

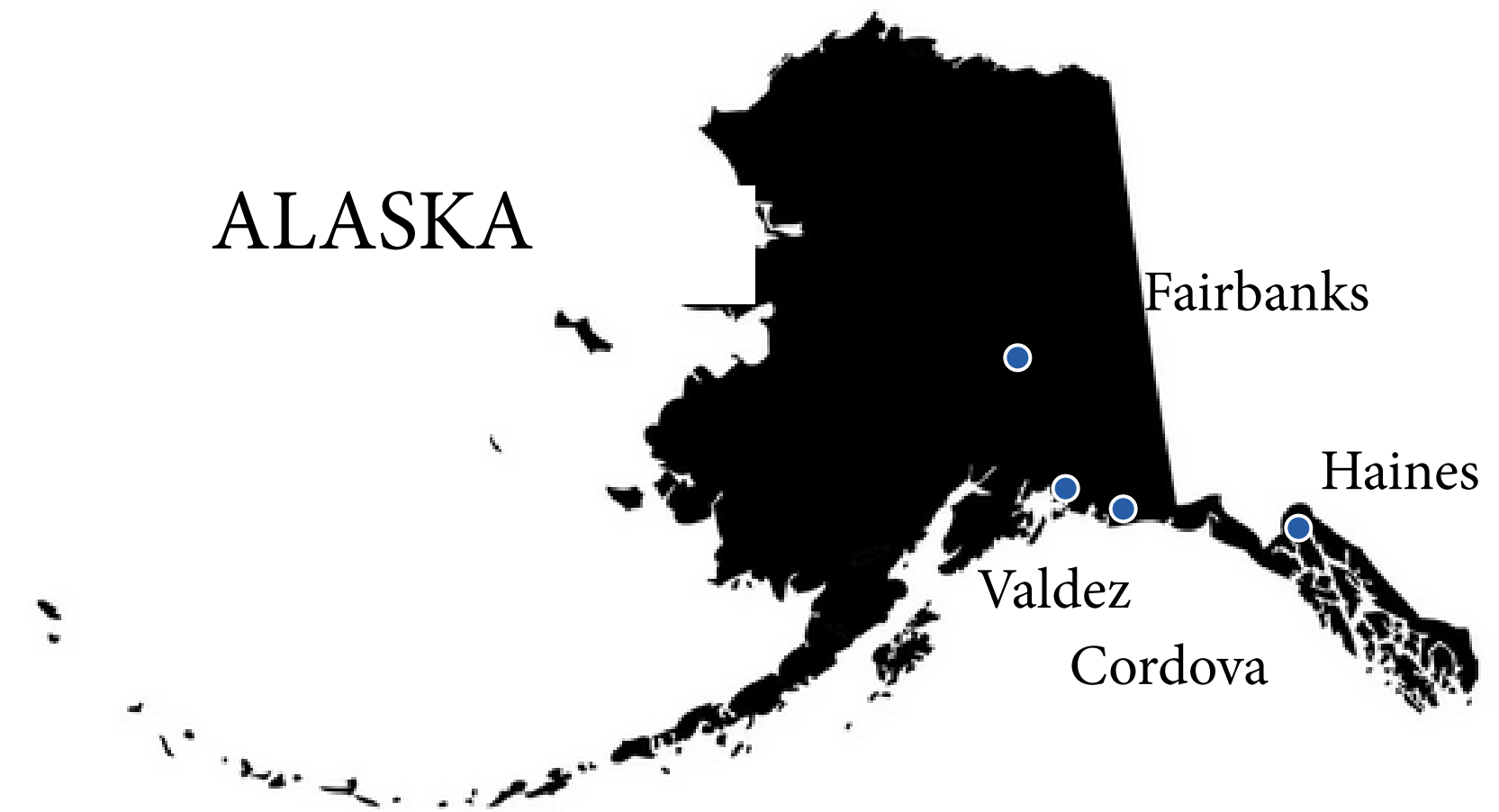


# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Alaska Avalanche Information Center, Inc  
Tax ID #80-0674646

# MISSION

To support and promote avalanche forecasts, education, research, professional development, and networking of practitioners in the pursuit of healthy lifestyles and the reduction of unintentional injury and death.



