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**Project Number:** 25220405

**Project Title:** Chugach Region Cultural Camps

**Principal Investigator(s):** Lauren Johnson, President, Executive Director

**Reporting Period:** Feb 1, 2025– January 31, 2026

**Submission Date (Due March 1 immediately following the reporting period):** 3-1-2026

**Project Website:** We currently do not have a website for all the cultural camps; however, the foundation's website is [Chugachheritagefoundation.org](http://Chugachheritagefoundation.org)

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

**Project progress is on schedule.**

**Project progress is delayed.**

**Budget reallocation request.**

*Amount requested to carry over to the next fiscal year: \$389,773.95*

*Will the requested budget adjustment change the original scope or objectives of the project?*

No    Yes

\$293,367.25- New Dock in Constantine Harbor: We executed on a contract with an engineering firm and are working on design selection. The funds were not spent in FY25 as we were working on the planning and design of the dock. We are on track to utilize the remaining funds in FY26.

\$96,406.70- Community Cultural camps- this year we were able to successfully host or assist programs in all 7 of our communities. This year was the first year that 1 of our programs was organized and planned by the community and we also had a leadership change in another community. Many of our communities are small and have limited staff therefore they were unable to utilize all the funding for personnel. They are working on a plan to bring on additional staff to help continue to grow the program and utilize the remaining personnel funding.



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Breakdown by community:

Seward program \$30,484.93 remaining- We would like to forward this funding to FY26 so that we may continue to grow the program within the community.

Valdez program \$29,229.57 remaining- We would like to forward this funding to FY26 so that the community may continue to grow the program and build capacity. FY25 was the community's first year running the program.

Port Graham program \$26,343.83 remaining- This program is growing and the community is taking on more responsibility. Our next step is to continue to increase collaboration with the community and develop a long-term program.

Nanwalek \$7,603.99 remaining- the community experienced leadership changes and wishes to forward the funds to FY26 to help support their Culture camp initiative.

NVE \$616.02 remaining- the community wishes to forward the funds to FY26 to help with equipment for their Cultural Week program in Cordova.

Tatitlek \$1,141.93 remaining- the community wishes to forward the funds to FY26 to help with additional subsistence equipment for their Cultural Week program in Tatitlek.

Chenega \$986.43 remaining- the community wishes to forward the funds to FY26 to help with additional fishing and subsistence equipment for their fish camp program in Chenega

*How will the requested carryover be spent in the next fiscal year:*

As described above and in the original proposal. There are no planned deviations from the original proposal.

**Personnel changes.**

Caroline Danko and Amy DeBruhl are the updated contacts for Chenega IRA  
Rami Paulsen and Angela Totemoff are the updated contacts for Copper Mountain Foundation.  
Dannielle Malchoff is the updated contact for Port Graham.



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**1. Summary of Work Performed:**

C = completed, D = delayed, X = planned or not completed

Milestone/Task	FY22				FY23				FY24				FY25				FY26			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
<b>Milestone</b>																				
Project Kick Off	C																			
Cultural Program Management Plan Development	C																			
Marketing/Outreach Material Developed	C				C				C				C				X			
Steering Committee Meetings		C		C		C		C		C		C		C		C		X		X
Materials Ordered		C																		
Cultural Program Management Implementation		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X	X
Camp Schedules and Activities Announced		C				C				C				C				X		
Cultural Camp			C				C				C				C				X	
Data Collection/Performance Evaluation				C				C				C				C				X
<b>Reporting</b>																				
Annual reports				C				C				C				C				
Final report (due March 1, 2027)																				X
<b>Deliverables</b>																				
Cultural Program Management Plan	C	C			C	C			C	C			C	C			X	X		
Inventory of Materials Ordered for Cultural Camps		C				C				C				C				X		
Steering Committee Meetings	C	C			C	C			C	C			C	C			X	X		
Marketing and Outreach Materials	C	C			C	C			C	C			C	C			X	X		
Data Collection and Evaluation Reports			C				C				C				C				X	



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### **Nuuciq Spirit Camp**

Chugach Heritage Foundation (CHF) hosted Nuuciq Spirit Camp on Hinchinbrook Island from July 5<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The camp saw 46 youth participants (aged 12-17), 25 temporary camp staff hired, and 27 volunteers. The camp served participants from all over Prince William Sound. The classes offered at this year's camp included: kayaking, loom beading, model kayak making, plant lore, paddle making, Alaska Native dance, sewing and subsistence.

