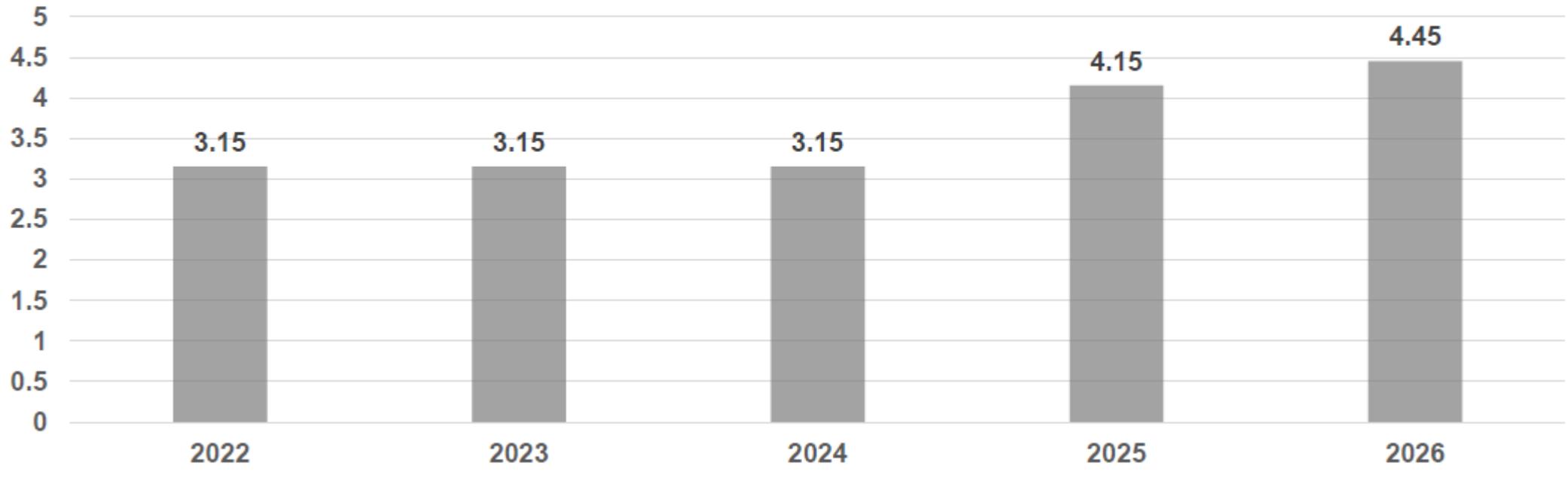
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	FTE
DIRECTOR	0.45
OPERATIONS MANAGER	0.70
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/CONTRACT SPECIALIST	0.40
PORT/HARBOR MAINT SHOP FOREMAN	0.50
PORT/HARBOR MAINT TECH I	1.70
SECURITY & MAINT TECH	0.70
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4.45</b>

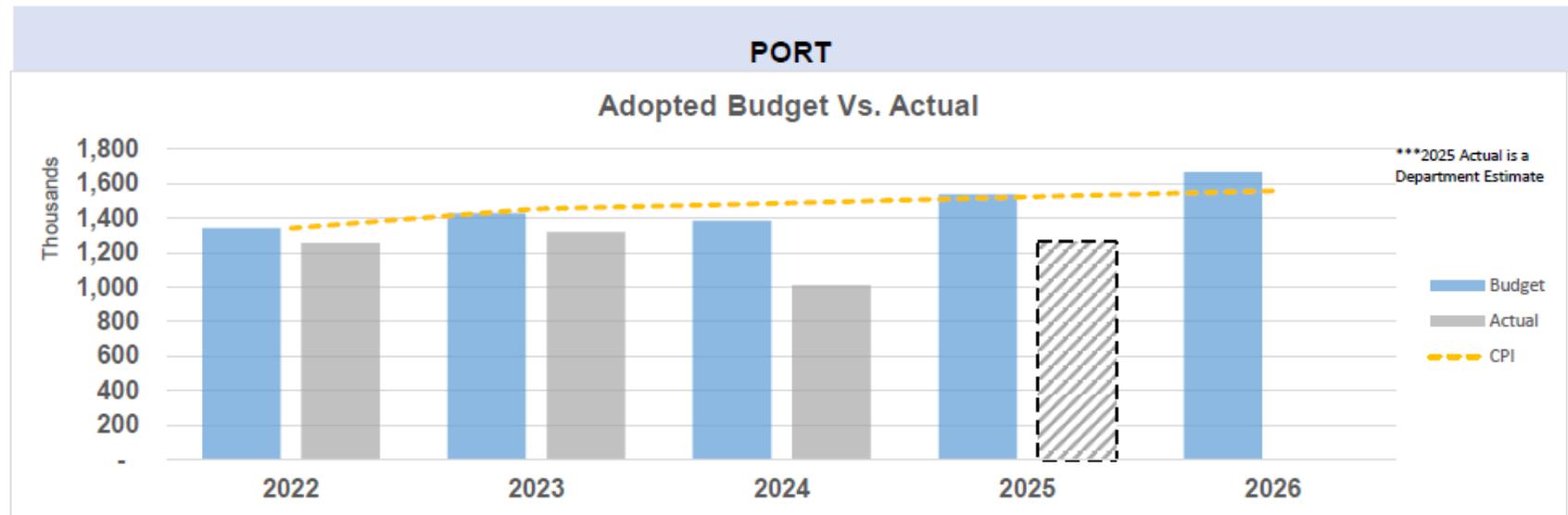


**PORT**

**5 -Year FTE Count**



- No Operating Subsidy
- \$414K appropriated to maintenance reserve
- \$75.4K FTE cost increase with restructuring
- \$35K Silo inspection
- \$18K increase for Marketing
- Overall Revenue Increase \$349.1K, 20.1%