# VISION

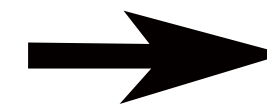
We envision a self-sufficient program capable of integration into a state funded program in adherence to the 2020 Alaska Statutes Title 18 which requires a statewide avalanche warning system.



# ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

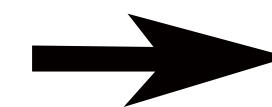


**Statewide Non-Profit 501(c)3  
Alaska Avalanche Information Center (AAIC)**  
-AAIC Board of Directors  
-AAIC Staff



**Regional Avalanche Centers**  
-Valdez Avalanche Center (VAC)  
-Haines Avalanche Center (HAC)  
-Eastern Alaska Range Avalanche Center (EARAC)  
-Cordova Avalanche Center (CAC)

**Avalanche Center Types**  
-Observation & Outreach (Volunteer)  
-Forecast (Paid Staff)



**Forecast Center Staff**  
-Director  
-Forecaster  
-Educator  
-Observer

Regional Avalanche Center Types based off the  
National Avalanche Center (NAC)

# BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Directors

Hank Statscewich - President  
Steve "Hoots" Witose - Vice President  
Rich Loftin - Treasurer  
Andy Hedden - Secretary  
Scott Doddridge - Director

### Staff

Jeff Moskowitz - Executive Director  
Kim Stinson - Development Director

### Valdez

Sarah Cater - Director & Educator  
Gareth Brown - Forecaster & Educator  
Josh McDonald - Professional Observer  
Zadie Carman - Weather Observer  
Holly Mooney - Weather Observer

### Haines

Beth Fenhaus - Director & Forecaster  
Jeff Moskowitz - Forecaster & Educator  
Tim Thomas - Forecaster & Educator  
Erik Stevens - Forecaster  
Brittany Dunbar - Professional Observer  
Julian Montoliu - Professional Observer

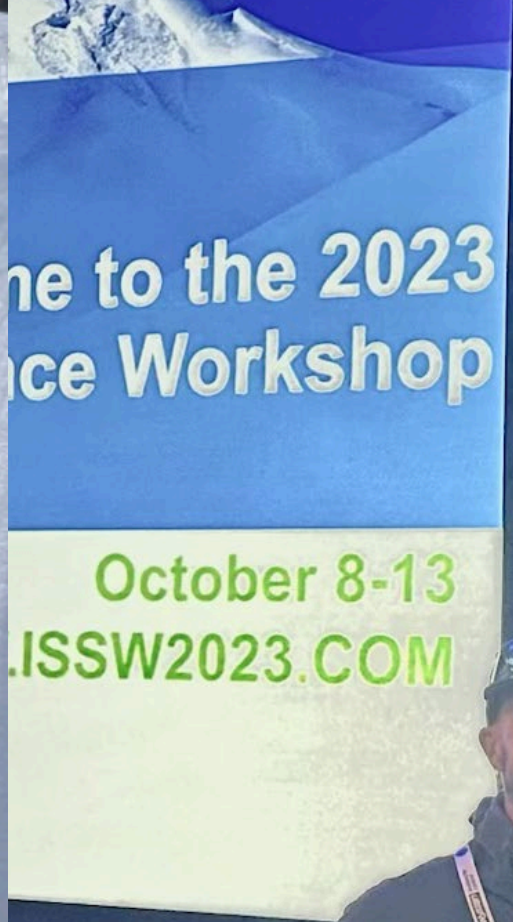
## REGIONAL FORECAST CENTER STAFF



Gareth Brown skiing with his daughter



Kim Stinson our new Development



Jeff Moskowitz, Beth Fenhaus & Tim Thomas at the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW) in Bend, Oregon

# MILESTONES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hired a Development Director to support fundraising and public outreach efforts
- Hired Professional Accountant to oversee financials and produce consistent reports
- Transferred from QuickBooks Server to QuickBooks Online
- Setup Google Workspace for Non-Profits to connect work through all levels of the organization
- Implemented the NAC Avalanche Forecast Platform (AFP) for Valdez and Haines
- Increased social media presence through Facebook & Instagram
- Registered for Pick.Click.Give.
- Integrated Community Partnership Model to build strength & connections within local communities



