

2024 Operating Budget Summary

Department	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	Percentage
Fire	\$1,811,271.00	\$1,508,834.82	\$302,436.18	83.30%
Streets	\$1,509,392.00	\$1,275,481.67	\$233,910.33	84.50%
Parks	\$515,546.00	\$466,283.43	\$49,262.57	90.44%
Police	\$811,411.00	\$808,153.69	\$3,257.31	99.60%
Housing & Economic Development	\$50,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$44,500.00	11.00%
Totals	\$4,697,620.00	\$4,064,253.61	\$633,366.39	86.52%
Girdwood Assessed Value 2024		\$857,073,957.00		
Girdwood Mill Rate 2024		5.36		

2023 Operating Budget Summary

Department	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	Percentage
Fire	\$1,590,800.00	\$1,376,032.33	\$214,767.67	86.50%
Streets	\$1,387,381.00	\$1,256,365.89	\$131,015.11	90.56%
Parks	\$414,869.00	\$376,066.37	\$38,802.63	90.65%
Police	\$811,323.00	\$807,619.86	\$3,703.14	99.54%
Totals	\$4,204,373.00	\$3,816,084.45	\$388,288.55	90.76%
Girdwood Assessed Value 2023		\$768,248,932.00		
Girdwood Mill Rate 2023		5.35		

2022 Operating Budget Summary

Department	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	Percentage
Fire	\$1,309,144.00	\$1,249,571.14	\$59,572.86	95.45%
Streets	\$1,292,171.00	\$997,260.77	\$294,910.23	77.18%
Parks	\$393,683.00	\$369,809.10	\$23,873.90	93.94%
Police	\$724,420.00	\$722,105.99	\$2,314.01	99.68%

Totals	\$3,719,418.00	\$3,338,747.00	\$380,671.00	89.77%
Girdwood Assessed Value 2022		\$745,138,716.00		
Girdwood Mill Rate 2022		4.92		

2021 Operating Budget Summary

Department	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	Percentage
Fire	\$1,144,123.00	\$1,117,380.28	\$26,742.72	97.66%
Streets	\$1,602,717.00	\$1,505,995.43	\$96,721.57	93.97%
Parks	\$423,974.00	\$407,660.99	\$16,313.01	96.15%
Police	\$691,419.00	\$684,699.22	\$6,719.78	99.03%
Totals	\$3,862,233.00	\$3,715,735.92	\$146,497.08	96.21%
Girdwood Assessed Value 2021		\$668,882,549.00		
Girdwood Mill Rate 2021		5.07		

2024 Girdwood Fire Service Budget vs Actual - Funds Center

Description	Original Budget	Budget Change	Current Budget	Pre Encumbrance	Encumbrance	Actuals	Difference	% Util
511360 Computer Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	431.74	-431.74	-
511380 Repair & Maint Supplies	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	-	2,137.22	27,862.78	7.12
530360 Repair and Maintenance Contract Services	-	-	-	-	-	110.00	-110	-
540180 Freight Express Messenger	-	-	-	-	-	973.60	-973.6	-
540200 Computer SW Maint	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
540275 AWWU/MLP Computer HW Non Cap Acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	2,394.00	-2,394.00	-
540590 Assessment Payments	-	-	-	-	-	23,946.81	-23,946.81	-
540640 Contractual Svcs Other	1,178,582.00	-	1,178,582.00	-	-	1,178,582.00	-	100.00
590210 Computer HW Purchase < \$1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Non Labor	1,208,582.00	-	1,208,582.00	-	-	1,208,575.37	6.63	100.00
580530 Transfer To Other Funds	74,000.00	-	74,000.00	-	-	74,000.00	-	100.00
* Transfer to Other Funds	74,000.00	-	74,000.00	-	-	74,000.00	-	100.00
580039 Loan Principal Payments	104,540.00	-	104,540.00	-	-	-	104,540.00	-
* Debt Service	104,540.00	-	104,540.00	-	-	-	104,540.00	-
** Direct Cost Modified Accrual	1,387,122.00	-	1,387,122.00	-	-	1,282,575.37	104,546.63	92.46
600740 IGC AFD Operations Management	93,522.00	-	93,522.00	-	-	40,438.12	53,083.88	43.24
600750 IGC Office of the Fire Chief	20,731.00	-	20,731.00	-	-	9,217.88	11,513.12	44.46
600770 IGC AFD Finance	11,905.00	-	11,905.00	-	-	5,767.59	6,137.41	48.45
600780 IGC AFD Data Systems Management	25,851.00	-	25,851.00	-	-	16,000.20	9,850.80	61.89
600790 IGC AFD Shop	218,807.00	-	218,807.00	-	-	121,854.43	96,952.57	55.69
601010 IGC Facilities-Girdwood	47,560.00	-	47,560.00	-	-	36,891.34	10,668.66	77.57
601470 IGC PW Communications	14,761.00	-	14,761.00	-	-	6,534.25	8,226.75	44.27
601650 IGC Fire Comm Non-E911	12,012.00	-	12,012.00	-	-	5,155.64	6,856.36	42.92
** Intra Governmental Charges	445,149.00	-	445,149.00	-	-	241,859.45	203,289.55	54.33
*** Function Cost Modified Accrual	1,832,271.00	-	1,832,271.00	-	-	1,524,434.82	307,836.18	83.20
406370 Fire Service Fees	-21,000.00	-	-21,000.00	-	-	-15,600.00	-5,400.00	74.29
460040 Loan Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
*** Revenue Accounts	-21,000.00	-	-21,000.00	-	-	-15,600.00	-5,400.00	74.29
**** 355000 Girdwood Fire & Rescue	1,811,271.00	-	1,811,271.00	-	-	1,508,834.82	302,436.18	83.30
***** BALANCE	1,811,271.00	-	1,811,271.00	-	-	1,508,834.82	302,436.18	83.30

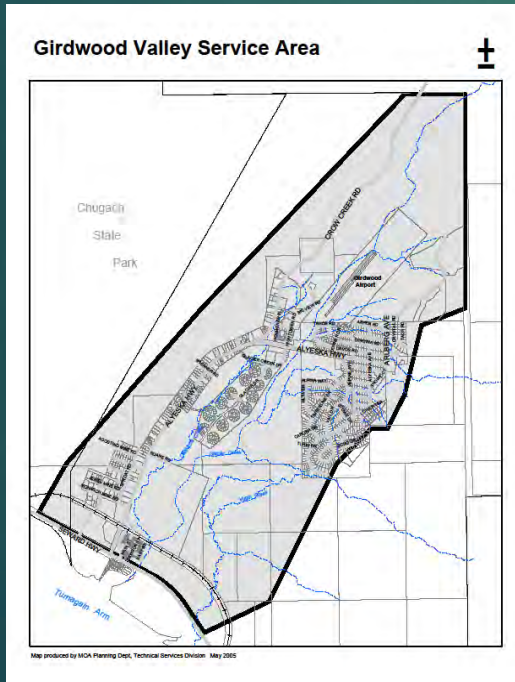
Girdwood Fire 2024

Responded: 445 incidents

Firefighter injuries: 0/445

Protection Area Value: \$857,073,951 ISO Rating 2/4

Fire Loss (5 incidents) Property (\$262,500), Contents (\$72,000) (within Service Area)





2024 HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ Firefighter 1/HMO Class (federal grant)
- ▶ New Boat 41 (fundraised, SOA code blue grant)
- ▶ Medic Units (New chassis, refurb box)
- ▶ REMS Class –rope systems (first in Alaska)
- ▶ AEMT
- ▶ Wildfire Mitigation Day in partnership with Chugach Electric, Forestry, Parks and Rec and AK Wildlife Center

2024 Girdwood Police Services Budget vs Actual - Funds Center

Description	Original Budget	Budget Change	Current Budget	Pre Encumbrance	Encumbrance	Actuals	Difference	% Util
511000 Operating Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	1,836.00	-1,836.00	-
511130 Safety Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	46.91	-46.91	-
530380 Other Professional Services	793,044.00	-	793,044.00	-	-	795,794.00	-2,750.00	100.35
540170 Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
540280 Rentals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
540640 Contractual Svcs Other	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	-	-	4,315.00	7,685.00	35.96
550080 Public Utility Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* Non Labor	805,044.00	-	805,044.00	-	-	801,991.91	3,052.09	99.62
580085 Lease Principal GASB 87	5,886.00	-	5,886.00	-	-	5,953.78	-67.78	101.15
580086 Lease Interest Expense GASB 87	114.00	-	114.00	-	-	-	114.00	-
* Debt Service	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	-	-	5,953.78	46.22	99.23
** Direct Cost Modified Accrual	811,044.00	-	811,044.00	-	-	807,945.69	3,098.31	99.62
600370 IGC Accounts Payable	367.00	-	367.00	-	-	207.00	160.00	56.40
** Intra Governmental Charges	367.00	-	367.00	-	-	207.00	160.00	56.40
*** Function Cost Modified Accrual	811,411.00	-	811,411.00	-	-	808,152.69	3,258.31	99.60
**** 450000 Girdwood Valley Police SA	811,411.00	-	811,411.00	-	-	808,152.69	3,258.31	99.60
***** BALANCE	811,411.00	-	811,411.00	-	-	808,152.69	3,258.31	99.60

Whittier Public Safety Statistic – Girdwood ONLY

2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Traffic/DUI/Parking	29	22	35	61	53	64	71	61	34	36	32	59
Security Checks	143	113	164	129	144	108	188	199	182	209	197	213
Suspicious Activities	5	1	1	10	7	4	4	9	4	3	1	8
Property Crimes (Theft / Vandalism)	1	3	7	5	7	10	8	7	6	3	4	7
Assault / Disorderly Conduct	12	3	9	18	9	8	11	11	8	4	10	13
Drug Problems (Sales/Possession)								1				
Civil Problems / Citizen Assists	7	7	4	8	6	10	20	13	12	3	5	12
Welfare Checks / Alarm Calls	8	11	7	8	10	12	16	12	9	10	10	9
Animal Control / Wildlife Calls		1	2	1		3	3	2	1	1		3
Agency Assist	3	2	1	5	6	9	8	5	3	4	2	6
Other	5	2	6	16	12	10	11	4	5	3	6	13
Monthly Sub Total:	213	165	236	261	254	238	340	324	264	276	267	343
Running Annual Total	213	378	614	875	1129	1367	1707	2031	2295	2571	2838	3181
	*Unclassified Calls are those that were either created in error or did not fall into standard statistical categories.									Unclassified CFS		41
										Grand Total:		3222

