

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The 9th Judicial District
Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board
announces the availability of

VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDS

for
January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027

ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA ARE ATTACHED

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY
4:00 P.M. ON Friday
OCTOBER 9th, 2026**

A complete application with signatures must be received **no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, October 9th, 2026** by the VALE Program Administrator. Applicants mailing their application must allow sufficient mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their proposals by the deadline.

Anticipated Amount Available: \$180,000

For more information contact:

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Funding Cycle January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027

The 9th Judicial District Victim & Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement Board announces the availability of local VALE funds as authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes.

PURPOSE: This Request for Proposal provides prospective applicants with sufficient information to apply for 9th Judicial District VALE Grant funds.

ANTICIPATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE: 9th Judicial District VALE funds are obtained through the surcharges assessed by the criminal courts. Therefore, it is difficult to know the exact amount of funds that will be available for 2027 grants. For the 12-month Grant Cycle in 2026, the 9th Judicial District VALE Board awarded a total of \$249,492.00 to 7 programs that provide services to victims of crime in Garfield, Rio Blanco, and Pitkin Counties.

The Board has set aside approximately \$180,000.00 for 2027 VALE Grants. This is an approximate amount based on the projected collection of revenue into the fund. It is not guaranteed that programs who receive grant funds in the current cycle will receive grant funding in subsequent funding cycles.

GRANT PERIOD: January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027

ELIGIBILITY: The 9th Judicial District is authorized to enter into contracts for the purchase and coordination of victim assistance services with people or agencies that the Board deems appropriate. The Board accepts and evaluates applications related to the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-4.1-303 and 304 and for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302.5 under the Victims' Rights Act (VRA). Such monies shall not be used for defraying the costs of routine and ongoing operating expenses. Grants submitted to the VALE Board must reflect services to be provided to people victimized in the 9th Judicial District, which includes Garfield, Rio Blanco, and Pitkin Counties.

PRIORITY CATEGORIES: The 9th Judicial District VALE Board will give priority consideration to victim services and law enforcement programs which:

- 1) Are required to provide victim services for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302.5.
- 2) Provide services or programs delineated in C.R.S. § § 24-4.1-303 and 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 services to victims of crime.
- 4) Have demonstrated an effective response to victim needs.
- 5) Do not duplicate services.

6) Provide for unmet victim's needs in the 9th Judicial District.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- The Board accepts and will consider grant applications submitted for new programs.
- The VALE Board may award money for projects not designated in the priority categories.
- The VALE Board may utilize factors other than those stated above in making funding decisions.
- The fact that an applicant meets eligibility requirements and applies for services within a priority category does not guarantee funding.
- The fact that an applicant is currently receiving or has in the past received grant funds does not guarantee funding.
- Copies of the state statutes related to these funds are available on the Colorado State Government web page (www.state.co.us) click on Government, then Colorado Constitution and Statutes, then Colorado Revised Statutes C.R.S.)

APPLICATION TIMETABLE

September 1	Request for Proposal's open to prospective applicants.
October 9	Grant Application Submission Deadline. A completed grant application must be received by 4:00 P.M. on this date at the District Attorney's Office, 109 8 th Street, Suite 308, Glenwood Springs.
November 5	Applicant presentation to the VALE Board (In-Person) (10am to Noon) - <i>Presentation is required</i> -
November 5	Board Meeting - Application review by the VALE Board.
November 6	Results of funding decisions mailed.
November 13	Written request for appeal due date on denied applications or for applicants funded at less than 50% of their request.
November 19	VALE Board meeting to review decisions on denied applications or for applicants funded at less than 50% of their request.
December 1	<i>(Week of)</i> Contracts for 2027 funding determinations are mailed to grantees.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

A complete application with all required signatures must be received **no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday October 9th, 2026** by the VALE Program Administrator at the District Attorney's Office, 109 8th Street, Suite 308, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601. Applicants mailing their applications must allow enough mail delivery time to ensure receipt of their documents by the specified due date.

Applications may be mailed or e-mailed but must be received by the deadline. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to the applicant upon receipt of the documents. If you do not receive verification, please check with the VALE Administrator prior to the deadline.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: A requesting agency or person shall acknowledge in writing that such agency or person has read and understands the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-4.1-302.5 and the services delineated pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-4.1-302 and 304 (commonly referred to as the "Victim Rights Act" or "Constitutional Amendment Regarding Victims' Rights" or "Enabling Legislation".) Such written acknowledgment shall be attached to such requesting agency or individual application for monies pursuant to this section.

Evaluation criteria utilized by the Board in review of grant application requests include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1) Project provides victim services implementing the Colorado Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment.
- 2) Grant project falls under the VALE statute C.R.S. Title 24, Article 4.2.
- 3) Project provides direct services to victims of crime in the 9th Judicial District.
- 4) Applicants have been/is effective in responding to the needs of victims of crime.
- 5) Applicant does not duplicate services provided by any other resources.
- 6) Applicant has demonstrated the project will provide previously unmet victim needs in the 9th Judicial District.
- 7) Appropriate deference will be given by the Board regarding the need for continuity in providing services to programs with a proven track record with present VALE grant monies.
- 8) Application is complete, concise, clearly represents the proposed project, and provides all information requested.
- 9) Applicant has demonstrated a need for the project.
- 10) Applicant efficiently utilizes its resources, including volunteers or otherwise maximizes the number of people served per grant dollar.
- 11) Applicant demonstrates good fiscal management practices and can meet the required reporting elements of VALE funds provided.

- 12) Applicant has demonstrated the ability to comply with financial and program requirements (if applicant received past funding from the 9th Judicial District VALE Board).
- 13) Applicant demonstrates reasonable fund-raising efforts, local volunteer and/or financial support and, if appropriate, a diversified funding base.

Note: The fact that a grant applicant meets the eligibility requirements, is currently receiving, or has received, funding in the past, does not guarantee future funding.

RECONSIDERATION REQUESTS: The VALE Board reserves the right to deny any or all proposals, or to deny any portion of a proposal if it is determined to be in the best interest of the 9th Judicial District to do so. All applicants who have been denied funding in whole, or less than half, have a right to request a reconsideration of the VALE Board's decision. *The applicant must demonstrate that additional information is available or a change in circumstances has occurred since the time of the VALE Board's original funding decision.*

NOTICE OF A RECONSIDERATION REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING AND RECEIVED BY THE VALE ADMINISTRATOR BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 13TH 2026. Requests for reconsideration will be heard at a special meeting of the Board on November 19th, 2026. @ 9:00 am. Written notification of the VALE Board's final funding decisions will be mailed to the grant applicant within five (5) working days after a final determination has been made.

APPLICATION FORMS: Applicants may request a grant application packet by calling, writing, or emailing the VALE Program Administrator at the following:

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(970) 384-3517
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Grant applications will be emailed as a Word document.

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- ✓ *Please remember that grant applications may **NOT** be submitted via fax.*
 - ✓ *Applications received after 4pm on October 9th, 2026; deadline will not be accepted.*

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