# GRANTS

Valdez Community Service Organization -  
Operational Funds (VAC) - \$50,000

Haines Borough - Operational Funds  
(HAC) - \$22,500

ConocoPhillips - Motorized Avalanche  
Training Grant (AAIC) - \$10,000

ConocoPhillips - Online Presence (AAIC) -  
\$5,000

American Avalanche Association - Resilience  
Grant (AAIC) - \$1,500

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation -  
Operational Funds (HAC)  
- \$3,500

Chilkat Valley Community Foundation -  
Lutak Weather Station Grant (HAC)  
-\$13,500



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ASSOCIATION



Chilkat Valley Community Foundation  
An Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation



## PROGRAMS & EDUCATION

- **Alaska Department of Public Safety and Alaska State Troopers Backcountry Preparedness program in partnership with Alaska Safe Riders**

This program reached 4,612 participants with 62 courses taught across the state in communities and schools

- **American Institute of Avalanche Research & Education (AIARE) Course Provider**

Level 1 Rec taught at Prince William Sound College in Valdez

- **Copper Valley Electric Workers Avalanche Training**

Crew safety trainings taught in Valdez and Glennallen

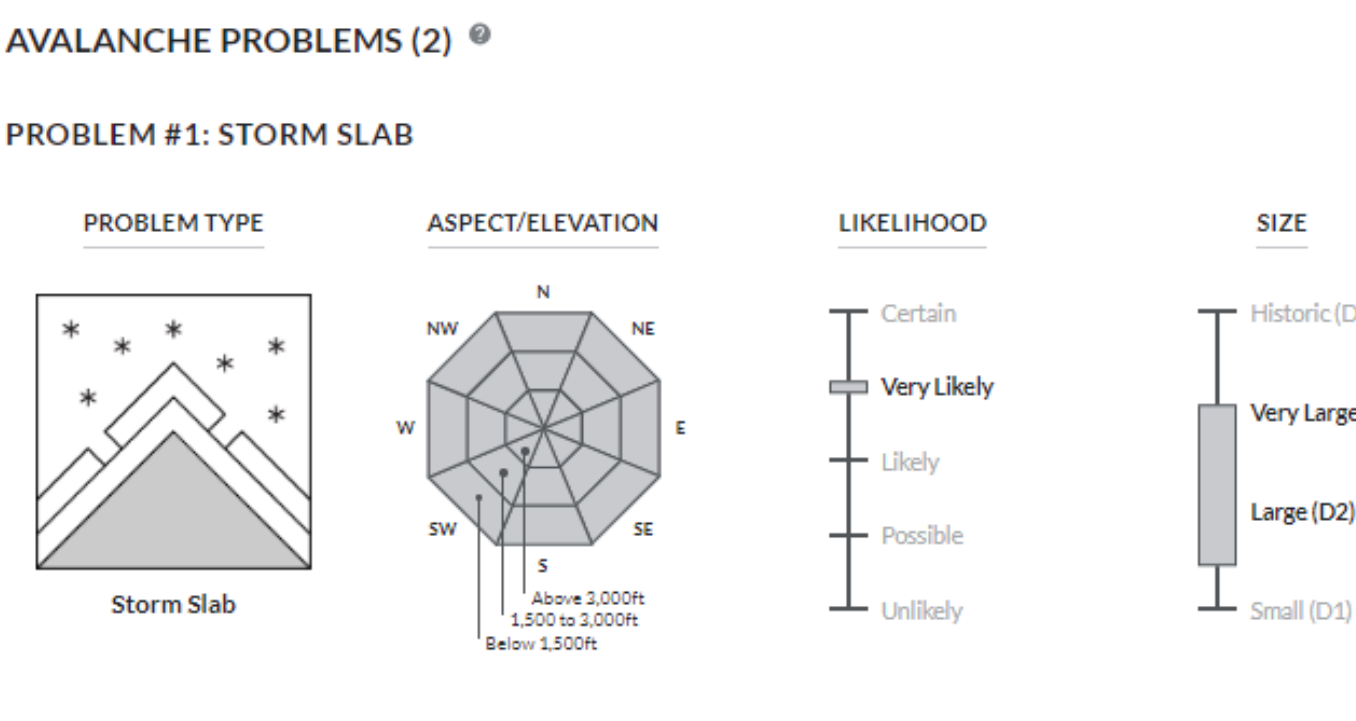
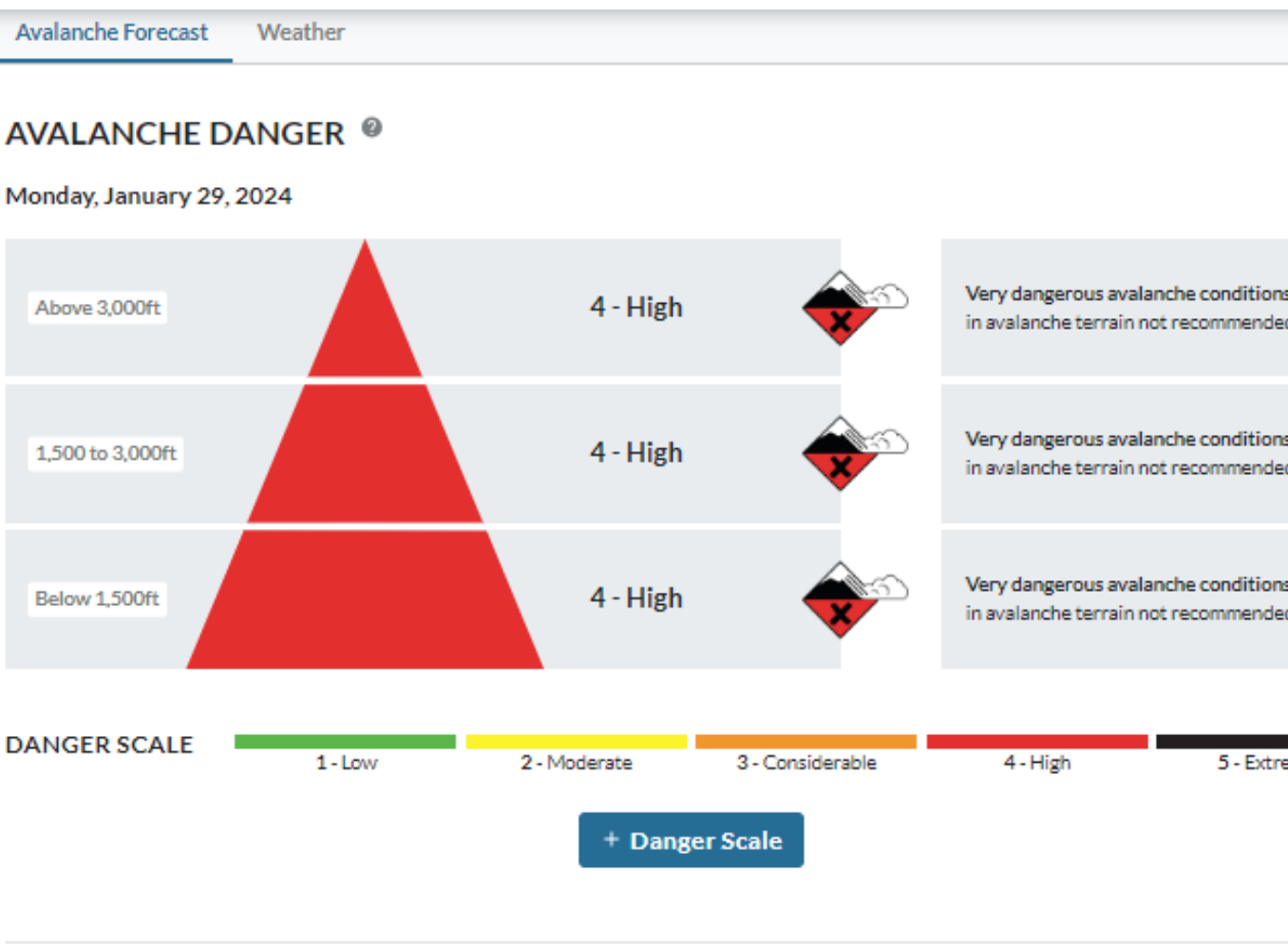
- **Alaska Avalanche School course scholarships for ConocoPhillips Motorized Avalanche Training Grant**

Tuition-free certified Level 1 Rec for six snowmachine participants in Fairbanks, Valdez and Haines

“The AAIC scholarships were a key component to filling a couple of our snowmachine courses and getting people training who may not otherwise have gotten it.”