2024 Girdwood Parks and Recreation Department Budget vs Actual - Funds Center

Description	Original Budget	Budget Change	Current Budget	Pre Encumbrance	Encumbrance	Actuals	Difference	% Util
501010 Straight Time Labor	41,271.00	-	41,271.00	-	-	41,727.59	-456.59	101.11
501040 Annual Leave Taken (Modified Accrual)	644.00	-	644.00	-	-	3,169.55	-2,525.55	492.17
501105 FICA/Medicare Taxes/Social Security	1,641.00	-	1,641.00	-	-	3,434.63	-1,793.63	209.30
501130 Unemployment Insurance	43.00	-	43.00	-	-	89.79	-46.79	208.81
* Labor Modified Accrual	43,599.00	-	43,599.00	-	-	48,421.56	-4,822.56	111.06
511000 Operating Supplies	39,678.00	-	39,678.00	-	-	27,312.60	12,365.40	68.84
511040 Publications	-	-	-	-	-	323.01	-323.01	-
511050 Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	319.00	-319	-
511130 Safety Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	522.81	-522.81	-
511170 Fuel	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	-	1,792.45	1,207.55	59.75
511380 Repair & Maint Supplies	4,500.00	-	4,500.00	-	-	-	4,500.00	-
530060 EMP Background Checks	-	-	-	-	-	96.00	-96	-
530360 Repair and Maintenance Contract Services	34,100.00	-	34,100.00	-	-	5,569.00	28,531.00	16.33
530371 Grounds Maintenance Services	-	-	-	-	-	6,730.92	-6,730.92	-
530380 Other Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	195.00	-195	-
540050 Tuition/Registration Anch Area	-	-	-	-	-	80.00	-80	-
540060 Participant Support	500.00	-	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-
540100 Donations to Non-Profit Org	60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	-	60,000.00	-	100.00
540150 Advertising	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00	-
540280 Rentals	-	-	-	-	-	18,683.80	-18,683.80	-
540550 Taxes Other than Income	-	-	-	-	-	1,224.30	-1,224.30	-
540590 Assessment Payments	-	-	-	-	-	1,692.35	-1,692.35	-
540640 Contractual Svcs Other	24,000.00	-	24,000.00	-	-	24,000.00	-	100.00
550080 Public Utility Services	22,000.00	-	22,000.00	-	-	22,925.47	-925.47	104.21
560010 Insurance	400.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	400.00	-
* Non Labor	189,178.00	-	189,178.00	-	-	171,466.71	17,711.29	90.64
580530 Transfer To Other Funds	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00	-	100.00
* Transfer to Other Funds	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00	-	100.00
** Direct Cost Modified Accrual	432,777.00	-	432,777.00	-	-	419,888.27	12,888.73	97.02
600320 IGC Purchasing Services	4,449.00	-	4,449.00	-	-	2,386.66	2,062.34	53.64
600360 IGC Payroll	279.00	-	279.00	-	-	135.00	144.00	48.39
600370 IGC Accounts Payable	1,399.00	-	1,399.00	-	-	789.16	609.84	56.41
601010 IGC Facilities-Girdwood	8,014.00	-	8,014.00	-	-	6,215.96	1,798.04	77.56
601040 IGC Facilities-Libraries	56,292.00	-	56,292.00	-	-	29,374.35	26,917.65	52.18
601880 IGC SAP Capital Recovery	3,289.00	-	3,289.00	-	-	1,644.54	1,644.46	50.00
601890 SAP Support Center IGC	6,018.00	-	6,018.00	-	-	2,548.95	3,469.05	42.36
605023 IGC Horticulture	3,998.00	-	3,998.00	-	-	4,603.50	-605.5	115.15
605530 IGC General Liability	142.00	-	142.00	-	-	597.15	-455.15	420.53
605540 IGC Workers' Compensation	1,989.00	-	1,989.00	-	-	1,795.89	193.11	90.29
** Intra Governmental Charges	85,869.00	-	85,869.00	-	-	50,091.16	35,777.84	58.33
*** Function Cost Modified Accrual	518,646.00	-	518,646.00	-	-	469,979.43	48,666.57	90.62
406280 Programs Lessons & Camps	-1,500.00	-	-1,500.00	-	-	-264	-1,236.00	17.60
406290 Rec Center Rentals & Activities	-100	-	-100	-	-	-1,886.00	1,786.00	1,886.00
406310 Camping Fees	-1,500.00	-	-1,500.00	-	-	-1,546.00	46.00	103.07
*** Revenue Accounts	-3,100.00	-	-3,100.00	-	-	-3,696.00	596.00	119.23
***** 558000 Girdwood Parks & Rec	515,546.00	-	515,546.00	-	-	466,283.43	49,262.57	90.44
***** BALANCE	515,546.00	-	515,546.00	-	-	466,283.43	49,262.57	90.44

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GIRDWOOD ROADS, FACILITIES, PARKS & RECREATION



DATE: May 20 2025

TO: Girdwood Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kyle Kelley, Girdwood Service Area Manager & Margaret Tyler, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Parks and Rec 2024 Overview

Staffing: In 2024 we re-hired 2 summer parks caretakers, Luke and John, our awesome caretaker team from 2023. Luke and John buffed the parks and got our equipment up and running swiftly. Winter 23/24 had dumped a lot of snow in the valley and it took a while for everything to emerge from the snowbanks.

One of the summer's projects was installation of the memorial bench overlooking Glacier Creek on the newly fortified embankment. The bench and location were an instant success with the community.



Summer crew also assisted volunteers with various projects in the playground, courts and park as well as weekly duties such as trash, watering, weeding, fertilizing and weed whacking. They built a roof to protect the new snack shack at the ball field. In addition to our paid staff, our volunteer campground host, Ashley watched over the campground and pavilions in exchange for a place to park her RV for the summer.

2025: We plan again to hire (or rehire) 2 staff members and to recruit a campground host. Paid and volunteer positions start mid-May and end mid-September.

Volunteers:



As always our dedicated volunteer base provide a huge lift to our staffing and are instrumental in getting projects completed. 2023/24 season was incredibly snowy and we also experienced a lot of treefall on trails. Volunteers did an amazing job grooming, trail clearing and rolling with the crazy challenges that came along.



Volunteers provide invaluable assistance in other areas as well. John Gallup works tirelessly in the skate park and playground. Of course, our planters are volunteers, too!

Contracted work:

Turf:

2024 was the 2nd of 3 year contract. Contractor is reliable, provides great service and is so fast on his mower! He shared many greens with the community from his garden in the Matsu.

2025 will likely be his last year as he has mentioned retirement. GPR has initiated renewal of this contract.

Trail Crew:

2024 we were unable to secure trail crew and then our project was delayed.

2025 we are securing crew to work on Girdwood Trails projects.

Major Projects:

Girdwood Parks Plan:

2024: Lots of interest in finding places to provide various infrastructure in Girdwood Parks kindled staff recommendation to GBOS to fund an overall Parks Plan.

2025: Parks Plan is to begin in Spring 2025 with completion of local process in about 1 year. Following that, the plan will go to the MOA to review and approve.

Suspension Bridge to replace the Hand Tram:

Pending design documents at the end of 2024. Fundraising is now underway with federal, state, and private funding. Seeking additional project partners to complete the project.

2025: The largest upcoming project is the suspension bridge to replace the hand tram. Full design documents are to be reviewed in February, hopefully putting the project out to bid. Although we hope to complete the project in 2025, it is more likely that disassembly and staging can be completed in 2025, with the bridge installation in 2026.



Artistic rendering of the new bridge

Tennis Courts:



2024: Tennis Committee hung the nets and wind screens in May, parks staff took the windscreens down in the fall. Caretaker crew painstakingly cleaned the courts and determined that they didn't need professional repairs.

2025: Parks and Rec caretakers will continue to oversee court cleaning and crack repairs.

Girdwood Park, Pavilions, Campground

2024 Park, Pavilions and Campground received maintenance only.

Forest Fair 2024 was a great success. Marlow Pavilion is rented 3+ times a month in the summer. Nissman is used for overflow and for informal groups without reservation required.

Ongoing concerns of flooding while California Creek settles into a new drainage pattern.

2025: Continue to evaluate the shift in California Creek to see if it will shift back within its banks in the spring and repair damage, particularly to tent site pads, or if we will need to adapt our use of the floodplain accordingly. Remove the artistic chimney at Nissman. Re-stain pavilions. Continue to assess and remove hazard trees in the park.

Disc Golf:

2025: Staff assisted Anchorage Disc Golf Association with work on the T boxes. This was a project of the Anchorage Park Foundation's Challenge Grant secured by the ADGA.

2026: No major work anticipated in the Disc Golf course. Typically there are 3 events per year there, two hosted by ADGA (spring/fall) and one private event just prior to the season start.

Ball Field:

2024: Batting cage acquired and new snack shack replaced the old conex

2025: Demo and replacement of dugouts

Little Bears Playground & park access:

2024: Little Bears Playground was heavily utilized throughout the summer. Unable to purchase wood chips of proper grade for the park due to closer of wood mill that provided them. First year of permitting for vendor use in the parking lot (Bruceskis).

2025: Continue picnic area improvements, add sand and wood chips (if supply can be found) in spring. Permit with prior year vendor if they are interested in returning to the park in 2025. Otherwise, another vendor could take over the location.

