

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Twentieth Judicial District

August 18, 2021

The VALE Board welcomes your interest in applying for funding for the **2022 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 2022 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., Thursday, September 30th, 2021**.

Please review this Request for Proposal for the 2022 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, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

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 \$305,650 for the 2021 funding cycle. The Board is projecting a funding level of \$360,000 for 2022. 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 **Wednesday, October 13 between 10:00 a.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 13th once all applications have been received. If this process poses a problem for staffing at your agency, please contact us at 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 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.org

Please mail your completed application to:

VALE Board Administrator
C/O Boulder District Attorney's Office
1777 6th 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 and six copies of the grant applications, please email a PDF submission to Vale20@bouldercounty.org.

Thank you,

V.A.L.E. Board Administrator