-Heather Johnson

Alaska Avlanche School Assistant Director



# RESOURCES & SERVICES

## Forecasts

Our professional team of regional forecasters produce detailed and timely avalanche danger bulletins based on conditions and deliver critical winter public safety information.

## Observations

An online public user database allows individuals to report their own findings for recent weather, snowpack and avalanche activity and view the reports entered by other users.

## Education/Outreach

A variety of programs and resources deliver information and training to a range of experience levels and user groups throughout our regional avalanche centers and beyond.

## Weather Stations

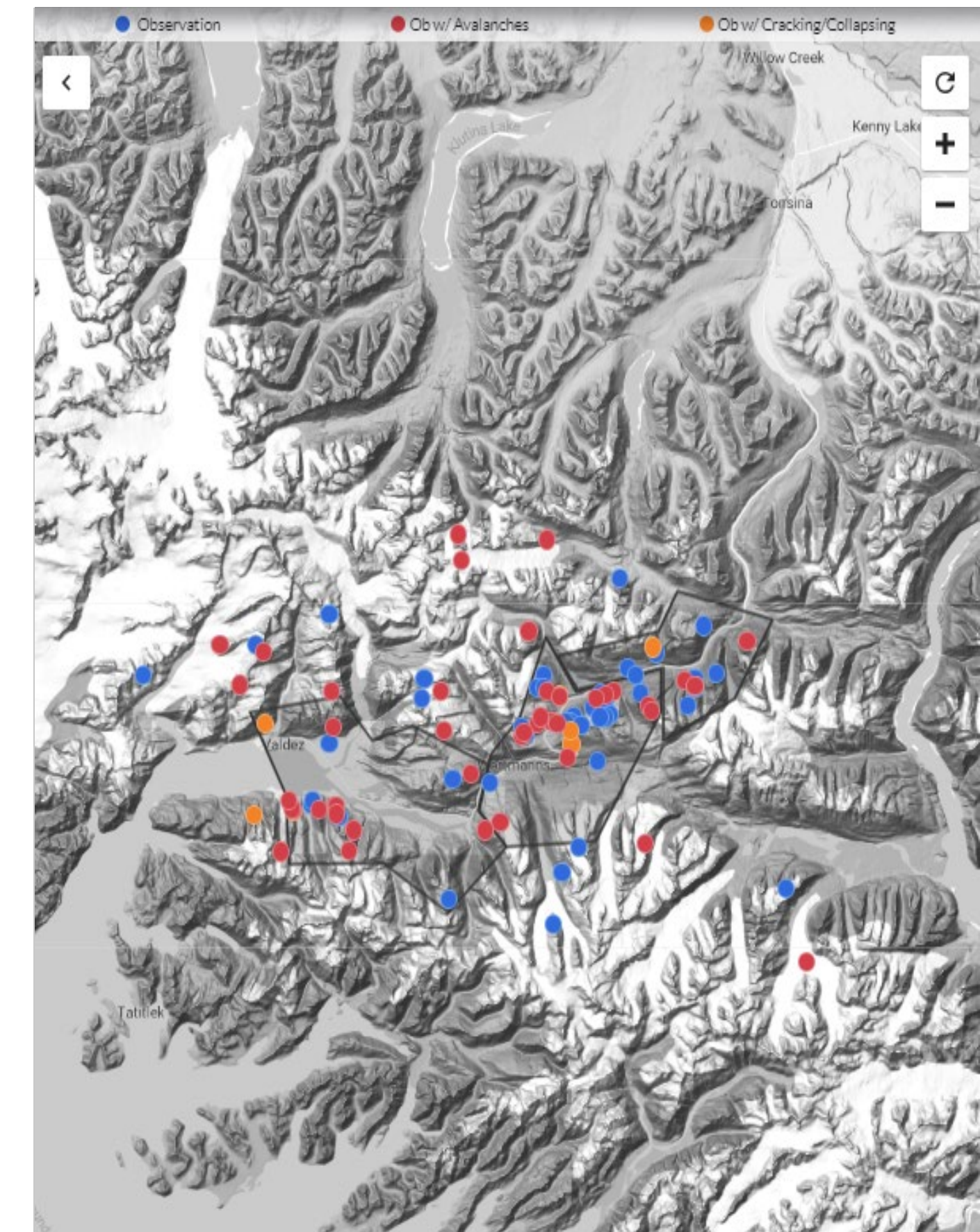
We work to maintain and install remote weather stations to data-sparse regions of Alaska and provide an online web tool for regional communities to access and visualize data .

