



**Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement
Twentieth Judicial District**

2026 VALE Cover Letter

September 5, 2025

Dear 20th JD VALE Prospective Grantees,

The VALE Board welcomes your interest in applying for funding for the **2026 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 2026 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 10, 2026**.

Please review this Request for Proposal for the 2026 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, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

As you may well imagine, each year the Board receives requests for funding that exceeds the projected amount available, creating difficult decisions, especially in economically challenging times. The Board was able to award \$450,000 for the 2025 funding cycle and is projecting a funding amount of \$375,000 for the 2026 funding cycle. Please consider this decrease as your budget and develop your request for 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 decreased revenue trends. 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, and priority consideration will be given to criminal justice and non-profit community-based agencies serving victims of crimes in Boulder County that provide:

1. Statutorily mandated services pursuant to C.R.S. §24-4.1-302.5 (VRA) implementing the rights afforded to crime victims.
2. Direct services to victims 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).
3. Establish and/or enhance the coordinated, collaborative delivery of direct services for victims of VRA crimes provided by non-profit community based and criminal justice-based victim services in the 20th Judicial District.

THE 20th JD VALE BOARD UTILIZES A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS. Equal consideration is given to current 20th Judicial District VALE grant recipients and new grant applicants for funding determinations.

VALE funds are not intended to be the sole or primary source of initial or ongoing funding for direct victim service personnel positions and operating expenses.

The Board is requesting each agency do a 15 min oral presentation on **Tuesday, October 21 between 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**. This will allow the Board the opportunity to learn about your program and to ask questions regarding your application. We will contact you regarding a more specific time for your presentation on October 21st once all applications have been received. If this process poses a problem for staffing at your agency, please contact us at vale20@bouldercounty.gov 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.

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 20th 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.gov

Please mail your completed application to:

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

Please note: In addition to the original, please email a PDF submission to Vale20@bouldercounty.gov or mlopez@bouldercounty.gov.

Thank you,

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