Revenues	Actual Revenue				Estimate	Adopted Budget		2025 to 2026 Budget Changes	
	2022	2023	2024	2025		2025	2026	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Port	(1,808,479)	(2,419,243)	(1,523,976)	(1,452,179)	(1,734,014)	(2,083,122)	349,108	20.1%	

Expenses	Actual Expenditure				Estimate	Adopted Budget		2025 to 2026 Budget Changes	
	2022	2023	2024	2025		2025	2026	Dollar Change	Percent Change
FTE Payroll	448,437	514,167	461,396	635,042	666,365	741,793	75,427	11.3%	
Other Personnel	243,450	116,352	156,721	104,050	249,305	253,124	3,819	1.5%	
Other Operating	148,417	170,601	144,228	160,400	195,153	219,745	24,592	12.6%	
Contracts	71,547	33,915	48,144	116,000	99,200	119,200	20,000	20.2%	
Utilities	344,736	484,425	201,898	250,000	330,000	335,000	5,000	1.5%	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,256,588</b>	<b>1,319,459</b>	<b>1,012,388</b>	<b>1,265,492</b>	<b>1,540,024</b>	<b>1,668,862</b>	<b>128,839</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	

FTE Payroll Expense Category			All Other Expense Categories		
Over 7.6%	▶		Over 2.3%	▶	
2.3-7.6%	▬		0-2.3%	▬	
Below 2.3%	✔		Below 0%	✔	

## PORT

### Programs and related measures

**Program:** 2026 Department Goals

**Focus:** Contribute +\$400K to Port Maintenance Reserve

Increase Cruise ship landings and add Valdez as a landing for an additional cruise line

Port Revenues exceed expenses

**Program:** Cargo Operation

**Focus:** 2 Military Moves

Fall Tonnage 494.5

Spring Tonnage 920.6

**Program:** Tourism/Cruise Ship Operation

**Focus:** 38 Cruise Ship Landings in 2025

38,198 Passengers in 2025; Increase to 43,000 in 2026

# Reserve Funds





Reserve Fund	2025	2026	\$ Change	Percent Change	Notes
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>6,278,842</b>	<b>7,921,111</b>	<b>1,642,269</b>	<b>21%</b>	
Repayment Reserve	1,526,534	3,303,184	1,776,649	116%	Increased since Overview Night
Major Equipment Reserve	1,886,799	1,881,129	-5,670	-0.3%	No Change
Technology Reserve	1,129,597	1,224,594	94,997	8%	No Change
Energy Assistance Program	550,000	700,000	150,000	27%	No Change
Leave Liability Reserve	400,000	300,000	-100,000	-25%	Updated and Decreased since Overview Night
Port Major Maint & Replace	193,991	414,260	220,269	114%	No Change
Budget Variance Reserve	225,000	250,000	25,000	11%	Updated and increased since Overview Night
Harbor Major Maint & Replace	0	63,452	63,452	NEW	No Change
Beautification Committee	55,000	5,000	-50,000	-91%	No Change

## **Wrap-up**

*Placeholder for additional slides, if needed*



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).

On Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 12:18 PM Sarah Carter <[scarter@alaskasnow.org](mailto:scarter@alaskasnow.org)> wrote:

The original CSO application for FY26 provided a budget and operating program aiming for sustainability in response to the NAC audit. Valdez Avalanche Center continues to commit to provide quality avalanche forecasts and educational outreach that Valdez residents and visitors can rely on. However, as the city council requested, Valdez Avalanche Center has revised and reduced our request to \$99,950. This value meets these goals:

- Closer to 65% of the total operating budget of \$137,579 that is needed to sustainably provide 5 day/week forecasts
- Includes \$20,000 to pay for the financial audit council requires for CSOs to request more than \$100,000 for FY27

We have adapted and decreased this budget projection in consideration of our operating season for this winter, and in the belief that solutions for the future can be created. (Attached pdf: two year comparison and revised request.)

We have stepped up our sponsorship/community partnership/membership drive goals to reflect the community and private sector support we require to provide 5 day/week forecasts. We are doing our best to utilize all fundraising sources and bring in additional funding, but there is a limit to what individuals and businesses are able to donate. There has been an outpour of public support for 5 day/week forecasts, but it is evident that without meeting and/or exceeding these increased fundraising goals and receiving more support the City of Valdez, Valdez Avalanche Center will not be able to provide 5 day/week forecasts.

