

**21<sup>st</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND**

**COLORADO ORGANIZATION FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE (COVA)  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

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 (subject to change): \$22,000**

**MAXIMUM AWARD PER PERSON: \$1,100**

**GRANT PERIOD:** August 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:** 5:00 PM on June 28, 2024

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** An original of the application must be received by or before June 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm (MST) at the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, 125 N. Spruce St, Grand Junction, Colorado. Applications may be mailed to: VALE Board, ATTN: Jennifer Ballagh, Dept. 5031, PO Box 20,000, Grand Junction, Colorado 81502. Late applications will not be processed unless the grantee can show just cause and the VALE Board determines it is in the best interest of the victim services community to accept the application. Applications are available online at <https://www.mesacounty.us/departments-and-services/VALE/funding-opportunities>.

**PURPOSE:** Monies in this solicitation shall be for current 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District VALE grant recipient agencies staff and volunteer's registration fees and expenses for lodging, travel, and meals related to the attendance at the 2024 COVA Annual Conference. VALE dollars cannot be used to replace, or supplant, agency/department dollars. Agency/Department travel budgets are expected to be utilized if available. VALE dollars cannot be used to replace COVA training grant or scholarship awards from other sources. Grant/scholarship COVA training awards are expected to be utilized if available.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicant agencies must be a current recipient of a 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District VALE grant.

**BOARD PRIORITIES:** The VALE Board places high priority on scholarship applications from agencies that provide statutorily mandated services pursuant to C.R.S. §24-4.1-302.5, or 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).

**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 scholarship applications.

1. Clear and complete application;
2. Applicant agency provides statutorily mandates services pursuant to C.R.S. §24-4.1-302.5 or 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. Agency/attendee provision of direct victim services;
4. Individual applicants' attendance at the 2023 COVA conference; and
5. Alternate funding sources.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW (subject to change):** Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the VALE Board on July 25, 2024.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:** All applicants who are denied funding have a right to request a reconsideration of the VALE Board's denial of funding if the applicant can show that additional information is available or if a change in circumstance occurred that is in direct relation to the reason for which the application was denied funding. Notice of a request for reconsideration must be in writing and must be received by the Board within six (6) business days of the date of notification of the denial of funding. Requests for reconsideration will be reviewed at a special meeting within thirty (30) days of the reconsideration request deadline. Written notification of the results of the reconsideration decision will be sent to the applicant within seven (7) business days after a determination has been made.

For questions concerning this RFP and the application process contact:

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Local VALE Administrator  
District Attorney's Office  
Department 5031  
P.O. Box 20,000  
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5001  
(970) 244-1730

E-mail: [jennifer.ballagh@mesacounty.us](mailto:jennifer.ballagh@mesacounty.us)

Application available on-line at:  
<https://www.mesacounty.us/departments-and-services/VALE/funding-opportunities>

*The VALE Fund Board is solely responsible for all decisions concerning grants. Please direct all questions concerning grant decisions to the VALE Administrator who will notify the Board members. The Board Administrator **DOES NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING GRANTS.** However, she will gladly give you help with your applications and will answer questions.*