### **Nuuciq Spirit Camp Dock Work**

Planning and design work has begun for the dock at Nuuciq Spirit Camp. In FY25, we executed a contract with PND engineers and 2 concepts were developed. The team is meeting to develop a funding strategy and begin the selection process. We are on track to utilize the remaining funds in FY26.

### **Tatitlek**

The annual Peksulineq Festival (Tatitlek Cultural Heritage Week) was held May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in the community of Tatitlek. The festival hosted 75 participants and 30 volunteers this year. Classes offered to participants included: beading, fur sewing, woodworking, and traditional food preparation. Peksulineq was a successful event that brought together people from all over Alaska to the village of Tatitlek to celebrate Alutiiq heritage.

### **Cordova**

Cultural Week occurred at Mt. Eccles Elementary School from September 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. This annual event was put on by Native Village of Eyak's (NVE) Cultural Department. NVE staff and many volunteers worked to bring 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders an immersive cultural experience. Classes offered during cultural week included: traditional dance, language, Native Youth Olympics, how to identify furs, crafting headbands, and clay masks. The week concluded with an assembly where all the students had an opportunity to show off the skills they learned to the teachers and their parents.

### **Chenega**

Chenega IRA Council held their annual youth fish camp from July 26<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. The camp hosted 8 youth participants (aged 13-18), 6 staff, and 3 volunteers. Activities during the camp included salmon fishing and filleting, berry picking, kayaking, reading weather and tides, shrimp pots and tying knots. The Chenega Fish Camp is important for the community of Chenega because many of the descendants of Chenega live in the village, other parts of Alaska, and out of state. The ability to provide a program for descendants to gather and work together to learn cultural values and traditional subsistence skills is invaluable to the health of the community.



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## **Port Graham**

In partnership with the Port Graham Village Council, CHF helped plan and implement a culture camp from January 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Port Graham. During the camp participants got to learn how to sew fur headbands, prepare traditional foods and costumes for their annual Russian New Year celebration. More than 35 students, community members, staff, and volunteers participated in the culture camp. The week ended with a celebration of the Orthodox new year where the students and community members got to showcase what they created and learned. CHF assisted by hiring two contract workers, purchasing supplies for the classes as well as transportation of materials to Port Graham. Port Graham provided the space for the event and took a lead in advertising to the community.

## **Seward**

In partnership with Qutekcak Native Tribe (QNT) in Seward, CHF co-hosted a community cultural camp from August 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The camp was held at the QNT office in Seward and saw approximately 74 youth and adult participants. Participants consisted of QNT tribal members, Chugach shareholders and descendants as well as Seward community members. Classes offered included: dry fish and salt fish making, high-bush cranberry and rhubarb jelly making, bracelet beading, and featured a presentation on the history of the Jesse Lee Home. CHF assisted by hiring two contract workers, purchasing supplies for the classes as well as transportation of materials to the event. QNT provided the space for the event and took a lead in advertising to the community.

## **Valdez**

The Valdez Native Tribe (VNT) hosted a cultural camp from October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. The event took place at the Valdez Native Tribe office in Valdez and had ~40 youth and adult participants. Classes offered included cedar weaving and ornament crafting, beading and sewing dreamcatchers, plant lore and crafting smudge kits with abalone and cedar branches. VNT hired 2 contract workers to teach the classes offered. This is the first year that VNT planned, advertised and managed the camp. CHF provided administrative support.

## **Steering Committee Meetings**

Chugach Heritage Foundation held two steering committee meetings. The FY25 kickoff meeting was held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. In this meeting we met with community leaders from Chenega, Tatitlek, Cordova, and Seward and reviewed the available funding for FY25 and qualifying program reimbursements. Additionally, we discussed program goals, structures and provided a question-and-answer period. We held our second steering committee meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In this



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meeting we discussed challenges, needs, and impacts of the 2025 season. We also discussed camp sustainability and long-term plans for growth. For any of the communities that were unable to attend our steering committee meetings we met with them individually via Zoom and by telephone.

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## **2. Products:**

*Additional Products not listed above:*

Please see the end of this report for event photos.

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## **3. Coordination and Collaboration:**

### *Native and Local Communities*

Chugach Heritage Foundation collaborated with the following communities:

#### **Native Village of Chenega and the community of Chenega**

The Native Village of Chenega planned and administered the Chenega Fish Camp which is identified as one of the Chugach Regional Cultural Camps under the grant. CHF provided grant administrative support for the Native Village of Chenega.