Valdez is a uniquely situated municipality, surrounded by avalanche terrain that poses risk to the general public. Investment in avalanche information is required to keep the public safe. A solution for reducing the CSO reliance is for the City of Valdez to consider the avalanche forecast and education to be included as part of the main operating budget under public safety. It is not sustainable for VAC to fit under the CSO funding guidelines of 50-65% of program costs while providing 5 day/week forecasts. The yearly CSO application timing is very difficult for VAC, leaving our organization unsure of how we will be able to operate each winter based on the decisions of the City Council that often aren't decided as our operating season gets under way. We hope the City of Valdez will make it a priority to work with VAC and stakeholders to provide sustainable funding, otherwise Valdez is at risk of losing a functioning, respected avalanche center altogether. This is a pivotal moment for the avalanche center: Is it possible to operate as a sustainable avalanche center that is financially secure? We can, by finding solutions together. With the city's support, VAC's advisory board and staff are committed to serving the community.

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. (This is already being planned, with Gilson Middle School's program set for Dec.17/18, and the other schools TBD.)
4. Continued professional exchange with other avalanche centers, including CNFAIC.

	AAIC FY24 Actuals	FY25 Actuals	FY26 Approved Budget	CSO Request	Revised CSO Request										
<b>5100 Unrestricted Income</b>															
5100-1 Sponsorships/Community Partnerships	\$ 12,630.39	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,000.00										
5100-2 Individual Donations	\$ 5,063.00	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00										
5100-3 Memberships	\$ 1,984.10	\$ 1,432.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00										
5100-4 State/Local Funding	\$ 72,800.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 99,500.00										
5100-5 Education Programs	\$ 10,560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
5100-6 Event/Fundraisers	\$ 9,796.00	\$ 9,291.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00										
5100-7 Contracts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
5100-8 Donor Advised Funds	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
5100-9 Foundation and Trusts	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
<b>Total 5100 Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>\$ 117,833.49</b>	<b>\$ 66,678.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 137,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 126,000.00</b>										
<b>Expenditures</b>															
<b>6100 Regional Center Expenses</b>															
cc fees			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00										
6100-1 Operations/Permit Expenses	\$ 760.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00										
6100-2 Garmin (In-Reach)	\$ 613.50	\$ 40.90	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00										
6100-3 Program Expenses	\$ 221,533.00	\$ 53.02	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00										
6100-4 Event Expenses	\$ 207,229.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00										
6100-5 Staff Development/Travel	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
6100-7 Supplies	\$ 5,933.55	\$ 374.95	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00										
CSO Audit Expenses					\$ 20,000.00										
<b>Total 6100 Regional Center Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,594.67</b>	<b>\$ 720.87</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>										
<b>6200 AAIC Expenses</b>															
<b>6200-1 AAIC Insurance</b>															
6200-1.1 General Liability	\$ 6,175.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00										
6200-1.2 Professional Liability	\$ 6,666.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,880.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00										
6200-1.3 Directors & Officers	\$ 845.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00										
6200-1.4 Workman's Comp Insurance	\$ 7,228.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 4,080.00										
<b>Total 6200-1 AAIC Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 20,714.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,340.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,240.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,900.00</b>										
<b>6200-2 AAIC Admin</b>															
6200-2.1 Advertising	\$ 130.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00										
6200-2.2 Accounting Fees	\$ 4,308.27	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 1,992.00										
6200-2.3 Communications	\$ 67.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
6200-2.4 Bank & Assoc. Fees	\$ 850.15	\$ 422.53	\$ 399.98	\$ 399.98	\$ 399.98										
6200-2.5 Office Expenses	\$ 514.28	\$ 240.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00										
6200-2.6 Website	\$ 5,580.75	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 4,320.00										
6200-2.7 Postage & Shipping	\$ 91.37	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00										
6200-2.9 Permits & Licensing	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -										
Misc AAIC Expense	\$ 246.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00										
Fundraising	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00										
<b>Total 6200-2 AAIC Admin</b>	<b>\$ 11,720.82</b>	<b>\$ 4,762.01</b>	<b>\$ 7,179.98</b>	<b>\$ 7,179.98</b>	<b>\$ 7,179.98</b>										
<b>Total 6200 AAIC Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 32,434.82</b>	<b>\$ 13,102.01</b>	<b>\$ 13,419.98</b>	<b>\$ 19,079.98</b>	<b>\$ 19,079.98</b>										
<b>6200-8 Contractor Services</b>															
66000 Payroll Expenses	\$ 12,857.62														
66100 Taxes	\$ 11,096.26	\$ 5,027.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 13,568.00										
66200 Wages	\$ 90,349.00	\$ 58,182.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 67,840.00		admin-9,600	Gareth-30,240	P/T-27,000	approved is \$24000-Gareth & \$9400 Proobserver					
<b>Total 66000 Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 114,302.88</b>	<b>\$ 63,209.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 114,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 81,408.00</b>		\$1000 taxes								
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1															
Taxes & Licenses															
<b>Total Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 158,377.88</b>	<b>\$ 77,031.88</b>	<b>\$ 68,519.98</b>	<b>\$ 137,579.98</b>	<b>\$ 124,987.98</b>										
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (40,544.39)</b>	<b>\$ (10,353.88)</b>	<b>\$ (1,519.98)</b>	<b>\$ (579.98)</b>	<b>\$ 1,012.02</b>										
	Values do not correlate directly due to old accounting system representing all of AAIC.														

# DISCOVER VALDEZ (VCVB INC.) BUDGET 2026



CITY OF VALDEZ  
CSO FUNDING REQUEST



# CSO OVERVIEW



## 01

### BACKGROUND

- Discover Valdez (VCVB) is a 501 c6 organization.
- We began as a replacement for a taxed Chamber, incorporated as a CVB in 1983.
- We represent Valdez as the Destination Marketing Organization.

