REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

August 23, 2022

THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD

ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF

VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDS

For

January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023
12-month Grant Cycle

ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA ARE ATTACHED

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Twelve Month Funding Cycle
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

The Twentieth 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.

PURPOSE: *This request for proposal provides prospective applicants with sufficient information to apply for VALE Grant Funds*.

ANTICIPATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE: Because VALE funds are obtained through the assessment of fines by the courts, it is impossible to know the exact amount of funds that will be available for grants in 2023. In 2022, the board awarded a total of $360,000 to 15 agencies that provide services to victims of crime in Boulder County. It is anticipated that **approximately** $360,000 will be available for the 2023 12-month grant cycle as well.

GRANT PERIOD: **January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**

ELIGIBILITY: The board is authorized to enter into contracts for the purchase and coordination of victim and witness 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 section 24-4.1-302.5 and the provision of services delineated pursuant to sections 24-4.1-303 and 304. Such moneys shall not be used for defraying the costs of routine and ongoing operating expenses.

Grants submitted to the board must serve persons residing or victimized in the Twentieth Judicial District, which is Boulder County.

FUNDING PRIORITIES: The Twentieth Judicial District VALE Board will give priority consideration to victim services and law enforcement programs that:

(1) Are required to provide victim services for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 C.R.S.
(2) Provide services and programs delineated in Sections 24-4.1-303 C.R.S., 24-4.1-304,C.R.S. and 24-4.2-105 (4) C.R.S. related to all crimes as defined by Section 24-4.1-302 (1) C.R.S.
(3) Provide direct services to victims of crime in the 20th Judicial District.
(4) Have demonstrated an effective response to victim needs; or will provide new, innovative, or unmet victim services.
(5) Do not duplicate other victim services in the 20th Judicial District.
(6) Provide victim services to previously under-served populations.

Note: The Board gives priority to funding salaries and benefits for personnel who provide direct services to crime victims. The Board will also consider proposals for equipment or any other need that will enhance applicants' ability to provide services to victims.

PLEASE NOTE: According to C.R.S. 24-4.2-105 (2.5) (a), "The board shall not accept, evaluate, or approve any application requesting grants of money... from any state agency, including local offices of such agencies; except. . . the court administrator. . .for the purpose of collecting all moneys assessed by the courts. . . (and) local probation department. . . for the purpose of implementing the rights of victims..."

PLEASE NOTE: Copies of the state statutes related to these funds are available on the Colorado State Government web page (https://leg.colorado.gov/colorado-revised-statutes)

APPLICATION TIMETABLE:

September 30, 2022	**Grant Application Submission Deadline**. **An original and six copies** of the completed grant application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on this date at the Office of the District Attorney, 1777 6th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302. *NOTE*: Applicants mailing their applications must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the specified time. *If an application is late, agency must supply the reason and Board will decide on accepting a late application on a case by case basis*. **In addition to the original and six copies of the grant applications, please email a PDF submission of the application to Vale20@bouldercounty.org.**
October 18, 2022 9am-4pm	**Mandatory oral presentations.** Meeting to be held virtually through Zoom if there are in-person restrictions. VALE Board will hold its decision-making meeting after review of all the applications.
October 25-27, 2022	Initial results of funding decisions will be mailed to applicants.
November 22, 2022	Deadline to file written request for reconsideration of funding decision for denied applicants.
December 6, 2022	Board will hear reconsiderations for denied applicants. The final award decisions for all agencies will not be made until after the reconsideration process.
mid December 2022	Contracts will be sent to agencies and must be signed and returned by January 13, 2023.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: **An original and six copies** of the entire application must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2022, VALE Board Administrator at the Boulder District Attorney's Office, 1777 6th Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302**.

Please note: In addition to the original and six copies of the grant applications, please email a PDF submission to vale20@bouldercounty.org.

Applicants mailing their applications must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure **receipt** of their proposals by the deadline.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

In addition to considering whether the applicant meets any or all of the priorities identified on page 1, the Board will also consider the following when evaluating applications:

(1) Application is complete, concise, clearly represents the proposed project, and provides all information requested.
(2) Applicant efficiently utilizes its resources, including volunteers, or otherwise maximizes the number of persons served per grant dollar.
(3) Applicant demonstrates good fiscal management practices.
(4) Applicant has demonstrated the ability to comply with financial and program requirements (if applicant has received past funding from VALE Board).
(5) Applicant demonstrates reasonable fundraising efforts, local volunteer and/or financial support and, if appropriate, a diversified funding base.

The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements or has received funding in the past does not guarantee funding.

All award disbursements are contingent upon the availability of local VALE funds.

A requesting agency or person shall 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 C.R.S. and the services delineated pursuant to Sections 24-4.1-302 C.R.S. and 24-4.1-304 C.R.S. (The previous two statutory cites are commonly known as the "Victim Rights Act" and its "enabling legislation.") Such written acknowledgment shall be attached to such requesting agency's or person's application for monies pursuant to this section. The board shall not accept for evaluation any application for a grant or monies pursuant to this section until the requesting agency or person provides the board with such written acknowledgment.

The agency certifies that it is in compliance with C.R.S. § 8-17.5-101 et. seq and provisions are in place to ensure that illegal aliens are not performing work to provide any services funded with 20th Judicial District VALE grant monies. Such provisions include, but are not limited to, requirements that the agency (1) shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under the public contract for services, (2) the agency has confirmed the employment eligibility of all employees who are newly hired for employment to perform work under the public contract for services, (3) the agency shall not enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to certify to the agency that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work for any services funded with 20th Judicial District VALE grant monies.

RECONSIDERATIONS: 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 Twentieth Judicial District to do so. Applicants who have been completely denied funding have a right to request a reconsideration of the board's decision if the applicant can show additional information is available or if a change of circumstances has occurred. **NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION MUST BE IN WRITING AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION OF THE GRANT DECISION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 22**. Reconsiderations will be heard at the December 6, 2022 board meeting. Written notification of the results of the reconsideration will be mailed to the applicant within seven (7) working days after a determination has been made.

APPLICANTS MAY REQUEST A GRANT APPLICATION PACKET BY CALLING OR WRITING.

Note: If your agency has requested funds from the local VALE Board in the last two years, you should find a 2023 application included with this RFP. You may also request that a grant application be e-mailed as a Word attachment. E-mail ~ vale20@bouldercounty.org for details.