



EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LARIMER AND JACKSON COUNTIES

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Monday, August 3, 2026

THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD

ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF

VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDS

FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2027 – DECEMBER 31, 2027

LOCATE APPLICATION LINK ONLINE AT:

<https://www.larimer.org/da/vicwit/vale>

ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA ARE ATTACHED

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Funding cycle January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027

The 8th Judicial District Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board announces the availability of local VALE funds authorized by Title 24, Article 4.2, Colorado Revised Statutes.

PURPOSE: The priority use for moneys in the fund shall be for the implementation of the rights afforded to crimes victims pursuant to section 24-4.1-302.5 and the provision of the services and programs delineated in sections 24-4.1-303, 24-4.1-304, and 24-4.2-105(4) related to all crimes as defined by section 24-4.1-302(1).

ANTICIPATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE: Because VALE funds are obtained through the assessment of fines by the courts, it is impossible to know the exact amount of funds that will be available for grants in 2027. It is anticipated that **a range of approximately \$750,000 to \$800,000** will be available for 2027. Please note the availability of funds does not guarantee a funding match to any prior year's award. Awards are not only dictated by funds available, but also the number of applications received. Please keep this in mind when completing and submitting your application.

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

ELIGIBILITY: The local VALE Board is authorized to enter into contracts for the purchase and coordination of victim and witness assistance services with persons or agencies that the Board deems appropriate. The Board shall accept and evaluate applications related to the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 C.R.S. and for the provision of services delineated pursuant to Sections 24-4.1-303 and 304 C.R.S. Such moneys shall not be used for defraying the costs of routine and ongoing operating expenses.

Grants submitted to the Board must service persons residing or victimized in the 8th Judicial District to include Larimer and Jackson Counties.

According to C.R.S.24-4.2-105(2.5)(a), "The board shall not accept, evaluate or approve any application requesting grants of money...from any state agency, including local offices of such agencies; except....the court administrator...for the purpose of collecting all moneys assessed by the courts...(and) local probation department...for the purpose of implementing the rights of victims..."

PRIORITY CATEGORIES: The 8th Judicial District VALE Board will give priority consideration to victim service and law enforcement programs which:

- (1) Are required to provide services for the implementation of the rights afforded to crime victims pursuant to Section 24-4.1-302.5 C.R.S.;
- (2) Provide services and programs delineated in Sections 24.4.1-303 C.R.S., 24- 4.1-304 C.R.S., and 24.4.2-105(4) C.R.S. related to all crimes as defined by Section 24-4.1-302 (1) C.R.S.;
- (3) Provide **core victim services** (i.e. direct victim services, crisis or emergency services);
- (4) Have demonstrated an effective response to victim needs; or will provide new, innovative, or unmet victim services;
- (5) Do not duplicate other victim services in the 8th Judicial District.
Needed service, i.e., counseling both social and legal advocacy.
Secondary services, i.e., administration, training, travel, support groups.
Equipment, i.e., related to victim assistance.

APPLICATION TIME TABLE:

August 3, 2026	Request for Proposal Application Period Opens
August 31, 2026	Grant Application Submission Deadline LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
October 14 & 15, 2026	VALE Board Meeting Applicant Presentations if Requested 2027 Funding Decisions
October 21, 2026	Notifications sent Reconsideration Period begins
November 3, 2026	Reconsideration Period closing date
November 12, 2026	Reconsideration Hearings <i>*if needed*</i> Final Award Letters Contracts mailed

➤ Please Note: Board Meeting dates are tentative and are subject to change

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: Prospective applicants requesting VALE funding ***must*** submit applications via the online applications process **no later than midnight (PST) on Monday, AUGUST 31, 2026**. Application link and Application Guidelines can be found at <https://www.larimer.org/da/vicwit/vale> Guidelines can also be found on Zoomgrants™ once applications have been started.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- (1) Grant project fits within VALE funding priorities.
- (2) Project description adequately describes services that will be provided in the Eighth Judicial District.
- (3) Applicant has demonstrated a need for the proposed project within the Eighth Judicial District.
- (4) Project Goals and Objectives are clear and measurable.
- (5) Applicant demonstrates coordination and collaboration with other similar agencies.
- (6) Project budget is directly related to grant application request.
- (7) Application includes diversification of funding and long-term funding plan.
- (8) Budget narrative is reasonable, easily understood and provides a thorough rationale for requested funds.
- (9) Applicant utilizes a successful evaluation method or has an effective evaluation plan and timeline to evaluate the success of the program, project goals and objectives.
- (10) Management plan clearly defines who is responsible for administration, evaluation, and accounting of project.

Note: The fact that an application meets eligibility requirements or has received funding in the past does not guarantee future funding. In addition, the fact that the RFP amount may remain similar from year to year also does not guarantee similar funding to any particular agency as a result. All award disbursements are contingent upon availability of VALE Funds.

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 8th Judicial District to do so. All applicants who have been denied funding have a right to request a reconsideration of the Board's denial of funding if the applicant can show that additional information is available or if a change in circumstances has occurred.

Notice of a request for reconsideration must be in writing and must be received by the Board within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification of the denial of funding.

Requests for reconsideration will be reviewed at a special meeting to be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026 if necessary. Written notification of the results of the request will be mailed to the applicant within seven (7) working days after a determination has been made.

Q&A SESSION: Although specific advice on how to write your grant cannot be provided, the 8th Judicial District VALE Administrator will host a virtual question and answer session for new and continuing applicants. **This training will be held virtually on August 18, 2026 at 2:00pm.**

All participants must RSVP to Candace Smith at smithcr@co.larimer.co.us or Jessica Ortiz at ortizjr@co.larimer.co.us by TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026.

INQUIRIES: For additional information on 8th Judicial District VALE Grant application processes please contact:

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