

**21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (VALE)
CY2024 GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Monday, July 31, 2023

The 21st Judicial District, Victims and Witnesses 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): \$450,000

GRANT PERIOD: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: 11:59:59 PM (PST) on September 5, 2023

**Please note submission deadline uses Pacific Standard Time. Applications must be received by 1:59:59 AM MST on September 6, 2023.*

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Electronic grant submission is required by or before September 5, 2023 at 11:59:59 P.M. (PST). Submission must be made through ZoomGrants™. The deadline for application submission will not be extended unless ZoomGrants™ notifies VALE Administrative personnel of technical difficulties that have significantly impacted the ability of all grant applicants to submit an application by the established date and time.

Applications for the 2024 21st Judicial District VALE grant can be accessed at <https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/CY2024VALEGrant21stJD> and through the link found on the VALE website at <https://www.mesacounty.us/departments-and-services/VALE/funding-opportunities>. 2024 VALE grant applications and grant administration is done through ZoomGrants™. Failure to complete the current and correct grant application form through the ZoomGrants™ application process will result in denial of 2024 grant funding consideration by the VALE Board.

PURPOSE: The priority use for moneys in the fund shall be for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to §24-4.1-302.5 C.R.S. and the provision of the services and programs delineated in C.R.S. §24-4.1-303, C.R.S. §24-4.1-304, and C.R.S. §24-4.2-105(4) related to all crimes as defined by C.R.S. §24-4.1-302(1). 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 21st Judicial District Victims & Witnesses Assistance & Law Enforcement (VALE) Board is authorized to enter into contracts for the purchase and coordination of victims and witnesses assistance services in the 21st Judicial District with persons or agencies that the Board deems appropriate. 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 C.R.S. §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 C.R.S. §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 C.R.S. §24-4.1-302.5 and the services delineated pursuant to sections C.R.S. §24-4.1-303 and C.R.S. §24-4.1-304.

BOARD PRIORITIES: The Board has also established the following funding priorities. The Board places high priority on victim service and law enforcement programs which:

- 1) Provide services for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to C.R.S. §24-4.1-302.5;
- 2) Provide services and programs delineated in C.R.S. §24-4.1-303, C.R.S. §24-4.1-304, and C.R.S. §24-4.2-105(4) related to all crimes as defined by C.R.S. §24-4.1-302(1);
- 3) Provide direct victim services, crisis, or emergency services;
- 4) Provide new or innovate approaches to meeting unmet victim service needs; or
- 5) Have a demonstrated effective response to victim needs.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING AWARDS: The 21st Judicial District VALE Board conducts an open, fair, impartial and equitable award process of receiving, reviewing, evaluating, and voting on all grant applications in accordance with statutory guidelines and standards requirements, and intended uses for 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) Applicant efficiently utilizes its resources, including volunteers, or otherwise maximizes the number of persons served per grant dollar;
- 10) Applicant demonstrates reasonable fund raising efforts, local volunteer and/or financial support and, if appropriate, a diversified funding base.
- 11) The VALE 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.

The fact that an application meets eligibility requirements or has received funding in the past does not guarantee funding. Factors other than stated in this RFP may be utilized to make funding determinations. All award disbursements are contingent upon availability of VALE Funds.

APPLICATION TIME TABLE: *Dates are subject to change upon agreement of the VALE Board.*

Monday, July 31, 2023	Request for Proposal Application Period Opens
Tuesday, September 5, 2023	Grant Application Submission Deadline
Thursday, October 5, 2023	VALE Board Meeting Applicant Presentations Preliminary Funding Decisions
Monday, October 30, 2023	Reconsideration Period Ends

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. Applicants who are denied funding shall be notified in writing of their right to request a reconsideration of the VALE Board’s decision and the conditions under which a funding decision may be reconsidered. This information shall be provided to the applicant no less than six working days prior to the deadline to request reconsideration. The VALE Board will hold a special meeting within thirty (30) days of the reconsideration request deadline to review reconsiderations. 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://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/CY2024VALEGrant21stJD>

*The VALE 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.*