## 02

### OUR SERVICES

We:

1. Present Valdez to the world with intentional, strategic marketing
2. Produce an award winning, quality visitors guide that highlights the unique assets Valdez offers.
3. Create successful visitors center operations to support high satisfaction visits to Valdez, adding further value through community support, information, and education.
4. Support our valued business members in success through promotion, while offering the businesses continued support, education, and advocacy.

## 03

### MISSION & CORE VALUES

Our Mission:

To “Promote Leisure, Art, Culture, and Adventure in Valdez”

Our Core Values

Service & Stewardship • Growth & Continuous Learning  
• Communication • Trustworthiness • Collaboration

# PRIORITIES



## 01

### SUPPORT VALDEZ AS A TOURISM PILLAR

- Tourism is one of the main economic drivers in Valdez. This sector will offer stability and consistency when nourished.

## 02

### SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN VALDEZ

- COV EDC Priority # 5 serves the community and will continue to add economic growth to fuel our City for the future.
- Our goals are aligned through a mutual mission statement and priority objectives -- a common goal to enable Valdez to holistic success .

## 03

### GENERATE MARKETING REVENUE TO FURTHER OUR MISSION

- Continued expansion will allow us to act as major players on the ALaskan Tourism Stage, and offer greater capacity to effectively further our mission.
- Creation of new revenue sources is a top priority. Reduction in support from the City of Valdez will lend funds toward growth of other CSOs and economic development minded nonprofits.



# ONE DESTINATION. ALASKA'S BEST.

Experience the frozen waterfalls of Valdez.