Girdwood Skate Park:

2024: Volunteer base was unable to complete the battleship rebuild when the park was ready and the project was postponed. Throwdown Showdown held on ch 3 and 7.

2025: Throwdown Showdown in March. Considering 1 day event focusing on younger competitors. Complete sign to acknowledge donors to the Skate Park. Project this year is Rebuild the Battleship and likely installation of a tool bench.

Parking Areas:

2024: Homeless camping was a large concern in parks and public parking lots, adding to safety concerns and complicating snow removal on public roads and parking areas. Legal opinion in spring and assistance from MOA was received to abate camps. Effort took significant clean-up effort, which was funded by Areawide service through alcohol tax.

2025: Encampment has not reappeared in 2024/25 winter. Staff continues to have WPD tag vehicles that are left in parking areas longer than allowed. Such vehicles must be tagged for 48 hours before towing can begin, which usually results in vehicles being pushed or otherwise moved to a different spot in the same lot. Unoccupied vehicles have been towed. Vehicles that are towed are towed at the community's expense.

Soccer Field:

2024: Worked with Turf contractor on getting better grass growth.

2025: Area is included in Parks Master Plan effort. Field needs better layout and drainage replace shed.

Lions Club Park:

2024: Successful LWCF grant for pavilion construction! Shift in permitting from HLB to GPR allowed the service area to permit for commercial use of Lions Club Park, earning approximately \$4330 in revenue from Backroads (park fee and trail fee combined).

2025: Continue working forward on pavilion construction. Permit for commercial use.

Town Square Park:

2024: Continued rental bi-monthly for Girdwood farmers market by Girdwood Inc. Weather was a difficult factor in early summer 2024, market did better later in the summer.

2025: Continue to work on sustainable garden/turf approach to Town Square Park. Assess trees that have been damaged by wildlife and weather. Consider adding lights to one of the live trees for Holiday tree lighting. Evaluate watering necessity for this park if the summer is hot and dry. Consider replacement/removal of the 3 flower bowls in the center of the park as they are broken but still intact.

Beautification:

2024: A chilly start to the summer was a bit of a challenge but by July things were bursting. Several plants were stolen from the planters during Forest Fair. Fertilized, deadheaded, weeded as possible all summer.

2025: Plan plantings and Coordinate beautification day in June.

Perennial Gardens:

2024: Perennial beds are located at Fire Hall, inside/perimeter of town square park, Community Room/Library, and Nina's Wall. They all need attention and maintenance.

Bulbs planted at the library garden bed worked out great and add a lot of color in April.

2025: Coordinate and plant donated perennials and bulbs.

Nina's Wall:

2024: Staff cleaned out fountain and replaced water. Fountain developed a leak in the fall and was turned off at the end of the season. Access to water on-site is very helpful at the beginning of the season and for adding to the fountain throughout summer.

2025: Similar maintenance required. Garden bed receives debris from winter sanding and requires maintenance early season. Likely need to complete repairs to the fountain pond. . Consider having AWWU turn on the spigot for summer if the season is hot and dry.

Community Center/Community Room/Library:

2024: Maintenance included window washing and piano tuning. Handle rentals and coordination of groups.

2025: Work with MOA to have Community Room and Marlow Pavilion calendars available on line so public can check space availability. Coordinate tuning and window cleaning.

Little Bears & Glacier City Hall:

2024: Used for storage for parks and warm storage area for contractor snow clearing equipment. Little Bears has secured location and initiated ground work for a new building at Hotel Alyeska project area.

2025: Ongoing repair and maintenance anticipated. Research options to replace existing buildings for road service warm storage and park equipment. Preservation of oral history of the two existing buildings.

Winter Grooming:

Winter 2023/24 was incredible with lots of grooming needed and excellent conditions throughout.

Winter 2024/25 arrived in November with a lot of promise and then ended up...in endless October with rain and wind. Hoping that we get to use the groomers a bunch in the spring months. Lack of snow provided time for grooming equipment to be maintained. It is likely there will continue to be repairs needed on these machines.

2025: Continue to support GNSC and other volunteer grooming efforts.

Trails:

2024: Girdwood Trails Master Plan was adopted in 2024.

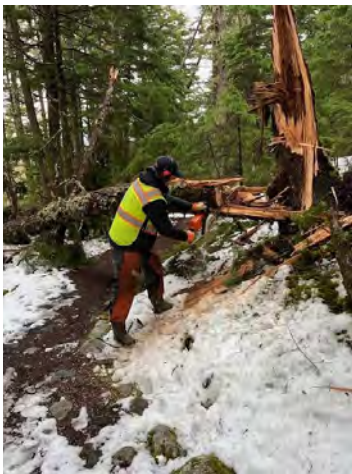
Trails Map group completed the update of the Winter Trails Map.

Trails Committee held a trails work party in June, rebuilding a bridge on the Beaver Pond Trail.

Friends of Girdwood Trails helped with messaging on Social Media.

2025: Girdwood Trails Management Plan has an informal group working on making changes to the management plan so that it will match the Girdwood Trails Master Plan.

Trails mapping project is on-going, summer map should be completed in 2025. Map installation is planned for the 5k trailhead/parking area.



Significant downed tree removal from the cycles of storms in winter 24/25 and trail repairs are needed. Particularly concerning are landslides which have closed the south end of the Beaver Pond Trail.

Trail work on the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail is planned with paid crew. Separate private donations will provide funding for work on the Virgin Creek Falls Trail and on the bridge that spans California Creek to connect the town center and Crow Creek Road. Also, there is interest and support of neighbors to maintain the connector trail from Virgin Creek Road to the Danich Trail.

Trash & Toilets:

2024: GVSA has been updating old smaller bear-resistant trash cans with a type that is easier for public to operate and don't freeze shut. 4 were replaced in 2022, 4 more are on order for 2023. GVSA purchased about a 3 year supply of mutt mitts in 2022 to save on shipping. Mutt mitt stands are being added to the trash can locations where possible. Girdwood Bear Aware continues public information and bear abatement work and is a great partner for the GVSA.

Rent-A-Can provides and services portable toilets. Year-round locations in 2024 were at the Nordic 5K, Little Bears parking, Moose Meadows parking and town square. During summer we add locations at the park, playground, campground, etc. Groups that plan large events are required to provide additional trash and toilets.

2025: Likely continue with purchase and replacement of trash cans. Recommend continue with Rent A Can for public toilet facilities.

Cemetery:

2024: Effort stalled while MOA legal completed steps to clarify that cemeteries are an areawide responsibility. Areawide Bond effort failed in Spring 2024 election. however Assembly members

2025: Assembly members are looking at options address shortage of cemetery sites in Anchorage.

Other Items:

2024: GVSA hosted Foraker Group training on board service and Alaska Municipal League session on parliamentary procedure and running effective meetings.

Wildlife: Summer 2024 was pretty uneventful bear-wise.

2025: Coordinate additional training and public information as needed.

Social Media & Website:

Ongoing contact and updates via website and social media. Shifted email communication to subscription service for meeting notifications.

Other Contracts:

Invasive Weeds contract – Alien Species LLC contracted for weeds mitigation.

2024: hand pull only

2025: to be determined.

Window Washing – Hal LaPointe washed windows in 2024 and we will get him on the schedule for 2025.

Community Center Cleaning: carpets are cleaned quarterly, maintenance cleaning also under contract.

GVSA Grants:

GVSA grant cycle is application in Aug/Sept, fall review, spring contracting and disbursement.

GBOS 2024 Grantee year end reports are included in the report. 2025 grants are currently in the queue for contracting and payment in summer 2024.

2026 Grant applications will be due Sept 12-ish, 2025.

Other Grants:

2024 grants:

Anchorage Park Foundation: GPR provided staff and materials for the Alaska Disc Golf Association APF Challenge Grant for work in the Disc Golf course. GVSA did not apply for a grant of our own in the 2024 round of the bi-annual grant. Next opportunity is 2026.



Recreational Trails Program Grant 2024 for the Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail was approved by ORTAB, there were delays in approval by Federal Highways Administration, which funds the program. Work that would have been completed in 2024 was delayed to 2025. GVSA did not submit an application for 2025 RTP Grant.

LWCF: 2024 grant awarded. Project pending (Lions Club Park Pavilion).

Alaska Community Foundation (ACF):
2024 grant for trail tools awarded and closed.



Rasmuson Foundation and US Forest Foundation committed funding for the new bridge.

2025 grants:

ACF Trail Care Grant is open Feb 15-March 31. GVSA plans to apply.

Watching for grant openings for a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant, AARP Community Grant:

Rasmuson Foundation: Likely funder for final push on the new bridge.

Anchorage Park Foundation: Determine which project for next grant round (spring 2026)

KMTA: No community grants are likely from this federal source.

RTP and LWCF will likely also have fall grant cycles.

Community Meeting Attendance:

GBOS, GTC, LUC, PSAC, Cemetery, Friends of the Skate Park, Tennis Committee, Housing and Economic Stability Advisory Committee; various subcommittees as they arise.

As needed support for: Girdwood Bear Aware and other meetings

2025: PSAC now quarterly. Cemetery Committee status TBA.

Kyle attends Library Boosters, Rotary and Lions Clubs meetings as needed

Margaret attends KMTA meeting and sits on the board of this organization.



