

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Valdez****Federal Tax ID: 926000143****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Valdez - Small Boat Harbor Expansion and Upland Development

State Funding Requested: \$7,500,000**House District: 6 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Creation of additional 320 slip harbor and associated upland support areas.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$50,000,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$22,500,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$7,500,000)
Project Deficit:	\$20,000,000

*Funding Details:**1998-2009: City of Valdez, \$4,100,000**2007-2010: Corps of Engineers, \$400,000**2008: State of Alaska, \$2,500,000**2010: City of Valdez, \$10,000,000**2011-2012: Corps of Engineers, \$500,000**2012: State of Alaska, \$5,000,000***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This is the City of Valdez's #1 Priority.

The City is seeking expanded small boat harbor capacity. Valdez is still using the original harbor built following the 1964 earthquake. This harbor is now well over capacity and incorporates recreational, commercial, industrial, and Coast Guard uses. Deficiencies include insufficient moorage, poor water circulation, narrow channels, limited operations for large vessels, and inadequate launching capability. Over congestion on limited fairways leads to hazards to navigation for all users.

The circulation issue also results in inadequate salt water mixing and freeze-up of launch ramps and navigable areas within the harbor. This is particularly problematic for quick response missions for City emergency services, State Troopers, SERVS (oil response vessels), and Coast Guard small vessels during the winter months. Over congestion can be just as problematic for these responses during the peak summer months.

In 2007 the City received a federal authorization for \$20 million in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Appropriations for this authorization are currently being sought; although the USACOE has already provided some federal

funding for project feasibility and design of the federal portion. The City has contributed over \$15 million of local funds so far and is developing the non-federal design. To date the State has appropriated \$7.5 million of the \$15 million total that is required for the State's portion of this project. This year's request completes the State's participation; note: without it, the federal piece is in jeopardy.

The Valdez Harbor is the most critical component of the local economy outside of the oil industry; and serves as the primary harbor for most of the Interior as well as a great many Southcentral users. More than 50% of current slip holders are from the Interior and more than 15% are from the Anchorage -- Matsu Valley. This has been the City's #1 priority for more than ten years!

Project Timeline:

The project completed ACOE feasibility in 2011. New Project agreement with ACOE for design was executed in early 2012. Design will be complete by fall of 2013. Construction 2014-2015.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Valdez

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No