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Adventure



**FALL/ WINTER 202026  
IN-STATE  
MILITARY CAMPAIGN EXAMPLE**



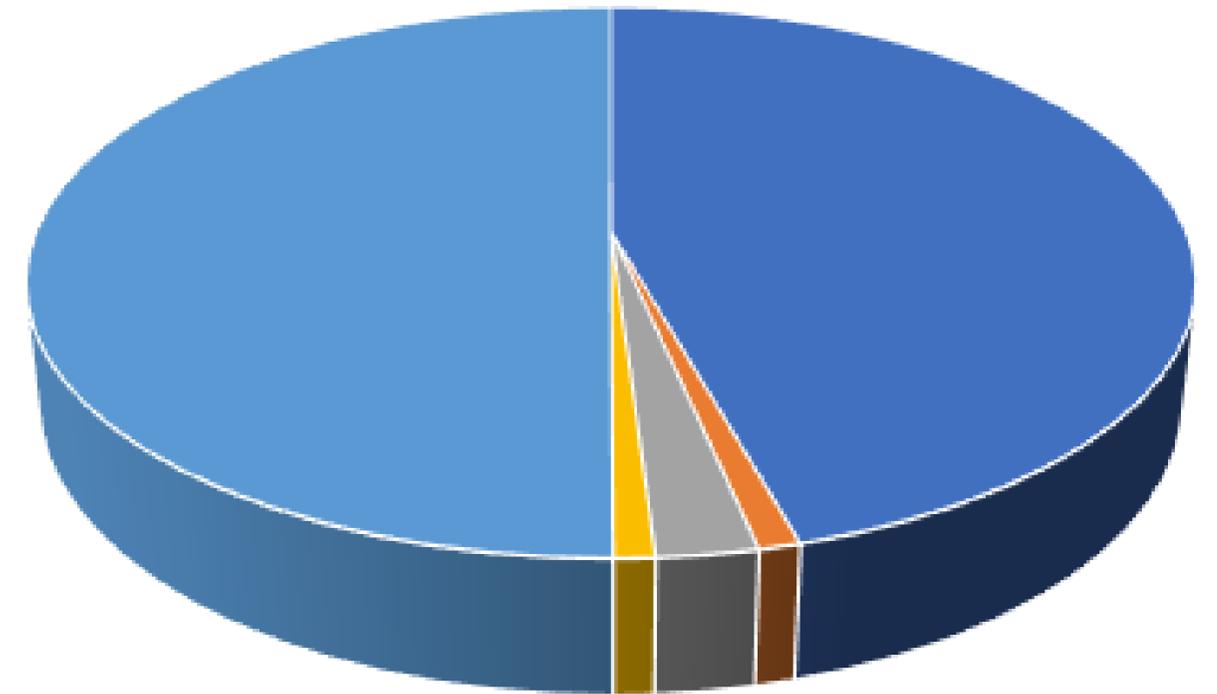
# 2025 IN REVIEW

PERFORMANCE METRICS-INCOME OUTSIDE OF COV FUNDING REVEAL A CONTINUED INCREASE

Statement of Activity Comparison  
Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau  
January 1-October 28, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL	
	JAN 1 - OCT 28 2025	JAN 1 - OCT 28 2024 (PY)
<b>Income</b>		
41100 City of Valdez Grant	546,650.00	531,245.00
42000 Membership Income	<b>\$11,725.00</b>	<b>\$4,781.97</b>
43000 Cooperative Advertising	<b>\$28,425.00</b>	<b>\$25,632.75</b>
45000 Digital Advertising	<b>-\$100.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
46100 Donations Received	1,162.88	72.47
46200 Interest Income	116.28	114.56
46300 Special Events Income	\$1,100.00	
46310 Paddle Film Festival	109.15	
46320 Oktoberfest	10,015.23	
46330 Pack Raft Event	242.00	
<b>Total for 46300 Special Events Income</b>	<b>\$11,466.38</b>	
<b>Total for Income</b>	<b>\$599,445.54</b>	<b>\$562,046.75</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
51100 Retail COGS	23.26	
<b>Total for Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$23.26</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$599,422.28</b>	<b>\$562,046.75</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
61000 Payroll Expenses	<b>\$225,259.93</b>	<b>\$162,343.19</b>
62000 Insurance	<b>\$3,575.00</b>	<b>\$2,749.00</b>
63000 Operating Costs		
63100 Administrative	<b>\$43,164.33</b>	<b>\$42,466.10</b>
63200 Communication	<b>\$25,014.50</b>	<b>\$23,430.96</b>
63300 Supplies	<b>\$6,340.00</b>	<b>\$4,040.87</b>
63400 Guides	<b>\$6,489.54</b>	<b>\$7,727.69</b>
63500 Fees	<b>\$23,802.70</b>	<b>\$6,937.55</b>
63600 Professional		
63610 Accounting Fees	21,437.50	14,150.00
63620 Financial Audit		18,650.00
<b>Total for 63600 Professional</b>	<b>\$21,437.50</b>	<b>\$32,800.00</b>
63700 Beautification	575.89	100.00
<b>Total for 63000 Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$126,824.46</b>	<b>\$117,503.17</b>

Revenue 2025 to Date



- City of Valdez Grant
- Membership Income
- Cooperative Advertising
- Special Events Income
- Total for Income

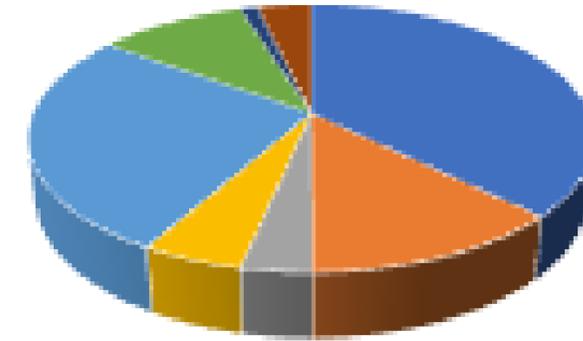
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Statement of Activity Comparison  
 Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau  
 January 1-October 28, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL	
	JAN 1 - OCT 28 2025	JAN 1 - OCT 28 2024 (PY)
64000 Program Work		
64100 Advertising	\$35,956.43	\$17,587.00
64200 Marketing	\$196,830.54	\$43,226.62
64300 Trade Shows	\$74,003.40	\$93,629.98
<b>Total for 64000 Program Work</b>	<b>\$306,790.37</b>	<b>\$154,443.60</b>
65000 Travel and Sales	\$8,969.74	\$7,392.58
66000 Special Events	\$0.00	
66100 Board and Member Meetings	1,055.07	483.91
66400 Special Events	24,124.50	
66300 Board Member Training		12,999.76
<b>Total for 66000 Special Events</b>	<b>\$25,179.57</b>	<b>\$13,483.67</b>
67100 Bad Debt Expense		2,400.00
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$696,599.07</b>	<b>\$460,315.21</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-\$97,176.79</b>	<b>\$101,731.54</b>
Other Income		
81000 Raffle Ticket Sales	2,045.70	
<b>Total for Other Income</b>	<b>\$2,045.70</b>	
Other Expenses	\$11,898.55	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-\$9,852.85</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$107,029.64</b>	<b>\$101,731.54</b>

# 2025 Expenses To Date



- Payroll , Insurance, Contracted Services 39%
- Administrative 13%
- Communication 4%
- Advertising 5.2%
- Marketing 28%
- Trade Shows 10.6%



# FINANCIAL POSITION COMPARISON



## Discover Valdez (VCVB) Statement of Financial Position

Account	TOTAL	
	As Of December 31, 2025	As Of December 31, 2024 (PY)
∨ Assets		
∨ Current Assets		
> Bank Accounts	\$52,647.70	\$186,205.66
> Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00
> Other Current Assets	\$847.39	\$0.00
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$53,495.09</b>	<b>\$186,205.66</b>
> Fixed Assets	\$3,527.48	\$3,527.48
> Other Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$57,022.57</b>	<b>\$189,733.14</b>
∨ Liabilities and Equity		
∨ Liabilities		
∨ Current Liabilities		
> Accounts Payable	\$3,358.47	\$34,056.45
> Credit Cards	\$3,195.70	-\$384.41
> Other Current Liabilities	\$12,174.85	\$9,634.69
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$18,729.02</b>	<b>\$43,306.73</b>
Long-term Liabilities	-	-
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>\$18,729.02</b>	<b>\$43,306.73</b>
> Equity	\$38,293.55	\$146,426.41
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$57,022.57</b>	<b>\$189,733.14</b>

