

# **21st Judicial District Victim Assistance And Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant Funding Availability Announcement**

Thursday, June 18, 2026

The 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

\$450,000

## **Grant Period**

January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2026

## **Applications Must Be Received By**

11:59:59 P.M. (PST) on July 31, 2026

## **Application Submission**

Electronic grant submission is required by or before July 31, 2026, at 11:59:59 pm (PST). Applications must be submitted through ZoomGrants. The deadline for application submission will not be extended unless technical difficulties have significantly impacted the ability of all grant applicants to submit an application by the established date and time. Late applications will not be processed unless the grantee can show just cause for the late submission and the VALE Board determines it is in the best interest of the victim services community to accept the application.

Applications for the 2027 21st Judicial District VALE grant can be accessed on ZoomGrants and through the link found on the [21st Judicial District VALE funding opportunities website](#).

2027 VALE Grant applications and grant administration are done through ZoomGrants. Failure to complete the current and correct grant application form through the ZoomGrants application process will result in denial of 2027 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 Executive for each judicial district for the purpose of collecting all moneys assessed by the courts, 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.

### **Funding 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;
4. Provide crisis or emergency service;
5. Provide new or innovative approaches to meeting unmet victim service needs or have a demonstrated effective response to victim needs.

### **Factors Considered In Determining Awards**

The 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. The application shows a demonstrated need for the project.
2. The proposed project fits within VALE Board funding priorities.
3. The project description adequately describes the services that will be provided in the 21st Judicial District.

4. The project does not unnecessarily duplicate existing services. The applicant demonstrates coordination of services with other agencies providing similar services to the 21st Judicial District.
5. The application demonstrates effective delivery of victim services.
6. The applicant demonstrates reasonable fundraising efforts, local volunteer, and/or financial support, and if appropriate, a diversified funding base.
7. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of resources, including volunteers, or otherwise maximizes the number of persons served per grant dollar.
8. The applicant demonstrates the ability to comply with financial and program accountability requirements.
9. Project goals are clear and measurable.
10. The application includes an effective evaluation plan and timeline to evaluate the success of the program, project goals, and objectives.
11. The application is clear and complete and contains all required information.

**No Guarantee Of Funding**

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

**Important Dates (Subject To Change)**

Dates are subject to change upon agreement of the VALE Board.

Thursday, June 18, 2026	Funding availability announcement and application period opens
Friday, July 31, 2026	Grant application submission deadline
Thursday, September 3, 2026	Applicant presentations and preliminary funding decisions
Friday, September 18, 2026	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.

**Assistance With Application And Process**

For questions concerning this announcement, the application process, or your application, contact Jennifer Ballagh, Local VALE Administrator, at [970-244-1737](tel:970-244-1737) or [jennifer.ballagh@mesacounty.us](mailto:jennifer.ballagh@mesacounty.us).