#### **Native Village of Eyak and the community of Cordova**

The Native Village of Eyak (NVE) planned and administered their Cultural Week in partnership with Mt. Eccles Elementary School in Cordova. NVE is identified as one of the Chugach Regional Cultural Camps under the grant. CHF provided grant administrative support for the Native Village of Eyak.

#### **Port Graham Village Council and the community of Port Graham**

CHF assisted Port Graham Village Council with the planning and implementation of their cultural camp. CHF provided grant administrative support for Port Graham as well as assistance purchasing and shipping commodities and equipment to the community. Due to the remote nature of the community, certain supplies and equipment are difficult to obtain therefore CHF assisted the community in procuring the items.

#### **Qutekcak Native Tribe and the community of Seward**

In partnership with the Qutekcak Native Tribe (QNT), CHF took a lead role in planning and implementing a cultural camp in Seward. QNT provided their tribal office location to host the event and assisted with outreach and marketing the event on Facebook. CHF purchased and



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transported commodities and equipment, contracted two temporary contractors, and provided grant administrative support.

**Valdez Native Tribe and the community of Valdez**

The Valdez Native Tribe (VNT) and the community of Valdez took a lead role in planning and implementing a cultural camp in Valdez. VNT provided their tribal office location to host the event and assisted with outreach and marketing the event on Facebook. CHF provided grant administrative support.

**Copper Mountain Foundation, Tatitlek IRA, and the community of Tatitlek.**

The Copper Mountain Foundation planned and administered the Peksulineq Cultural Heritage Week which is identified as one of the Chugach Regional Cultural Camps under the grant. CHF provided grant administrative support for the Copper Mountain Foundation.

**4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

**5. Budget:**

Budget Category:	Proposed FY 22	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$400,000	\$252,109
Travel	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$220,000	\$176,000
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commodities	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$82,500	\$56,388
Equipment	\$433,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$509,000	\$185,479
Indirect Costs (rate will vary by project)	\$14,050	\$14,050	\$14,050	\$14,050	\$14,050	\$70,250	\$48,450
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$587,550</b>	<b>\$173,550</b>	<b>\$173,550</b>	<b>\$173,550</b>	<b>\$173,550</b>	<b>\$1,281,750</b>	<b>\$718,426</b>
General Administration (9%)	\$52,880	\$15,620	\$15,620	\$15,620	\$15,620	\$115,358	N/A
<b>PROGRAM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$640,430</b>	<b>\$189,170</b>	<b>\$189,170</b>	<b>\$189,170</b>	<b>\$189,170</b>	<b>\$1,397,108</b>	<b>\$718,426</b>
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	



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Figure 1.1: Nuuciq Spirit Camp 2025 Group Photo



Figure 1.2: Nuuciq Spirit Camp 2025 Logo



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Figure 2.1: Cordova Culture Week Fur Presentation

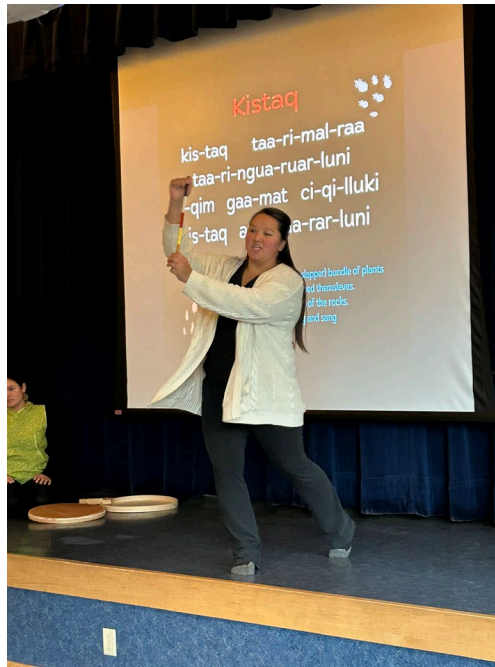


Figure 2.2: Cordova Culture Week Traditional Dance Instruction



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Figure 3.1: Port Graham Culture Camp “Snuikutem” Celebration



Figure 3.2: Port Graham Culture Camp Orthodox New Year Celebration



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Figure 4.1: Valdez Culture Camp Crafting 1



Figure 4.2: Valdez Culture Camp Crafting 2



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Figure 5.1: Seward Culture Camp Presentations



Figure 5.2: Seward Culture Camp Subsistence



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Figure 6.1: Tatitlek Peksulineq Cultural Heritage Week