Accrual basis



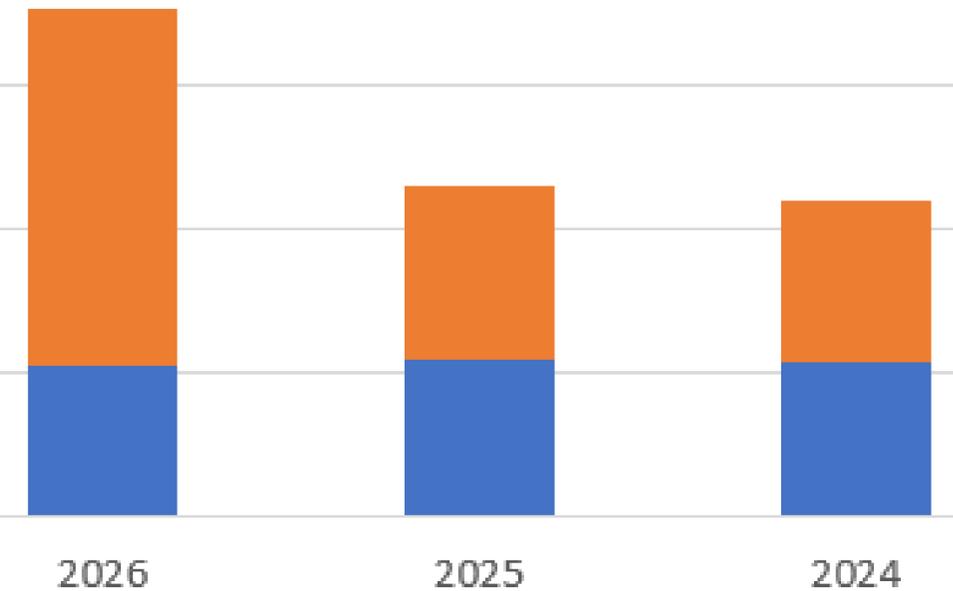
# PAVING THE FUTURE 2026



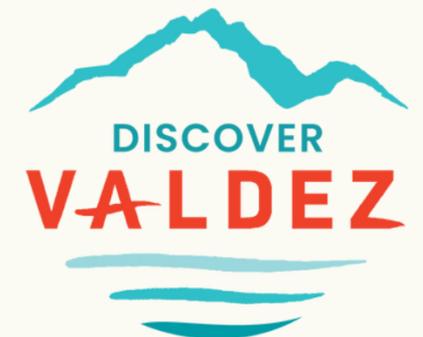
# BUDGET 2026

Accounts	ACCT CHANGE	Draft 2025	BUDGET NARRATIVE	Budget 2025	Budget 2024	Budget 2023	Budget 2022/23
<b>Income</b>							
			2025 Actual+ 2.97% Inflation increase; Is approximately 50% of Budget				
<b>41100 City of Valdez Grant</b>	\$15,850	\$562,500.00		\$546,650	\$531,245	\$531,245	\$446,245
42000 Membership Income							
<b>Membership Income - Total</b>		\$9,700.00		\$12,600			
43000 Cooperative Advertising							
<b>Cooperative Advertising - Total</b>		\$36,300.00		\$52,500			
44000 Retail Sales				\$0			
<b>Retail Sales - Total</b>		\$30,000.00		\$16,000			
Incentive Packages	\$40,000	\$40,000.00	new budget line;				
45000 Digital Advertising							
<b>Digital Advertising - Total</b>		\$300.00		\$1,100			
46100 Donations Received	\$600	\$800.00	based on 2025 to date	\$200			\$32
46200 Interest Income		\$150.00	Based on 3 year avg. actual	\$150		\$45	\$40
46300 Special Event Income		\$555,500.00	See Narrative	\$250,000			
<b>Total Income</b>		\$1,235,250.00	Revenue Source approx. 50% COV	#REF!	\$571,245	\$583,190	\$517,292 #
<b>Expense</b>							
61000 Payroll Expenses							
<b>Payroll Expenses - Total</b>		\$433,170.00		\$326,787			
62000 Insurance							
<b>Insurance - Total</b>	(\$74)	\$4,170.00		\$4,152			
63000 Operating Costs							
<b>Administrative - Total</b>		\$66,450.00		\$63,401			
63200 Communication							
<b>Communication Total</b>		\$42,670.00		\$29,540			
63300 Supplies							
<b>Supplies - Total</b>		\$11,200.00		\$9,955			
51000 Cost of Goods Sold							
<b>Cost of Goods Sold - Total</b>		\$8,000.00		\$4,500			
63400 Guides							
63500 Fees							
<b>Fees - Total</b>		\$42,550.00		\$19,170			
63600 Professional							
<b>Professional - Total</b>		\$39,150.00		\$38,150			
63700 Beautification		\$500	flowers; upgrade boxes	\$500			
Depreciation expense							
<b>Total Expense</b>		\$1,225,250.00		\$869,150	\$579,237	\$586,147	\$518,292 #
<b>Other Expense</b>							
			Reintroduced for 2025; Contingency would reflect three month's basic operating expenses				
70001 Contingency Expenses		\$10,000.00		\$10,000		\$6,243	
Other Miscellaneous Expense							
Reconciliation Discrepancies							
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	\$0	\$10,000.00		\$10,000	\$0	\$6,243	\$0 #
<b>Total Net Income</b>		\$0.00		#REF!	\$0	\$0	\$0 #

