

**21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (VALE)
2019 GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

The 21st Judicial District, Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board announces the availability of local VALE funds authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes.

ANTICIPATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE (subject to change): \$400,000

GRANT YEAR: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 4:00 PM on September 4, 2018

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: An original of the entire application must be received by 4:00 PM on September 4, 2018 at the 21st Judicial District Attorney's Office, 125 N. Spruce St., Grand Junction, Colorado. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED unless the grantee can show just cause for the late submission and the Board feels it is in the best interest of the victim service community to accept the application. The grant award may be reduced due to the late application.

PURPOSE: The priority use for moneys in the fund shall be for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to section 24-4.1-302.5 and the provision of the services and programs delineated in sections 24-4.1-303, 24-4.1-304, and 24-4.2-105 (4) related to all crimes as defined by section 24-4.1-302 (1) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Such moneys shall not be used for defraying the costs of routine and ongoing operating expenses. At no time can VALE grant funds be used to pay for assistance to defendants.

ELIGIBILITY: The board is authorized to enter into contracts for the purchase and coordination of victims and witnesses assistance services with persons or agencies that the Board deems appropriate. The Board shall accept and evaluate applications related to the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to statute. Per statute, to be eligible for VALE funding, an applicant must:

- 1) Provide services within the 21st Judicial District (Mesa County).
- 2) Provide assistance or services to victims of crime, special advocate services or
- 3) Be a law enforcement agency requesting funds for the following purposes, including but not limited to, equipment, training programs, and additional personnel that are directly related to the implementation of rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to C.R.S 24-4.1-302.5 and the provision of services delineated pursuant to C.R.S 24-4.1-303 and 24-4.1-304.
- 4) Not be a state agency, with the exception of:
 - a) The court administrator for each judicial district for the purpose of collecting all moneys assessed by the courts, and collecting and collecting and disbursing restitution owed to victims; and
 - b) The local probation department may apply for grants for the purpose of implementing the rights of victims pursuant to 24-4.1-303(13.5).
- 5) Acknowledge in writing that such agency or person has read and understands the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to section 24-4.1-302.5 and the services delineated pursuant to sections 24-4.1-303 and 24-4.1-304.

BOARD PRIORITIES: The Board has also established the following local funding priorities. The Board places high priority on programs or projects:

- 1) Providing statutorily mandated services pursuant to C.R.S. 24-4.1-302.5
- 2) Demonstrating effective response to victim needs, or
- 3) Providing services that are new, innovative or address unmet victim needs, or
- 4) Providing direct victim services, crisis or emergency services as delineated in C.R.S.24-4.1-303 and 304, and 24-4.2-105(4) related to all crimes as defined by C.R.S. 24-4.1-302(1).

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS: The 21st Judicial District VALE Board conducts open, fair, impartial and equitable award process of receiving, reviewing, evaluating, and voting on all grant applications in accordance with statutory guidelines and standards requirement, and intended uses of these funds. Funding criteria include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Clear and complete applications
- 2) Project goals and objectives are clear and measurable
- 3) The priority use for moneys in the fund shall be for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to section 24-4.1-302.5 and the provision of the services and programs delineated in sections 24-4.1-303, 24-4.1-304, and 24-4.2-105 (4) related to all crimes as defined by section 24-4.1-302 (1). Applicants that do not address this statutory priority will be given low funding priority under this grant cycle.
- 4) Non-duplication of services
- 5) Sound financial management, and ability to administer funds and comply with accountability requirements.
- 6) Application demonstrates community’s need for service or project.
- 7) Community support and coordination of services with other agencies.
- 8) Applicant demonstrates efficient and effective delivery of victim services.
- 9) The board will give appropriate deference to the need for continuity in providing service to programs with a proven track record with the local VALE Board.
- 10) Applicant efficiently utilizes its resources, including volunteers, or otherwise maximizes the number of persons served per grant dollar.
- 11) Applicant demonstrates reasonable fund raising efforts, local volunteer and/or financial support and, if appropriate, a diversified funding base.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *The fact that an application meets eligibility requirements or has received funding in the past does not guarantee funding.*
- *All award disbursements are contingent upon availability of VALE Funds.*

APPLICATION TIME TABLE:

Tuesday, July 24, 2018	Request for Proposal Application Period Opens
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	Grant Application Submission Deadline
Thursday, October 11, 2018	VALE Board Meeting Applicant Presentations 2019 Funding Decisions
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Award Notifications Sent Reconsideration Period Begins
Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Reconsideration Period Ends
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Reconsideration Hearings <i>*if needed*</i>
Monday, November 5, 2018	Final Award Notifications Sent Contracts Mailed

- *Please Note: These dates are tentative and are subject to change.*

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: The VALE Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to reject any portion of a proposal if it is determined to be in the best interest of the 21st Judicial District to do so. All applicants who have been denied funding have a right to request a reconsideration of the Board's denial of funding if the applicant can show that additional information is available or if a change in circumstances has occurred.

Notice of a request for reconsideration must be in writing and must be received by the Board within six (6) working days of the date of notification of the denial of funding.

Requests for reconsideration will be reviewed at a special meeting to be held on November 1, 2018. Written notification of the results of the request will be sent to the applicant within seven (7) working days after a determination has been made.

For questions concerning this RFP and the application process contact:

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Application available on-line at:

<https://da.mesacounty.us/victimwitness-program/vale-victim-assistance-and-law-enforcement/>

*The VALE Fund Board is solely responsible for all decisions concerning grants. Please direct all questions concerning grant decisions to the VALE Administrator who will notify the Board members. The Board Administrator **DOES NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING GRANTS.** However, she will gladly give you help with your applications and will answer questions.*