## Consultation

State and local needs for current snowpack, weather and avalanche information is increasing along with our ability to provide available resources and trainings.

## Facilitate Statewide Networking

Partnerships across the state including commercial, governmental and other non-profits demonstrates the value of working together to increase safety during the winter.





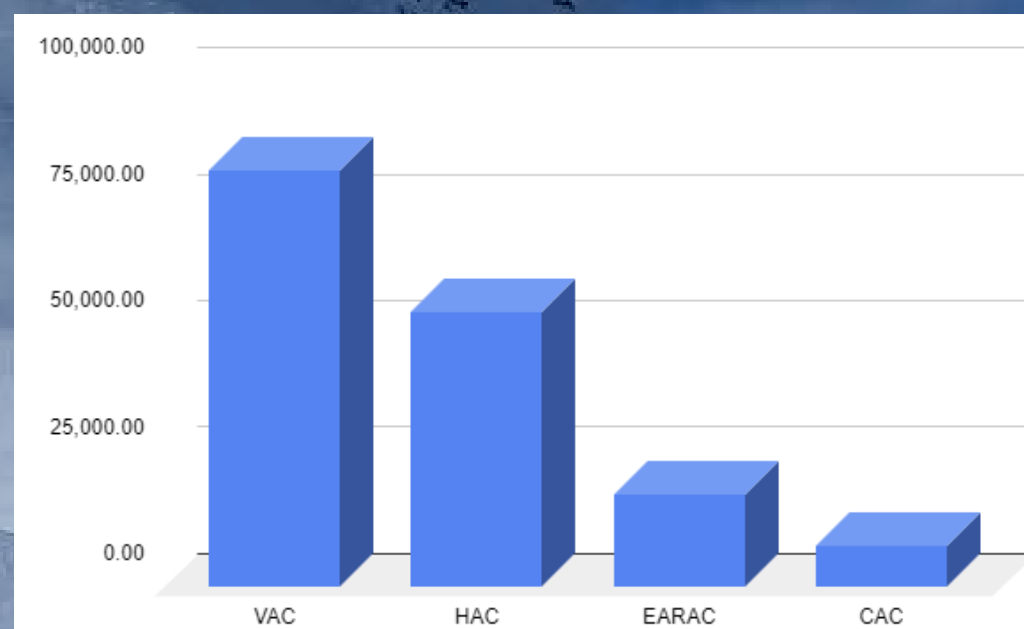
# INCOME & EXPENSES

Fiscal Year 2024  
July 1st to June 30th

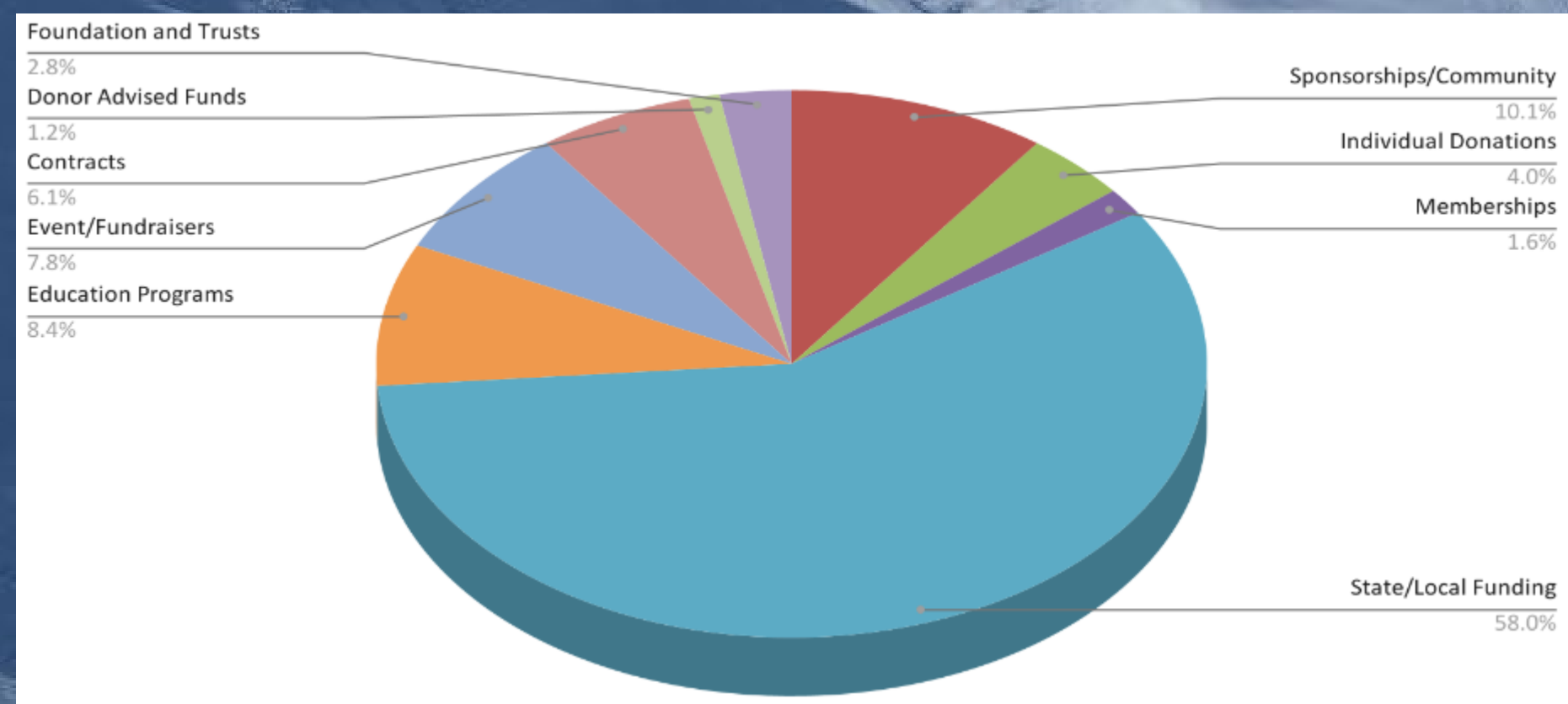
FY24 Gross Income  
\$189,823.92  
FY24 Gross Expense  
\$205,382.95