2024 Girdwood Street Maintenance Budget vs Actual - Funds Center

Budget vs Actual - Fund Center

Description	Original Budget	Budget Change	Current Budget	Pre Encumbrance	Encumbrance	Actuals	Difference	% Util
501010 Straight Time Labor	183,534.00	-	183,534.00	-	-	172,074.08	11,459.92	93.76
501020 Overtime	-	-	-	-	-	497.04	-497.04	-
501040 Annual Leave Taken (Modified Accrual)	2,894.00	-	2,894.00	-	-	19,177.02	-16,283.02	662.65
501080 Retirement	39,544.00	-	39,544.00	-	-	39,337.19	206.81	99.48
501090 Life Insurance	82.00	-	82.00	-	-	81.60	0.40	99.51
501100 Medical/Dental	53,304.00	-	53,304.00	-	-	53,304.00	-	100.00
501105 FICA/Medicare Taxes/Social Security	13,750.00	-	13,750.00	-	-	14,157.84	-407.84	102.97
501115 Employee Assistance	48.00	-	48.00	-	-	47.52	0.48	99.00
501130 Unemployment Insurance	359.00	-	359.00	-	-	380.20	-21.2	105.91
501140 Long Term Disability	413.00	-	413.00	-	-	409.51	3.49	99.16
* Labor Modified Accrual	293,928.00	-	293,928.00	-	-	299,466.00	-5,538.00	101.88
511000 Operating Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	6,420.61	-6,420.61	-
511010 Office Supplies	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	-	1,676.81	323.19	83.84
511170 Fuel	2,800.00	-	2,800.00	-	-	1,461.71	1,338.29	52.20
511330 Gasoline Issues	-	-	-	-	-	1,543.42	-1,543.42	-
511380 Repair & Maint Supplies	66,000.00	-	66,000.00	-	-	38,088.00	27,912.00	57.71
530360 Repair and Maintenance Contract Services	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	-	-	10,118.82	1,881.18	84.32
530380 Other Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	855.00	-855	-
540070 Participant Training	-	-	-	-	-	1,727.87	-1,727.87	-

540170 Communications	800.00	-	800.00	-	-	726.30	73.70	90.79
540280 Rentals	-	-	-	-	-	2,314.00	-2,314.00	-
540300 Fleet Equip Rental	21,847.00	-	21,847.00	-	-	21,816.00	31.00	99.86
540610 Discounts Lost	-	-	-	-	-	5,238.87	-5,238.87	-
540640 Contractual Svcs Other	700,000.00	-	700,000.00	-	-	523,809.31	176,190.69	74.83
550080 Public Utility Services	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-	-	17,798.69	22,201.31	44.50
570110 Infra Non Deprec - (Contra)	-	-	-	-	-	6,350.40	-6,350.40	-
* Non Labor	845,447.00	-	845,447.00	-	-	639,945.81	205,501.19	75.69
580530 Transfer To Other Funds	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	-	-	300,000.00	-	100.00
* Transfer to Other Funds	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	-	-	300,000.00	-	100.00
** Direct Cost Modified Accrual	1,439,375.00	-	1,439,375.00	-	-	1,239,411.81	199,963.19	86.11
600050 IGC Ombudsman	1,141.00	-	1,141.00	-	-	501.81	639.19	43.98
601420 IGC PW Resource Management Admin	55,000.00	-	55,000.00	-	-	27,499.98	27,500.02	50.00
601880 IGC SAP Capital Recovery	2,379.00	-	2,379.00	-	-	1,189.50	1,189.50	50.00
601890 SAP Support Center IGC	4,353.00	-	4,353.00	-	-	1,843.67	2,509.33	42.35
601900 IGC-OECD GIS Licensing	212.00	-	212.00	-	-	105.84	106.16	49.92
605221 IGC HLB	-	-	-	-	-	2,850.00	-2,850.00	-
605530 IGC General Liability	2,476.00	-	2,476.00	-	-	2,530.92	-54.92	102.22
605540 IGC Workers' Compensation	7,456.00	-	7,456.00	-	-	7,611.82	-155.82	102.09
** Intra Governmental Charges	73,017.00	-	73,017.00	-	-	44,133.54	28,883.46	60.44
*** Function Cost Modified Accrual	1,512,392.00	-	1,512,392.00	-	-	1,283,545.35	228,846.65	84.87
408380 Prior Yr Expense Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-268.68	268.68	-
408405 Lease & Rental Revenue	-3,000.00	-	-3,000.00	-	-	-7,795.00	4,795.00	259.83
*** Revenue Accounts	-3,000.00	-	-3,000.00	-	-	-8,063.68	5,063.68	268.79
**** 746000 Street Maint Girdwood	1,509,392.00	-	1,509,392.00	-	-	1,275,481.67	233,910.33	84.50
***** BALANCE	1,509,392.00	-	1,509,392.00	-	-	1,275,481.67	233,910.33	84.50

2024 Winter& Summer Road Maintenance & projects completed

Winter Maintenance:

- ☐ Applied 954 yards of traction E-chips to the service area
- ☐ Cold-patched roads where asphalt potholing was constant from the warm and wet winter
- ☐ Plowed and stored snow
- ☐ Steam thaw
- ☐ Grade dirt roads as conditions allow
- ☐ Storm response for flooding, tree fall, plugged culverts, etc.

Spring/Summer Maintenance:

- ☐ Advanced pothole patching before spring grading of all dirt roads
- ☐ Spring street sweeping of all paved roads, week of April 25th
- ☐ Dust control, including calcium chloride application on all dirt roads, commenced on May 1st. Applied 62,400 lbs. of Calcium chloride.
- ☐ Brushing of bike paths and roadway shoulders
- ☐ Crack-sealed 8256 linear feet of asphalt roads
- ☐ Remove abandoned cars around town
- ☐ Grade Roads as needed
- ☐ Vacuum cleaned all storm catch basins under GVSA control

Fall Projects:

- ☐ Sweep streets
- ☐ Clean up leaves and clean out storm intakes
- ☐ Grade and compact all roads before the freeze
- ☐ Brought in 1000 Tons of winter sanding chips.
- ☐ Removed excavation pile of unusable material to residents for landscaping fill
- ☐ Chipped up and removed community wood lot from the street maintenance yard

Airport Side Projects:

Arlberg

- ☐ Grade and compact shoulders to maintain drainage
- ☐ Brushed shoulder and Pedestrian pathway
- ☐ Cracked sealed road
- ☐ Cleaned ditch line from 210 to 482

Cortina

- ☐ Ditched from Donner to Alpine Meadows
- ☐ Replaced culvert at 314 Cortina
- ☐ Reshaped ditch line

Donner

- ☐ Replace culvert at 204 Donner Road
- ☐ Reshaped ditchline

Verbier Way

- ☐ Clean out B-hive
- ☐ Shoulder pathway with RAP

Olympic Mountain Loop

- ☐ Clean out Catch-Basins
- ☐ Re-shoulder Curbs
- ☐ Clean off winter sand
- ☐ Clean out the ditch lines and reshape the ditch lines around the circle

Lower Crystal Mountain

- ☐ Clean Ditching and reshape 161 to 179

White Pass

- ☐ Clean out the drainage ditch and reshape it

Timberline road Roads

Timberline Road

- ☐ Cleaned and shaped the ditch line from Alyeska Highway to Vail

Alpina

- ☐ Clean and reshape the ditch line from 120 to 228

Higher Terrace

- ☐ Clean and reshape the ditch line from Okemo up Higher Terrace

Okemo

- ☐ Clean and reshape the ditch line from 117 to Alpine Meadows

St. Moritz

- ☐ Clean and Reshaping of ditch lines

St. Johann

- ☐ Clean and reshape the ditch line at 109
- ☐ The driveway culvert was lowered.

Alta

- ☐ Cleaning and shaping of ditch line at 338 Alta

Townsquare

Girdwood Town Square Roads

- ☐ All Parking and traffic lines were repainted
- ☐ Asphalt has been repaired in several locations

Mine Roads

Sproat

- ☐ Ditching cleaning out and shaping along Hottentot Mine Hill

Road Maintenance Yard

2024 Project and Beyond

- ☐ Electric to Bull rail

- ☐ Lights installed
- ☐ Build fence
- ☐ Continue stockpile of RAP and high-quality road material as it becomes available
- ☐ Use the remaining Bone rock to make useable gravel
- ☐ Shelter for sand storage
- ☐ Shelter for equipment
- ☐ Warm storage to replace City Hall

Material order for 2025

- ☐ Recycled Asphalt
- ☐ Calcium Chloride
- ☐ E-chips
- ☐ Culverts

Example pictures of projects completed in 2023.

Donner Drainage improvements





Arlberg Ditch cleaning and reshaping





Olympic Mountain Loop Ditch vegetation removal and reshaping of Rip Rap rock



Fall 2024 Stockpile of E-Chips for winter traction control

2024 Girdwood Housing and Economic Development Fund

Budget vs Actual - Funds Center

Description	Original Budget	Budget Change	Current Budget	Pre Encumbrance	Encumbrance	Actuals	Difference	% Util
530380 Other Professional Services	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	5,500.00	44,500.00	11.00
* Non Labor	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	5,500.00	44,500.00	11.00
** Direct Cost Modified Accrual	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	5,500.00	44,500.00	11.00
*** Function Cost Modified Accrual	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	5,500.00	44,500.00	11.00
**** 510900 Girdwood Service Area Housing & Developm	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	5,500.00	44,500.00	11.00
***** BALANCE	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-	5,500.00	44,500.00	11.00

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Non-profit Recreation Organization Grant
Final Program Activity Report - 2024

1. GRANTEE: Little Bears Playhouse
2. PROGRAM: Little Bears Playhouse
3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM: 125
4. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
5. FACILITIES USED: Little Bears Playhouse
6. COMPARE AND ANALYZE YOUR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A (SCOPE OF SERVICES).

Little Bears Playhouse provides the critical infrastructure of childcare for the community of Girdwood, and the surrounding valleys. Our early learning center directly benefits our student by providing intentional, developmentally appropriate learning activities. These opportunities allow children to develop their physical, emotional, social and academic abilities to give them the strongest foundation for their educational start in life. Our Artist for the Day program allowed 6 local artists to join our community to teach our students a new form of expression. Little Bears experienced an increase in volunteerism, and an overall engagement and focus from our children that was notable.

