

# VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

## Twentieth Judicial District

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September 1, 2023

The VALE Board welcomes your interest in applying for funding for the **2024 funding cycle**. If you have applied for VALE funds in the past, you are receiving this announcement via email with the **RFP and grant application attached**. Please use this application for your 2024 request for funding. The RFP is also posted on the Boulder District Attorney's website.

Completed applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m., Friday, October 6, 2023**.

Please review this Request for Proposal for the 2024 VALE grants; it has important information regarding the Board's priorities when considering funding requests. Grants will be effective for the 12-month period starting January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.

As you may well imagine, each year the Board receives requests for funding that exceeds the projected amount available, creating difficult decisions in economically challenging times. Even considering the especially difficult economic challenges throughout the pandemic, the Board was able to award \$360,000 for the 2023 funding cycle. The Board is projecting a funding level of \$525,00 for the 2024 funding cycle. Consider the possibility of these limitations as you budget and request funds. If you are currently a VALE grant recipient, you can anticipate that there will be no funding increases, and in fact, we may continue to see decreases based on pandemic recovery. So, please apply accordingly. Please recall that all award disbursements are contingent upon the availability of VALE funds. If revenue increases, the Board will consider an additional, one-time funding cycle.

The Board must also comply with state statute C.R.S. 24-4.2-105 on how the fund is to be distributed. Each application is reviewed very carefully before any funding or non-funding decision is made.

The Board is requesting that each agency requesting funding **will be required** to do an oral presentation on **Tuesday, October 17 between 9:00a.m. to 4 p.m.** This will also allow the Board the opportunity to ask questions regarding your application. We will contact you with a more specific time for your presentation on October 17th once all applications have been received. If this process poses a problem for staffing at your agency, please contact us at [Vale20@bouldercounty.org](mailto:Vale20@bouldercounty.org) with your concerns.

**About the VALE Board:** The Board is comprised of five citizen members who are selected by the Chief Judge in the 20th Judicial District and are volunteers. The Board is committed to funding programs that provide direct services to crime victims in Boulder County and implement the victims' rights amendment. They may also consider training expenses, via a scholarship process, that are related to the welfare of victims. Please review the enclosed Request For Proposals for more information on funding criteria.

In an effort to decrease the extensive amount of paper reviewed by the Board, the following recommendations have been established, and we encourage each applicant to follow these guidelines:

1. If your application is for a continuing project, please clearly identify any new concepts at the beginning of the paragraph describing that information.
2. Eliminate any attachments or addenda that are not required.
3. Be sure your application clearly and concisely reflects the use of VALE funds.
4. Answer each question, completely; however, try to refrain from excessive discussion.
5. Avoid any irrelevant material, including quoting from others' material. Your concepts should be succinct and original.
6. If your project is multi-jurisdictional, clearly state how many clients will be served in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District with VALE funds.

By utilizing the above suggestions, we intend for the application process to be more straightforward and meaningful. Your questions, comments and suggestions are welcome. If you have additional questions, please email [Vale20@bouldercounty.org](mailto:Vale20@bouldercounty.org)

Please mail your completed application to:

VALE Board Administrator  
C/O Boulder District Attorney's Office  
1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Boulder, CO 80302

Or deliver it to:

Boulder District Attorney's Office  
Boulder County Justice Center  
1777 6th St  
Boulder, CO 80302

**PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the original, please email a PDF submission to [Vale20@bouldercounty.org](mailto:Vale20@bouldercounty.org) or [lbravdica@bouldercounty.org](mailto:lbravdica@bouldercounty.org)**

Thank you,

V.A.L.E. Board Administrator