Net Revenue  
-\$15,559.03

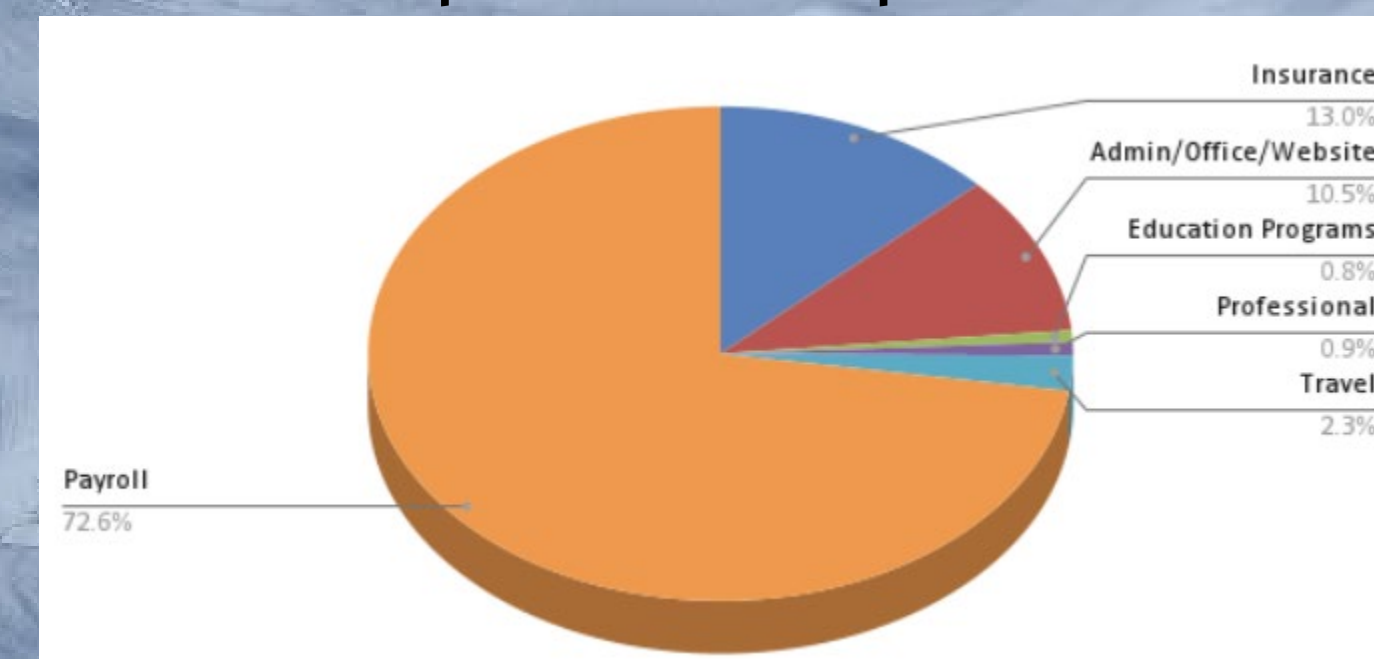
### Regional Center Expenses



### Operational Income



### Operational Expenses



# CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME

- Continued need to help provide education and access to information more easily throughout the state
- Our services are non-revenue producing (forecasts, observations, weather station data, outreach)
- Increase public awareness of funding sources- we are not funded by state/federal governments
- Unrestricted income is revenue needed to support continued operational expenses

- Operational expenses are the backbone and structure required to provide services and resources
- Operational Overhead Categories:
  - Insurance
    - General Liability
    - Professional Liability
    - Workers Compensation
    - Directors & Officers
  - Accounting
  - Website
  - Permits/Licenses
  - Payroll
    - Administrative
    - Forecasters

# OPERATIONAL MODEL

## PROVIDE



The AAIC serves as a statewide information and resource hub by providing direct links and resources to other independent centers in Alaska and beyond.

## STRENGTHEN



The AAIC builds, and strengthens, relationships by connecting community members, local government, businesses, and industry partners through our online hub and educational opportunities.

## PROMOTE



The AAIC promotes professional level educational opportunities through directed initiatives and programs offered to a diverse demographic throughout the state.



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



- Season Sent It! Avalanche Awareness
- Spring Fling Silent Auction Night
- Beacons and Eggs Rescue Practice



- Community Dinner Meet & Greet
- Outliers Movie Night & Beacon Race
- Gear Check & Rescue Practices



- Avalanche Awareness Presentation
- Avalanche Beacon Workshop



- Avalanche Awareness at Prince William Sound College Science Center



# ONLINE IMPACT & FUNDRAISING

- National Avalanche Center updates to Alaskasnow.org website's forecast platform for VAC and HAC