7. OVERALL EVALUATION AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERFORMANCE.

Little Bears Playhouse found our footing in 2024. We were able to enroll to maximum capacity, staff our school to 8 full-time teachers, and have the highest staff professional development to date. Our waitlist continues to stand between 22 – 27 children, regardless of consistent year-round enrollment from the list. Little Bears has received substantial donations towards our operating budget and towards our new building venture, allowing us to continue to make gains in these areas. In reflecting on our financial reports, fundraising, donations, and grants have allowed our operational budget to expand to continue to provide childcare at the lowest cost possible and still providing competitive and respectable wages for our staff.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FORM ATTACHED) COMPARING PROJECTED BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND IDENTIFYING VARIATIONS ≥5%

Final Financial Report - 2024

Grantee: <u>Little Bears Playhouse</u>		CY2024	Year-end	%	Variation >5% of
Report Period: <u>Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024</u>		FY 2024	Actual	Variation -	Budgeted? Why?
		Budgeted	CY2024 or	Budgeted	Provide short
			FY2024	to Actual	explanation.
EXPENDITURES:					
Program Staff					
Salaries		366,006.80	373,860.05	2%	
Employee Benefits					
Payroll Taxes		30,351.15	34,164.02	12%	Incorrect Payroll Tax Formula
Training		1,148	857.92	15.3%	Less staff CDA trainings
Other: <u>Workmans Comp</u>		3,557	3,357	5.7%	Less than anticipated
Program Supplies					
Operating Supplies		15,000	15,573.56	3%	
Office Supplies		250	673.52	69%	Underestimated cost of printer ink
Printing/Publication					
Equipment Purchase/Rental					
Other: _____					
Program Facility					
Rental & Utilities		11,905.12	11,333.38	4.9%	
Maintenance Expense		1,000	6209.13	620.9%	Unexpected repairs and purchase of new utilities within the school.
Other: _____					
Program Transportation					
Program owned vehicles					
Public vehicles					
Rental vehicles					
Private vehicles					
Other: _____					
Overhead Expenses					
		15,007.5	21,941.98	46%	Higher than expected bookkeeping fees and subscription fees.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		450,625.57	467,970.56	3.8%	
REVENUES					
Parent Organization		2,000	2,991.61	49%	More financial contribution than expected
Gifts & Contributions		10,000	20,683.27	35%	More financial contributions than expected.
Membership Dues		4,050	3,400	16%	Took time to build our enrollment to 100%
Fees & Charges		404,982.98	381,906.51	5.7%	Took time to build enrollment to 100%
Private Sector Grants:					
<u>Child Care Grant</u>		5,568	6024.60	8%	Higher enrollment led to higher payout for CCG
<u>Infant/Toddler Grant</u>		0	4000	100%	Unexpected Grant
Cook Inlet Tribal Grant		0	22,381.24	100%	Unexpected Grant
Fund-raisers:					

Barnelopet	2,000	1,837.8	8.2%	Lower than expected fundraising event
Adventure Raffle	9,000	8,720	3.2%	
Fun Run	1,500	935.23	38%	Lower than expected fundraising event
In-Kind Contributions				
Other:				
MOA Parks & Recreation Grant	11,524.59	10,000	13.3%	Over-budgeted
TOTAL REVENUES	450,625.57	462,880.26	2.7%	

Report Prepared by: Rachel Byers

Title: Executive Director

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 01/21/2025

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Non-profit Recreation Organization Grant
Final Program Activity Report - 2024

1. GRANTEE: Challenge Alaska
2. PROGRAM: Challenge Alaska Girdwood
3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM: 908 Excluding Public Events
4. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
5. FACILITIES USED: Challenge Alaska's Keil Center for Therapeutic Recreation
6. COMPARE AND ANALYZE YOUR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A (SCOPE OF SERVICES).

GOAL: Scholarship at least 3 disabled skiers and snowboarders from Girdwood and the Girdwood School groups totaling a minimum of \$1,500.

RESULT: Supported 4 Girdwood based Skiers or snowboarders with disabilities, at a value of \$2,250.

GOAL: Host the Girdwood Fine Arts Camp at a reduced cost valued at \$6,400.

RESULT: Complete, and the Camp was a huge success this year. The value of the donation was \$8,900!

GOAL: Host at least 5 Girdwood Based Community Events throughout the year at a value of at least \$7500.

RESULT: Hosted 12 Community Events at a value of \$ \$9,855.00.

GOAL: Train and educate at least 30 Girdwood residents in disability awareness and adaptive ski and snowboard instruction at a value of at least \$7000.

RESULT: Invested \$15,000 in training 60 Girdwood locals in PSIA/AASI or USSA Adaptive Ski or snowboard instruction.

7. OVERALL EVALUATION AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERFORMANCE.

Challenge Alaska Girdwood operations had an amazing year in 2024. We experienced programmatic growth on all fronts, from participants to volunteer instructors, to staffing. We had a volunteer base of 301 and 607 unique participants living with disabilities, which was nearly double 2023. We provided 1349 adaptive ski or snowboard lessons and certified 9 new PSIA certified ski instructors and 3 AASI Certified Snowboard instructors. We held more community events than ever before in our facility and take great pride in being a positive community partner for Girdwood and the entire Municipality of Anchorage. Thank you for the opportunity!

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FORM ATTACHED) COMPARING PROJECTED BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND IDENTIFYING VARIATIONS ≥5%

Final Financial Report - 2024

Grantee: Challenge Alaska Report Period: <u>Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024</u>	CY2024 FY 2024 Budgeted	Year-end Actual CY2024 or FY2024	% Variation - Budgeted to Actual	Variation >5% of Budgeted? Why? Provide short explanation.
EXPENDITURES:				
Program Staff	\$213,042	\$219,800	3.1%	
Salaries	\$153,975	\$158,902		
Employee Benefits	\$35,517	\$36,618		
Payroll Taxes	\$13,550	\$13,970		
Training	\$10,000	\$10,310		
Other: _____				
Program Supplies	\$56,000	\$58,665	4.5%	
Operating Supplies				
Office Supplies				
Printing/Publication				
Equipment Purchase/Rental				
Other : _____				
Program Facility	\$29,500	\$30,007	1.7%	
Rental & Utilities	\$10,000	\$11,120	10.1%	Utilities higher due to inflation
Maintenance Expense	\$19,500	\$18,887	-3.2%	
Other: _____				
Program Transportation	\$3,700	\$2,659	-39.2%	Drove less than anticipated
Program owned vehicles	\$3,700	\$2,659	-39.2%	Drove less than anticipated
Public vehicles				
Rental vehicles				
Private vehicles				
Other: _____				
Overhead Expenses	\$47,500	\$49,364	3.8%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$349,742	\$360,495	3.0%	
REVENUES				
Parent Organization	\$59,010	\$63,376	6.9%	The other Challenge Alaska fundraising programs balance this one
Gifts & Contributions	\$28,000	\$29,225	4.2%	
Membership Dues				
Fees & Charges	\$102,000	\$105,826	3.6%	
Private Sector Grants:				
Federal Grants	\$37,532	\$37,532	0.0%	
Fund-raisers:				
Challenge Alaska Spring Fling	\$115,000	\$116,336	1.1%	
In-Kind Contributions				
Other: _____				
MOA Parks & Recreation Grant	\$8,200	\$8,200	0.0%	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$349,742	\$360,495	3.0%	

Report Prepared by: J. Nathan Boltz

Title: Executive Director, Challenge Alaska

Signature: _____

Date: 1/24/2025

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Non-profit Recreation Organization Grant

Final Program Activity Report - 2024

1. GRANTEE: _Four Valleys Community School_____
2. PROGRAM: _FVCS Year Round Programming Financial Support & Operations Grant_____
3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM: __1,600 enrollments, in 220+ classes_
4. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
5. FACILITIES USED: __Girdwood Brewing, Alpenglow, Meadows Community Center, Community Room, 5k Nordic loop, Girdwood school facilities_____
6. COMPARE AND ANALYZE YOUR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A (SCOPE OF SERVICES).

Four Valleys Community School (FVCS) offers year-round programming, focusing on both recreational and educational afterschool activities during the school year, and full-day, hands-on learning "camps" in the summer. These programs are designed for residents of the four surrounding valleys—Girdwood, Bird, Indian, and Portage—and also serve the Hope community. Our team is composed of part-time staff, including one director, one administrator, and two program coordinators. In addition, we rely on a group of dedicated parent and community volunteers, as well as local high school students earning volunteer credits by assisting with our programs. Although 2024 was a lean year, with fewer staff members than in previous years, we remained confident in our ability to provide engaging events that FVCS community members appreciated. As we begin 2025, we are excited to have a stronger staff team and are looking forward to another great year of programming.