## CSO Support YOY to Total Budget



■ 41100 City of Valdez Grant ■ Total Budget





THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT



KCHU new AM site estimates

Station will use existing AM transmitter already in hand; move to new site

Broadcast Shelter: estimate for container (\$6K) plus mods which cost more than cc shelter is converted and modified 20 foot container, cost of shelter plus mods: indi

**tower height is ~180'**

items	quant	make	model
shelter	1	CS of AK	custom
broadcast racks	2	Panduit	R4P
in line watt meter	1	Bird	43
dummy load	1	Altronics	6401
transfer switch	1	Tunwall	TRC1
remote control	1	Burk	ARCPlus
STL antennas	2	Scala	PR-950
Wireless IP link	2	Ubiquity	airfiber24
audio codec	2	comrex	briclink3
UPS	2	Cyber	2200
EAS Analog Relay	1	BTOOLS	model 1
EAS Monitor Reciever	1	Inovonics	Triple Tuner
Over Air Monitor	1	Inovonics	INOmini AM 637-AM
Generator	1	Generac	Evolution
Mounting Hardware	bulk	various	various
180 ft Radio Tower	1	Rohn	55G110R180

EQUIPMENT SUBTOTAL

broadcast electronics install	5 days
broadcast install expenses	1
Electrical Services	5 days
Site Prep	7 days
Site Equipment Relocation	7 days
Tower Erection	3 days

EQUIPMENT AND INSTALL TOTAL ESTIMATE

Container  
 Installation, electrical, HVAC, framing, etc.

desc	cost per	cost tot
20' container w/ mods	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
free standing rack, 45RU, 30" deep	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 3,700.00
thru line meter with elements	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1 KW dummy load	\$ 1,864.00	\$ 1,864.00
coax switch w/ controller; 4 port	\$ 4,638.00	\$ 4,638.00
site remote management system w/ snmp	\$ 5,035.00	\$ 5,035.00
half gain parabolic 940-950 MHz	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
ethernet link	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
backup audio transport over ip	\$ 1,805.00	\$ 3,610.00
rack mount UPS, pure sinewave	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Analog EAS Relay with Ethernet	\$ 659.00	\$ 659.00
EAS translator	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Signal Monitor	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
22KW generator	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Hardware for safe mounting of equipment	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
180ft AM tower with wind/earthquake rating	\$ 27,103	\$ 27,103.00
		\$ 117,209.00
engineer on site	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
air and ground transp, per diem	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
onsite installation and inspection	\$ 14,150	\$ 14,150.00
Site preparation for tower	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000.00
Relocation of useful materials from old site	\$ 22,326	\$ 22,326.00
Erection of tower and final installation	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000.00
		\$ 201,185.00

Container Specialties of Alaska (in Anchorage: guesstimate)

Grainger

accurate power measurement

Plustouch, autopilot, jet, plusx command and input units, snmp mgr

pair of antennas for STL send/receive

5 GHz unlicensed IP link

audio transport over IP: backup to STL

standard electronics UPS; not for transmitter

Emergency Alert panel

Emergency Alert translator

generator, controller, freight and installation (LP fuel)

# ESTIMATE

Van Craft

13036 Rosser Drive, Eagle River, AK 99577,  
UNITED STATES  
vancraft@gci.net

**Estimate No#:** MV-EST0007-TR AM TX relo

**Estimate Date:** Jul 24, 2025

**\$22,326.00**  
**ESTIMATED AMOUNT**

## BILL TO

Terminal Radio-KCHU  
James Devens  
AL, UNITED STATES  
operations@kchu.org  
Phone: +1 907-255-5248

## SHIP TO

AL, UNITED STATES

#	ITEMS & DESCRIPTION	QTY/HRS	PRICE	AMOUNT(\$)
1	1 5/8 tranmission line 120ft. of 1 5/8 inch transmission line to extend the line to the relocated building. Shipping not included.	120	\$21.20	\$2,544.00
2	1 5/8 connectors Two connectors	2	\$428.00	\$856.00
3	On Site support Not to exceed amount for removing and reinstalling equipment.	7	\$1,500.00	\$10,500.00
4	M&E Meals and expenses while on site	5	\$250.00	\$1,250.00
5	Cable raceway 120ft. transmission line raceway. Does not include posts every that have to be set every 10ft.	12	\$536.00	\$6,432.00
6	STL receiver line 120 ft of line to extend the STL line to the relocated building. Shipping not included.	120	\$6.20	\$744.00

Subtotal \$22,326.00

**TOTAL \$22,326.00 USD**

## NOTES TO CUSTOMER

# Frontier Electrical Services

PO Box 3030  
Valdez, AK 99686  
907-835-4810

# PROJECT BID

Date	Bid #
8/11/2025	523

Name / Address

KCHU Public Radio

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Bid includes wiring new radio station building with a 25kw propane generator. Bid includes wiring building, hooking up equipment, installing new outlets and lights, and installing new 25kw propane generator with an automatic transfer switch.	1	54,150.00	54,150.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,150.00</b>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





New Tower Permitting/Approval Process

Message 1 of 43



From **Kate Huber**  
To **operations@kchu.org**  
Cc **Nathan Duval**  
Date **Tue 18:33**



Hi Jimmy,

Good to talk with you and start the process with a pre-application meeting. As discussed, we've identified multiple locations that are feasible for a new AM Radio tower. All the sites are owned by the city, so will require a multi-part approval process.

