May 28, 2019

The VALE Board welcomes your interest in applying for the **2020 VALE funding cycle**.

If you have previously applied for VALE funds, you are receiving this announcement via email with the **grant application attached**. Please use this application for your 2020 funding request. All others are receiving the RFP and if you choose to apply, you may request the application as a Word attachment by emailing me at jgribben@bouldercounty.org.

Completed applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m., Friday, September 13th, 2019**.

Please review this Request for Proposal; it has important information regarding the Board’s priorities when considering the 2020 VALE funding requests. Grants will be effective for the 12-month period starting January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

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. In 2019 the board awarded $560,010. The Board anticipates a projected funding level of $500,000 for 2020. 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 will see decreases, so please apply accordingly.

It is important to note that your local VALE Board understands that your agency depends on grant funding to sustain your critical mission. They want you to know that the people at the Department of Criminal Justice—Office of Victims Programs (DCJ OVP) have indicated that the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund is still well funded. We encourage you to explore VOCA funding by going to the Colo DCJ OVP website for more information. If your agency already receives VOCA funds you may want to increase that request.

The Board must comply with state statute 24-4.2-105 on how the VALE fund is to be distributed. Each application is reviewed very carefully before any funding or non-funding decision is made. Please recall that all award disbursements are contingent upon the availability of VALE funds.

The Board requires that each agency requesting funds MUST give an oral presentation. These presentations are mandatory for each agency requesting funds. Presentations will be scheduled on **Tuesday, October 8 between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the DA’s Office in the Boulder County Justice Center**. After I receive all the applications on September 13th, I will contact you about the specific time of your presentation. The oral presentation allows the Board to ask questions and lets you highlight any unique aspects of your proposal.
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 guidelines are encouraged:

1. If your application is for a continuing project, please clearly identify any new concepts at the beginning of paragraphs.

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 without 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.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the original and six copies of the grant applications, please email a PDF submission to jgribben@bouldercounty.org.

By utilizing the above guidelines, we intend for the application to be more straightforward and meaningful. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please don't hesitate to call me at 303-441-4701 or email jgribben@bouldercounty.org.

Please mail your completed application and six copies to:
Jean Gribben
VALE Board Administrator
C/O Boulder District Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 471
Boulder, CO 80306

Or hand deliver to:
D.A.'s Office
Boulder County Justice Center
1777 6th St
Boulder, CO 80302

Thank you,

Jean Gribben
V.A.L.E. Board Administrator