7. OVERALL EVALUATION AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERFORMANCE.

Our mission is to provide quality, fun, and exciting opportunities for our community to recreate and learn new skills right here in Girdwood. We've seen great success so far! We've partnered with a local art cooperative to offer recurring afterschool programs and expanded our afterschool recreation offerings. This includes upgrading baseball equipment for fall ball and spring training in the gym—an exciting improvement that has . Additionally, we introduced more skill-based adult classes, such as basket weaving, which have been in high demand. We've welcomed back several volunteers and had the chance to connect with many new families. We consistently receive positive feedback and strong engagement from the community, and we'll continue to let that guide our program offerings.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (**ATTACHED**) COMPARING PROJECTED BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND IDENTIFYING VARIATIONS ≥5%

Grantee: Four Valleys Community School, Inc. Report Period: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024	CY2024 FY 2024 Budgeted	Year-end Actual CY2024 or FY2024	% Variation - Budgeted to Actual	Variation >5% of Budgeted? Why? Provide short explanation.
EXPENDITURES:				
Program Staff				
Salaries	80,393	69,909	-13.0%	Dropped from (4) staff members to (2) year round, hired (2) part time summer program staff at higher rate to incentivize employment
Employee Benefits (Worker Comp; Paid Leave; Discounts)	2,664	3,163	18.7%	Utilization of PTO for the first time - adjusted budget for 2025 to accommodate
Payroll Taxes	7,380	6,408	-13.2%	Lower salary, lower taxes
Training & Travel	750	432	-42.4%	Did not need excess budgeted training budget
Other : Instructor Payments (1099 Misc. type)	9,185	3,164	-65.6%	Contracted less paid instructors and was able to utilize more volunteers!
Program Supplies				
Operating Supplies (incl. all K-8 Enrichment Program suppl.)	14,550	8,417	-42.2%	Massively slimmed down operating supply costs to match revenue more appropriately
Office Supplies (incl. Postage)	1,200	3,122	160.2%	Spent more on postage this year than usual due to starting back up on mailing hand written thank you notes to all cash donors and volunteers
Printing/Publication	600	364	-39.3%	Approximated how much to spend on new fundraising event flyers, will be adjusting for 2025
Equipment Purchase/Rental	1,000	354	-64.6%	Only equipment upgrade was new iPad for Lego club and in person events
Other:				
Financial Aid	6,000	744	-87.6%	Did not award annual scholarship (no applicants), no DC trip in 2024 - budget rollover to 2025
Fundraising/Gaming	6,400	5,310	-17.0%	Approximated budget for in person fundraiser needs, will adjust for 2025
Volunteer Appreciation	840	1,178	40.2%	Dedicated more resources towards showing community appreciation in hopes of retaining our volunteer base for the future
Program Facility				
Rental & Utilities	8,975	8,023	-10.6%	Routed a few classes towards free resources rather than paid rentals
Maintenance Expense	0			
Other: _____	0			
Program Transportation				
Program owned vehicles	0	0		
Public vehicles	0	0		
Rental vehicles	5,000	3,244	-35.1%	Slimmed down need for rental vehicles for summer programming
Private vehicles	0			
Other: _____				
Overhead Expenses	14,690		-100.0%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	159,627	113,832	-28.7%	We had less staff, and therefore less programming cost needs - also looked for ways to utilize materials we already had access too (free or reusable)
Grantee: Four Valleys Community School, Inc. Report Period: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024	CY2024 FY 2024 Budgeted	Year-end Actual CY2024 or FY2024	% Variation - Budgeted to Actual	Variation >5% of Budgeted? Why? Provide short explanation.
REVENUES				
Parent Organization	0			
Gifts & Contributions	26,815	34,828	29.9%	Fantastic year for community based donations!
Membership Dues	0			
Fees & Charges				
School year & summer registration	77,710	53,035	-31.8%	Skeleton staff during the school year simply did not have the capacity to produce as many afterschool programs as previous years, also saw a decline in engagement for regular high income offerings due to shift in community activity needs.
Private Sector Grants:				
KMTA Grant for Summer Adventure Camps	10,000	0	-100.0%	KMTA grant not available summer 2024
KMTA School Year Grant	3,000	1,700	-43.3%	KMTA grant not fully used during the school year, cancelled key programs (lack of participants)
Fundraisers:				
Community Sports Swap	6,000	7,003	16.7%	Adjusting budget for 2025
Spring Fundraiser	9,700	6,323	-34.8%	Lower \$\$ auction items for year 2, grateful for the abundance of cash donations to supplement fundraiser income
Sale of FVCS Logo Merchandise		195		Small side income for in person events
Other:				
Interest Income		13,926		Investment accounts
MOA Parks & Recreation Grant	25,000	25,000	100.0%	THANK YOU GBOS!!
TOTAL REVENUES	158,225	142,010	-10.2%	

Report Prepared by: Beks Rumley

Title: Executive Director

Signature: 

Date: 30 Jan 2025

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Non-profit Recreation Organization Grant
Final Program Activity Report - 2024

1. GRANTEE: Girdwood Art Institute
2. PROGRAM: Girdwood Summer Fine Arts Camp
3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM: 83
4. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
5. FACILITIES USED: Challenge ALaska
6. COMPARE AND ANALYZE YOUR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A (SCOPE OF SERVICES).

Girdwood Fine Arts Camp is an existing, long-established program that provides creative opportunities for the children of Girdwood and beyond. Our objectives are to provide affordable, quality, immersive and accessible art instruction and opportunities for children. In 2024 we requested funding from GBOS to provide sibling scholarships and salaries for teenage apprentices who play a key role in running the camp. The received funding allowed us 1) to give several sibling scholarships which allowed more families to participate, and 2) pay for 7 local teenage apprentices who learned valuable leadership, teamwork, and art instruction skills. These outcomes matched our proposal.

This year we had less need for scholarships, but had a higher interest in our apprenticeship program. 2024 was the 38th year of the Girdwood Fine Arts Camp. There are variations in a variety aspects of the camp each year, but overall the general cost of the program is consistent from year to year, once factors like inflation and the added costs of supplementary programming and high cost art activities are factored in.

7. OVERALL EVALUATION AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERFORMANCE.

We evaluate our performance by demonstrated demand and feedback from parents and students. In 2024, we had full enrollment in all three sessions (two primaries and intermediate session) with a waitlist for both, which clearly shows the demand in our services. The Art Camp was attended by 76 participants, most of whom were from the Girdwood area. The Camp employed 7 teenage apprentices, all of whom were from Girdwood.

We hold positive critiques with the students focusing on their accomplishments and what they learned during the camp and after. This year the students produced a show of their artwork that was attended by about 200 people, in spite of car accident on Alyeska Highway that prevented cars from driving to Challenge. Families parked at the Merc and walk up.

We also sought out evaluations by parents through formal surveys and informal conversations.

Through our evaluation methods it was determined that this years camp was an overall success. We received feedback that more structure is needed for the hours worked by teen apprentices.

As a result we are adapting the program to include more structured free art education for the apprentices as part of each day.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FORM ATTACHED) COMPARING PROJECTED BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND IDENTIFYING VARIATIONS ≥5%

We are growing our offerings, including Winter Art Camp series, a camp artist in residence and our upcoming teen apprentice art intensives, which has increased our budget. We are fortunate to be supported by many Alaskan organizations and agencies to make this work possible.

Final Financial Report - 2024

Grantee: _____	CY2024	Year-end Actual	% Variation - Budgeted to Actual	Variation >5% of Budgeted? Why? Provide short explanation.
Report Period: <u>Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024</u>	FY 2024 Budgeted	CY2024 or FY2024		
EXPENDITURES:				
Program Staff				
Salaries	26000	23319	11%	This decrease is because we separated the apprentice stipends out from the total salaries.
Employee Benefits				
Payroll Taxes		239.03		We hired our first payroll employee January 2024
Training				
Other: __Apprentices__		3548		Totaled with the salaries, labor costs were 26867. 4% different than budgeted.
Program Supplies				
Operating Supplies	3900	3600	8%	
Office Supplies				
Printing/Publication				
Equipment Purchase/Rental				
Other : ____Art Supplies____	4600	3416	29%	This years art projects used recycled materials and drew heavily from materials we already had in our supply shed.

Program Facility

Rental & Utilities

Maintenance Expense

Other: _____

Program Transportation

Program owned vehicles

Public vehicles

Rental vehicles

Private vehicles

Other: _____

Overhead Expenses**TOTAL EXPENDITURES****REVENUES**

Parent Organization

Gifts & Contributions

Membership Dues

Fees & Charges

Private Sector Grants:

Other Gov Agency Funding

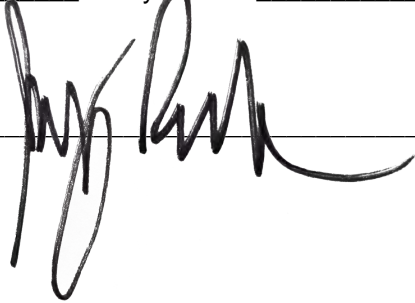
Fund-raisers:

In-Kind Contributions

1100	1650	40%	We had an unexpected increase in rent and utility costs.
2275	3040	28%	Our bookkeeping expenses increased when we put our ED on payroll.
37,875	38812	2.5%	
930	0	100%	We did not need to draw on existing funds.
2000	1244	46%	We received less donations that went to the Summer Fine Art Camp specifically.
13000	15021	14%	There were less scholarship requests, so tuition was higher than calculated.
7000	7000	0%	
8900	9500	6.5%	

Other: _____ MOA Parks & Recreation Grant TOTAL REVENUES				
	6045	6045	0%	
	37875	38812	2.5%	

Report Prepared by: _____Jimmy Riordan_____ Title: _____Executive Director_____

Signature: __________ Date: _____1/29/2024_____

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Non-profit Recreation Organization Grant
Final Program Activity Report - 2024

1. GRANTEE: ____ Glacier Valley Transit_____
2. PROGRAM: _____Public Transportation for Girdwood Valley_____
3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM: approximately 74000____
4. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
5. FACILITIES USED: _____
6. COMPARE AND ANALYZE YOUR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A (SCOPE OF SERVICES).

Glacier Valley Transit measures the success of our operation based on increases in overall ridership, local ridership & increases in onboard donations. In the 2024 fiscal year we transported approximately 74000 riders. This is a 9000 rider increase from last year. Local ridership is steadily increasing every year with an increase of approximately 4000 in 2024. Since GVT adopted the fare free model, we have met our projected onboard donations. We exceeded our onboard donation goals in 2024. In 2024 we restructured our sponsorship program and were successful in gaining many new local business sponsorships.

