

**PRESS RELEASE
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board of the 9TH Judicial District, which is Garfield, Pitkin and Rio Blanco Counties, is seeking grant applications from agencies and organizations to provide services to crime victims. The funding cycle is January 1 - December 31, 2027.

The board is committed to funding programs which provide direct services to crime victims under the Victim's Rights Act. Revenue for this fund is generated from a surcharge or fees assessed to people who are convicted of felonies, misdemeanors, traffic offenses and fish and game violations. These funds are authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes. During the 2026 grant cycle the board awarded a total of \$249,492.00 to 7 agencies that provide services to victims in the 9th Judicial District. It is anticipated that approximately \$180,000 will be available for the 2027 12-month grant cycle.

PRIORITY CATEGORIES:

1) In accordance with 24-4.2-103(5), priority use for funds shall be utilized for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 and for provision of the services delineated pursuant to Sections 24-4.1-303 and 24-4.1-304 related to all crimes as defined by Section 24-4.1-302. 2) Services outlined in Section 24-4.2-105(4) C.R.S.

Completed grant applications must be received by the board administrator by 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 9th, 2026.

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