Conditional Use Permit - all communications towers require a conditional use permit approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission. The general process for CUPs is set forth in [VMC 17.12.090](#). The process includes a required public notice and hearing, as well as decision by P&Z. Additionally, applications for towers exceeding 35ft must cover the requirements set for in the specific use standards ([VMC 17.80.190](#)).

Because the sites are COV land you will also need to apply for a lease of city land. This process requires a recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission and decision by City Council via resolution.

It's great that you are working with an engineer. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you'd like us to hop on a call with your engineer to discuss the CUP application.

Take care,  
Kate



**Kate Huber**  
Director, Community Development



907-834-3401 907-202-0599

[KHuber@ValdezAK.Gov](mailto:KHuber@ValdezAK.Gov) [ValdezAK.gov](http://ValdezAK.gov)

[212 Chenega Ave, Valdez, AK 99686-0307](#)



## Rohn 55G110R180 55G Complete Tower

\$27,103.00

180-ft guyed tower kit rated for 110 MPH wind, supports 22 SF load, includes 55G sections, solid-rod bracing, built for telecom, broadcast, and wireless links

AVAILABILITY: **SPECIAL ORDER, PLEASE ALLOW 2-4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY**

SKU: 55G110R180

- 1 + [ADD TO CART](#) [♥](#) [📊](#)

### Features:

- Designed for 180-foot total height using modular 55G tower sections
- Withstands wind gusts up to 110 MPH with a 22 SF antenna load
- Heavy-duty tubular leg and solid-rod bracing construction
- Guyed tower structure ensures optimal stability with lower base footprint
- Built on 17" equilateral triangle geometry for rigidity
- Ideal for broadcast, telecom, SCADA, and long-range wireless links
- Ships as a complete kit (less foundation and guy wire anchors)



The screenshot shows a Stripe dashboard for the account 'acct\_1J3QbQEPME7Z6ulD'. The 'Customers' page is active, displaying a table with columns for Name, Email, Default payment method, Created, Total spend, Payments, Refunds, Dispute losses, and Last paym. A large black box with a red border and a diagonal 'X' is placed over the table, with the text 'Area Covered due to Private Personally Identifiable Information and Banking data'. The '390 results' indicator at the bottom of the table is highlighted with a red box. The browser's address bar shows 'dashboard.stripe.com/acct\_1J3QbQEPME7Z6ulD/customers'. The desktop background is blue, and the taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 4:51 PM on 10/29/2025.

**Demand Deposit 31422850 - TERMINAL RADIO INC**

	Relationship	Date of Birth	Phone Number	Tax Identification
⊕ TERMINAL RADIO INC	✎ Owner/Signer		*****	EIN **-*****
⊕ KCHU KXKM KXGA BUILDING ACCOUNT ACCT PO BOX 467 VALDEZ AK 99686-0467	✎ Owner/Signer		*****	

Additional Relationships  
Tax Name: TERMINAL RADIO INC

**Memo Balances**

Current Ledger Balance:	\$18,561.25	Current Reg CC Cash Available:	\$18,561.25
Plus Presentments:	\$10,000.00	Plus Presentments:	\$10,000.00
<b>Memo Ledger Balance:</b>	<b>\$28,561.25</b>	<b>Memo Available Balance:</b>	<b>\$28,561.25</b>

**Presentments**

Description	Memopost	Expiration	Ledger Adjustment	Available Adjustment
⊕ Source: 452512 SECURE ON-LINE TXFR FROM BUSINESS CHECKING 31422835 10/29/25 12:01	Oct 29, 2025 12:01 p.m.	Oct 29, 2025	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Current & Previous Cycle**

Description	Debits	Credits	Date	Balance
Balance Forward:			Aug 29, 2025	\$14,961.25
****Statement Produced****			Sep 30, 2025	\$14,961.25
Deposit #16368726		\$3,600.00	Oct 14, 2025	\$18,561.25
Balance This Statement:			Oct 28, 2025	\$18,561.25

Tower Project funds

Donated direct from Valdez residents.



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## Valdez Elks Lodge #2537

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### Valdez-Cordova Area

The City of Valdez has a population of approximately 4,000 people. It is located on a deep water port of Prince William Sound. The Richardson Highway, which is open year round, ends in Valdez and connects the town to the rest of the Alaska road system.

The average snowfall is 300 inches annually. Nearby, in the mountains, it averages 600 to 900 inches. The area is home to numerous glaciers and glacier streams.

### EWP at the End of the Road

The City of Valdez needed to protect the Prince William Sound regional emergency broadcast tower from falling into the Valdez Glacier Stream. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, had a solution: a training dike.

A jökulhlaup, a sudden glacial-lake outburst flood, forcibly shifted the course of the Valdez Glacier Stream channel, causing severe erosion on the streambank adjacent to the tower. To secure the streambank, a 2,100 feet-long training dike was built with 17,500 cubic yards of earthfill and 15,600 cubic yards of riprap.

Cultural resources were closely monitored throughout the project because construction took place near the original Valdez town site. The old town was destroyed by a tsunami generated by the 1964 Good Friday earthquake.

Contract cost: \$1.3 million (locally awarded contract)

Photos: Riprap placed along the training dike of the Valdez Glacier Stream.