7. OVERALL EVALUATION AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERFORMANCE.

GVT strives to be a self-sufficient and sustainable program. We continued to break even financially again this year. Historically before moving to the fare free model we were operating an average loss of \$60,000 annually. Those days are long behind us now that we are no longer collecting fares that had to be deducted from our grant billings and have increased support of the Girdwood business, riders and visitors.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FORM ATTACHED) COMPARING PROJECTED BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND IDENTIFYING VARIATIONS $\geq 5\%$

Grantee: _____	CY2024	Year-end Actual	% Variation - Budgeted to Actual	Variation >5% of Budgeted? Why? Provide short explanation.	
Report Period: <u>Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024</u>	FY 2024	CY2024 or FY2024			
	Budgeted				
EXPENDITURES:					
Program Staff					
Salaries	226340	216370.96	4.40%		9969.04
Employee Benefits	79260	74591.34	5.89%	less employees at hire vaction accrual rate & using insurance plan	4668.66
Payroll Taxes			#DIV/0!		0
Training			#DIV/0!		0
Other: _____			#DIV/0!		0
			#DIV/0!		0
Program Supplies			#DIV/0!		0
Operating Supplies	34286	35932.84183	-4.80%		-1646.841828
Office Supplies			#DIV/0!		0
Printing/Publication			#DIV/0!		0
Equipment Purchase/Rental			#DIV/0!		0
Other :Fuel	53000	45362.32	14.41%	price of fuel dropped	7637.68
			#DIV/0!		0
Program Facility			#DIV/0!		0
Rental & Utilities			#DIV/0!		0
Maintenance Expense			#DIV/0!		0
Other: _____			#DIV/0!		0
			#DIV/0!		0
Program Transportation			#DIV/0!		0
Program owned vehicles	30000	26201.95	12.66%	budgeted high for aging fleet	3798.05
Public vehicles			#DIV/0!		0
Rental vehicles			#DIV/0!		0
Private vehicles			#DIV/0!		0
Other:liability insurance	30000	31568.4	-5.23%	market rate increased	-1568.4
			#DIV/0!		0
Overhead Expenses			#DIV/0!		0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	452886	430027.8118	5.05%	doing our best to reduce expenses	22858.18817
REVENUES			#DIV/0!		0
Parent Organization			#DIV/0!		0
Gifts & Contributions	31000	35418.51	-14.25%	More local business sponsorships	-4418.51
Membership Dues			#DIV/0!		0
Fees & Charges			#DIV/0!		0
Private Sector Grants: _____	57000	57000	0.00%		0
			#DIV/0!		0

			#DIV/0!		0
Fund-raisers:			#DIV/0!		0
			#DIV/0!		0
			#DIV/0!		0
In-Kind Contributions			#DIV/0!		0
Other: MOA	20000	20000	0.00%		0
FTA	337886	307110.5	9.11%	Less spending this FY	30775.5
MOA Parks & Recreation Grant	5400	5400	0.00%		0
TOTAL REVENUES	451286	424929.01	5.84%		26356.99

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Non-profit Recreation Organization Grant

Final Program Activity Report - 2024

1. GRANTEE: Girdwood Community Club, Inc.
2. PROGRAM: Glacier City Radio
3. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM: 2000+
4. REPORT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
5. FACILITIES USED: Production studios in Girdwood Park; Backup studio & emergency transmitter on Vail Drive. Activities: Park Building at 124 Egloff Drive; Transmission: Alyeska Upper Tram Terminal.
6. COMPARE AND ANALYZE YOUR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE WITH THE CONTRACT OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A (SCOPE OF SERVICES).

The primary goals are:

1) Provide a public safety net in times of emergencies. 2) Encourage volunteer residents of all ages to use their *recreational time to expand their interest* in radio and provide educational, recreational, and music programming for the recreational listeners of Girdwood. 3) Provide all residents of the Girdwood community with the ability to include listening to quality radio programs amongst their *leisure time recreational activities*.

1-We continue to demonstrate readiness with full compliance of our Federal/State/Local Emergency Alert System, and the ability to integrate with local and state emergency services. Additionally, Child Abduction Amber Alerts, local weekly tests, a national test and statewide monthly tests were broadcast by our Emergency Alert System.

2-We are always recruiting residents and visitors, with on-air announcements and in person, to participate in our programs and train them to provide educational and recreational information and to expand their musical awareness.

3-We kept our facilities operational 24/7/365 to provide quality radio programs for recreational listening activities and instant messaging of important activities and actions. During a storm cycle in February 2024, we had a meltdown of both our main and backup transmitters. Our new transmitter installed February 2024 has kept us broadcasting through bad weather and heavy storm cycles. There is also a backup transmitter installed with the main transmitter at the Upper Tram Terminal. Our basic programming is rooted in the widest variety of music you'll ever hear; we also have timely news and nature shorts throughout the day, as well as about 12 weekly hours of educational programs in the early mornings and weekends, and 2 hours of national and international news weekdays, both in the early mornings and late afternoon. While we can't be all things to all people, we are available all of the time to everyone through the ubiquitous medium of free broadcast FM radio.

Our building in Girdwood Park is our operations, activity, and broadcasting center, while the facilities on Vail drive are our backup studio, audio, computer lab, and back-up transmitter site.

7. OVERALL EVALUATION AND DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERFORMANCE.

Our stated evaluation criteria are as follows:

1) How many hours the station is on the air every day, week, year close to 24/7/365. 2) Ensure integration into Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) by complying with state and federal regulations. 3) Absorption of community standards by listener feedback. 4) Assess the number of program hosts and staff to complete training and integrate with the operation. 5) Determine that emergency and *recreational information* is transmitted. 6) Monitor the diversity of programming, music and entertainment. 7) Assess participants' time commitment, *skill advancement*, and continuing interest in our recreational-radio programs.

1-Our programming equipment and volunteers ran smoothly to provide 24/7/365 up-time. Our recently purchased hi-power transmitter has the ability to stay ON during storms with antenna icing conditions. The occasional Chugach Electric power outage that happens several times a year may take us off the air, however for planned outages and those of more than several hours, we have a back-up gasoline generator that can be called into use at the studio and recently installed a diesel genset at the base of our tower in the park. The transmitter site at the Alyeska Upper Tram Terminal also has a backup diesel generator.

2-Our EAS system worked satisfactorily both receiving and delivering the required weekly and monthly and national tests. The new FCC mandated digital Emergency Alert electronics provide internet access to federal, state and local alerts as well as over-the-air pickups from other Anchorage area broadcasters and from the Girdwood translators.

3-Our phone and email address are broadcast regularly. Our feedback has only been positive.

4-We both train and retrain program hosts to ensure continued operation. We integrate our hosts into supporting the daily functions, and our music director integrated other music directors and hosts with music reviewing and the music library. We finished the year with 15 active programmers.

5-All emergency information about power outages, avalanches, highway closures, and other info that came across our desk were broadcast. Once again, we made outreach to community organizations and individuals for recreational information to broadcast.

6-We continue to have, and add to, a great diversity in programming, music and entertainment.

7-We have a high yearly volunteer time commitment with an average of 15 people giving a yearly total of 1560 hours on air and 725 hours off air, 5 of those another 1000 hours behind the scenes and a general manager volunteering 2000 hours. That's a total of 5285 hours yearly of volunteer time commitment.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FORM ATTACHED) COMPARING PROJECTED BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND IDENTIFYING VARIATIONS $\geq 5\%$

Grantee: Girdwood Community Club, Inc.		CY2024	Year-end	%	Variation >5% of
Report Period: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024		FY 2024	Actual	Variation -	Budgeted? Why?
		Budgeted	CY2024 or	Budgeted	Provide short
			FY2024	to Actual	explanation.
EXPENDITURES:					See Attachment
Program Staff		55,400	55,000	-1	
Salaries		0			
Employee Benefits		0			
Payroll Taxes		0			
Training		400	0	-100	#1 of Attachment
Other: Contract Station Manager		55000	55,000	0	
Program Supplies		28,696	34,190	19	2
Operating Supplies		22,026	21,387	-3	
Office Supplies		710	319	-55	3
Printing/Publication		0	0		
Equipment Purchase/Rental		500	7,024	1305	4
Other :Remote Broadcasts		5460	5,460	0	
Program Facility		32,490	31,966	-2	
Rental & Utilities		31,990	31,953	<1	
Maintenance Expense		500	13	-97	6
Other: _____		0			
Program Transportation		0	0		7
Program owned vehicles		0			
Public vehicles		0			
Rental vehicles		0			
Private vehicles		0			
Other: _____					
Overhead Expenses		7500	7,301	-3	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		124,086	128,457	4	
REVENUES					
Parent Organization		3,997	9,656	1420	9
Gifts & Contributions		2,500	3,495	40	10
Membership Dues		2,000	2,329	16	11
Fees & Charges		0			
Private Sector Grants:		0			

Fund-raisers:					
T-Shirt Sales		400	180	-55	13
Underwriting		7,000	4,608	-34	14
In-Kind Contributions		102,614	102,614	0	
Other:					

MOA Parks & Recreation Grant		5,575	5,575	0	
TOTAL REVENUES		124,086	128,457	4	

Report Prepared by: Lewis Leonard

Title: President

Signature: 

Date: 1-31-25

Girdwood Community Club, Inc.

2024 FINAL ACTIVITY & FINANCIAL REPORT

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Short Explanations of variation of >5% of budgeted to actual.

1-Budgeted for an international audio conference. Nobody attended

2-A double transmitter meltdown in February necessitated repairs and purchases.

3-We held the line on office and supplies purchases.

4-A double transmitter meltdown in February necessitated repairs and purchases.

5-Reserved

6-Maintenance expenses seriously down from expected.

7- Transportation is not used/needed.

8- Reserved

9-This is the balancing factor in equating income and expenditures. It will vary wildly from year to year as the parent organization makes up for varying income and expenditures.

10-Worked to solicit more gifts and contributions.

11-We worked hard to reach new, old and future members in our fall membership drive which resulted in more revenue.

12-Reserved

13-Sales are only available in-house. We have limited public access to the building.

14-The Alaskan economy was still going down and lessened the ability for small businesses to underwrite; underwriting depends upon fruitfulness of local businesses.