- AAIC Silent Auction was supported by 11 businesses and reached people throughout the United States

- VAC Spring Fling was supported by 27 businesses that donated items for silent auction including a heli-skiing trip

- Launch of Webstore to support the AAIC and regional centers with custom and on-demand apparel orders

- Partnership with Stage "Goggles for Good Guys" program to raise money and provide custom goggles

- In-Kind donations of over \$13,000 in value from 28 individuals and businesses



**300%**

**Increase to AAIC Facebook and Instagram followers**

**201,715**

**Total page views have almost doubled in the last two years**

**279**

**Published forecasts for Valdez and Haines**

**190**

**Public observations posted online during the season**

# SUPPORTERS

## Community Partners

## In-Kind Donations





## LOOKING AHEAD

- Utilize data collected from the Alaska Backcountry Survey to better meet the needs of users
- Continue to work together with the National Avalanche Center and other Alaska avalanche centers
- Build community support to increase fundraising efforts to continue covering operational expenses
- Promote Alaska Department of Public Safety Backcountry Preparedness programs in communities and schools
- Improve public outreach and awareness of available snow, weather and avalanche data at [alaskasnow.org](http://alaskasnow.org)
- Maintain relationships with governments agencies and commercial operations in support of statewide efforts

# SPECIAL THANKS

## Members & Donors:

Garth Ade  
 Tyler Andersen  
 Rachel Anderson  
 Julie Anderson  
 Colin Arisman  
 Spencer Bisonne  
 Sadie Blancaflor  
 Harold Blehm  
 Gareth Brown  
 Patricia Brown  
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## Local Government Grants & Foundations and Trusts:



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 AVALANCHE  
 ASSOCIATION



The  
 Alaska Community  
 Foundation



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