15-Reserved



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2024 Season Girdwood Invasive Weed Management Report

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“Highly” and “Extremely” Invasive plants as defined by the Alaska Invasive Plant Ranking System are known to invade natural habitats, displace native plants, and disrupt ecosystem functioning. As Alaska’s top outdoor recreation ‘Mecca’, Girdwood is on the front line between the human developed environment and pristine natural areas. This project is an ongoing community effort to suppress, contain, and eradicate highly invasive species in order to protect Alaska’s natural ecosystems. Alien Species Control, LLC (ASC) has been contracted by Girdwood Parks and Recreation for the past eight years to implement this effort. ASC also performs grant-funded invasive plant work for the Anchorage Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ANC-CISMA) throughout the Municipality, including several projects on state DOT ROWs in Girdwood. The local funds help leverage grant funded projects.

Invasive Plant Management efforts in Girdwood follow an ecologically based Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, which considers all vegetation management methods beginning with Prevention and employs a mix of Manual, Mechanical, and Herbicide control as appropriate.

Tim Stallard presented to the Land Use Committee (LUC) and Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) in April and May 2023 (and many times in previous years). Following these presentations, the LUC and GBOS approved Milestone herbicide applications to control invasive plants at several locations for the 2023 season. Highly invasive plants are often very hard to control and herbicides are typically the most or only effective control method. Following past herbicide treatments several previously treated areas have very few invasive plants and the native plants have largely filled back in.

Since the 2023 presentations to the LUC and GBOS about using herbicide to control invasive plants were somewhat contentious, no herbicide applications were proposed for Municipal lands in Girdwood in 2024 and no herbicide applications are planned for 2025.

Projects and species by area:

Town Square Park

Town Square Park was visited and modest amounts of bird vetch were hand pulled.

Forest Fair Park

Several thick patches of bird vetch were hand pulled. Ongoing follow up will be needed to reduce this plant from spreading. Spot herbicide could easily eradicate these infestations and would be the most cost-effective management option. Otherwise mowing, weed whacking, and/or hand pulling would help slow the spread of this highly invasive plant. Oxeye daisy, reed canarygrass, and creeping buttercup are also present.

“Mine” Roads:

Jewel, Toadstool, Monarch, Gunnysack, Treasure Box, Hottentot, Agostino Mine, and Sprout Roads were spot treated with herbicide in late June 2021 for orange hawkweed and reed canarygrass. This was the first time these species had been treated with herbicide in the area. Small populations of bird vetch, creeping (Canada) thistle, and European bird cherry (chokecherry / mayday trees) were also found and treated in this area. In prior years, efforts had been made to pick the flowers to reduce seed production and slow the spread of these aggressive invaders. The mine roads were surveyed in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Only small, isolated populations of orange hawkweed were found and hand pulled in 2022, but by 2024, larger populations of hawkweed were beginning to return to several areas including right behind the USFS compound and the intersection of Jewel Mine and Toadstool. These populations were hand pulled again in 2024, but that only briefly slows down this aggressive plant and should be followed up with an herbicide application as hand pulling or mowing will trigger the plant to grow back thicker.

Through 2024 no bird vetch has found in the areas treated in 2021. In the Fall of 2024, highly invasive mayday trees (a.k.a. European bird cherry or *Prunus padus*) were seen scattered throughout some of the Mine Roads ROWs plus on private property. Creeping thistle was found again in 2024 along Treasure Box Mine Rd.



June 21, 2021 photo above shows orange hawkweed flowers along Sprout Road drooping following treatment with Milestone herbicide three days before.

Verbier Road:

Portions of the Verbier ROW with orange hawkweed plus white sweetclover and bird vetch were spot treated in 2021. In 2022 only a few isolated invasive plants were found and hand pulled. By 2023 and even more in 2024, orange hawkweed was spreading again and there were some thick patches along this road. Some of the plants were hand pulled in 2024, but there was too much to pull and hand pulling stimulates additional growth long term, so it is only worthwhile for a thick infestation if there is follow up herbicide control planned.

Arlberg Road:

Arlberg from Moose Meadow to the Alyeska Hotel had been treated in 2017 with herbicide for extensive populations bird vetch, plus some patches of orange hawkweed, creeping thistle, and one European bird cherry (mayday) tree. The mayday tree was successfully controlled and bird vetch and thistle were not found again in this area for several years.

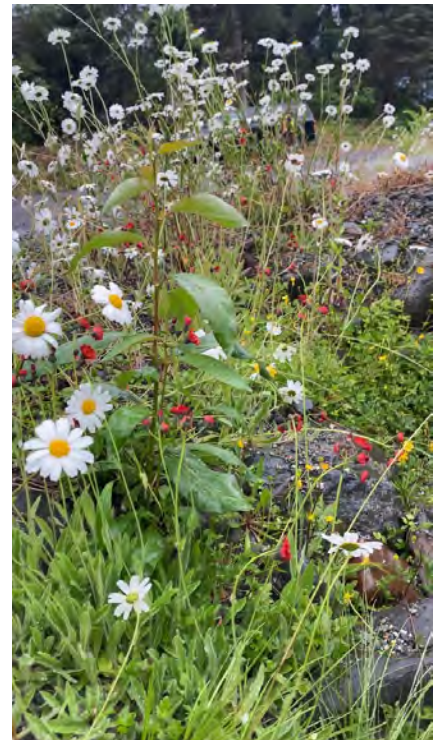
The extension of Arlberg past the Hotel to the Nordic ski trailhead several years ago introduced white sweetclover and bird vetch, which we had been hand pulling the past few years. In 2024, the crew pulled over 500 bird vetch plants along this section of Arlberg.

Arlberg saw major roadwork during 202; and by that year, small amounts of bird vetch and creeping thistle had returned to the earlier treated area (vegetated roadsides near Moose Meadow). At the end of August 2021, Arlberg Ave (from the soccer field to the Nordic trailhead) was spot treated with herbicide. In 2022 almost no invasive plants were found along Arlberg Road. In 2023 and 2024, this area was surveyed and a relatively small, but increasing number of invasive plants were found and pulled each year. In 2023 a new patch of thistle was found south of the Hotel and sprayed. In 2024, over 500 bird vetch plants were found and treated south of the Hotel near the pond.

Crystal Mountain Rd

Several modest sized, but very thick populations of orange hawkweed were growing in the ROW along this road. Plants were hand pulled or flowers picked to slow the spread of these plants several times in June and July of 2022. These infestations were spot treated with herbicide in 2023 to contain them from spreading further. The crew did not report any hawkweed in this area in 2024.

The July 2022 photo at right shows a ditch along Christal Mountain Road that is heavily infested with orange hawkweed and oxeye daisy



Hightower Road

Bird vetch had been weed wacked and hand pulled for many years along Hightower Road between Stumpy's Way and the Girdwood School. This slowed the population from spreading, but it still vigorously returned each year. The bird vetch in this area was finally spot sprayed with Milestone herbicide in 2023. In 2024, no bird vetch was found in the treated area.

Aspen Mountain

Bird vetch has been hand pulled at the end of Aspen Mountain Road in 2024 and several prior years.

Bohemian knotweed – Stowe Drive

With an Alaska Invasive Plant Rank of 87 (out of 100), Bohemian knotweed is the highest ranked invasive plant known to be growing in Girdwood and the entire Municipality of Anchorage. This species is a major problem in southeast Alaska. A few stems of this plant were discovered in 2020 growing along Stowe Drive and were treated with herbicide for the first time in fall of 2021. This site was surveyed several times in 2022 and no knotweed was found. In 2023, two small stems were found and hand pulled. In 2024, no knotweed was found in this area. This site will need ongoing monitoring for several years.

Alyeska View and Vail

Small, but significant populations of creeping thistle were treated with herbicide in the fall of 2021. These areas were surveyed in 2022, 2023, and 2024 – no thistle was found along Vail Drive and only a few stems were found (and hand pulled) along Alyeska View in 2023. There probably still are thistle on private property, so it could spread back onto the public Right of Way.

Other Girdwood Valley projects (non MOA lands, other funding sources)

Grant funds leveraged by local funding supported ongoing invasive plant control efforts in DOT ROWS (including the Girdwood Airport and Crow Creek Mine Road) and Chugach State Park (Bird to Gird Path). The Alyeska Highway bike path previously was home to thick infestations of orange hawkweed, bird vetch, white sweetclover, oxeye daisy, and reed canarygrass. These infestations were spot treated for several years, which dramatically reduced their populations. But following several years without treatment (due to reduced grant funding and limited staff availability), these infestations have begun return and are getting larger each year.

Following several years of requests by Girdwood residents, the Bird to Gird trail in Chugach State Park was treated for the first time in 2024. This scenic trail had a lot of bird vetch growing in sunny areas and some white sweetclover. There was also lots of invasive oxeye daisy and one very large invasive mayday tree.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Highly and extremely invasive plant species have biological traits that enable them to spread rapidly, invade natural areas, and make them hard to control. While these harmful species are raging like an out-of-control 'biological wildfire' in some populated parts of the state, the opposite is true in Girdwood. Invasive plant management efforts in Girdwood have resulted in dramatic reductions of many large populations of invasive plants. Without this management, Girdwood would be overrun with invasive weeds. Instead, they are sporadic and relatively rare and this helps protect our wild areas that Girdwood locals and Girdwood visitors access via the community or after visiting Girdwood.

While we would like to completely eradicate these harmful species, that is unlikely due to their presence on private lands, along nearby highways, in Anchorage, and elsewhere. But ongoing efforts have stopped and reversed the spread of these plants. In Girdwood the 'biological wildfire' has been contained instead of spreading further unto our cherished wildlands. Unfortunately, there was some opposition to herbicide management in 2023 that set back invasive plant management efforts on Municipal lands. No follow up herbicide treatments are planned on Municipal lands at this time, which will likely lead to erosion of recent progress made as some invasive plant populations begin to explode in population again. The invasive plant crew will do their best in 2025 with manual removal and possibly weed whacking to try and slow the spread of these harmful plants to the extent possible.

Educational outreach efforts should continue to engage the Girdwood community to prevent the spread of invasive plants and control / contain them on their own property.