



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Colorado's 4th Judicial District - Serving El Paso & Teller Counties

VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD

VALE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2025

The VALE Board met on October 7, 2025 at 8:30am at the Office of the District Attorney, 105 E. Vermijo, 4th Floor Conference Room, Colorado Springs, CO. Present were Board Chair Maricela Dennis, Board Members Jan Isaacs Henry, Ariel Baty, Daniel Thompson, and Jacob Abendschan and VALE Administrator Amber Holland.

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m. by Maricela Dennis.

- I. Review the minutes from September 9, 2025: **Minutes reviewed. Ariel Baty motioned to approve. Jan Isaacs Henry seconded. Jacob Abendschan abstained as he was not appointed on the Board during the September meeting. Minutes unanimously pass.**
- II. VALE Financial Summary
 - a. Main VALE Fund Balance: \$ 2,763,535.80 (as of August 31, 2025)
 - b. Deposits: \$ 172,652.68 (for the month of August 2025)
 - c. Total Encumbered Funds: \$ 389,950.43 (remaining in 2025)
 - d. VALE Grant Awards: \$ 389,950.43 (2025 third quarter)
 - e. DA Admin. Fund Balance: \$ 7,884.19 (as of August 31, 2025)
 - f. DA Admin Expenditures: \$ 9,107.01 (for the month of August 2025)
 - g. DCJ Admin Fund Balance: \$ 10,114.55 (as of August 31, 2025)
 - h. DCJ Admin Expenditures: \$ 10,655.21 (for the month of August 2025)
- III. New Information / Agency Updates
 - Welcome, Jake!
 - District Attorney's Office: Position 5 Change – Zukowski to Valdovinos: **Board acknowledged the change. No questions.**
 - Review available funds: **\$1,400,000 available to award for CY26**
- IV. Agency Funding Recommendations

Grantee+A1:E40D17A1:E62A1:E41A1	Requested	VALE Account	Items Approved/Denied	Items Approved/Denied
CASA of the Pikes Peak Region	\$ 55,000.00	\$55,000.00	Position 1: D&N Case Supervisor	Approved
			Position 2: D&N Case Supervisor	Approved
Catholic Charities of the Pikes Peak Region	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,745.00	Position 1: Director of Family Immigration	Approved
			Position 2: Lead Immigration Counselor	Approved
			Position 3: Advocate for Immigration Crime Victims	Approved
			Position 4: Legal Assistant	Approved
Centro de la Familia	\$ 169,999.80	\$ 18,894.39	Position 1: Behavioral Health Clinician	Denied
			Position 2: Bilingual Advocate 1	Approved
			Position 3: Bilingual Advocate 2	Approved
Colorado Legal Services	\$ 49,727.94	\$ 39,150.00	Position 1: Paralegal	Approved
			Position 2: Assistant Supervising Attorney	Approved
Colorado Springs Police Department	\$ 218,677.79	\$194,765.77	Position 1: Victim Advocate	Approved
			Position 2: Victim Advocate	Approved
			Position 3: Victim Advocate	Approved
Court Care	\$ 40,000.00	\$19,575.00	Position 1: Infant/Toddler Classroom	Approved
Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment	\$ 17,098.00	\$ 11,745.00	Position 1: Executive Director	Approved
			Position 2: Program Director	Approved
			Position 3: Survivor Support Specialist	Approved
			Position 4: Survivor Resiliency Coordinator	Approved
District Attorney's Office	\$ 473,550.00	\$ 234,900.00	Position 1: Victim Support Specialist	Approved
			Position 2: Victim Support Specialist	Approved
			Position 3: Victim Support Specialist	Approved
			Position 4: Restitution Coordinator	Approved
			Position 5: Legal Assistant	Approved
El Paso County Sheriff's Office	\$ 214,163.45	\$133,110.00	Position 1: VALE Victim Advocate	Approved
			Position 2: VALE Victim Advocate	Approved
			Position 3: VOCA Grant Victim Advocate	Approved
Fourth Judicial District Court	\$ 282,107.11	\$211,984.36	Position 1: Judicial Clerk I	Approved
			Position 2: Judicial Clerk I	Approved
			Position 3: Judicial Clerk I	Approved
			Position 4: Judicial Clerk I	Approved
Kidpower	\$ 71,968.68	\$40,716.00	Position 1: Community Relations Coordinator	Approved
			Position 2: Program Coordinator	Approved
Kingdom Builder's Family Life Center	\$ 245,300.00	\$ 30,662.50	Position 1: Adult Services Advocate	Approved
			Position 2: Adult Services Advocate	Approved
			Position 3: Youth Services Advocate	Approved
			Position 4: Adult & Youth Services Advocate	Approved
Lotus Foundation	\$ 52,000.00	\$ -	Position 1: Case Manager	Denied
			Position 2: Victim Advocate	Denied
Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains	\$ 20,000.00	\$18,009.00	Position 1: Care Giver	Approved
Partners in Housing	\$ 223,044.90	\$144,072.00	Position 1: Intake Coordinator	Approved
			Position 2: Caseworker	Approved
			Position 3: Caseworker	Approved
			Position 4: Caseworker	Approved
			Position 5: Family Services Director	Approved
Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center	\$ 21,476.00	\$13,311.00	Position 1: Senior Staff Attorney	Approved
			Position 2: Senior Victim Services Specialist	Approved
			Position 3: Staff Attorney	Approved
			Position 4: Intake Specialist	Approved
Safe Passage	\$ 86,900.00	\$66,555.00	Position 1: Director of Advocacy	Approved
			Position 2: Director of Forensic Interviewing	Approved
			Consultant: Part-Time Contract Forensic Interviewer	Approved
TESSA - Adult Victim Services	\$ 194,652.00	\$133,110.00	Position 1: Confidential Victim Advocate - Lead	Approved
			Position 2: Confidential Victim Advocate - Bilingual	Approved
			Position 3: Confidential Victim Advocate - Court	Approved
			Position 4: Advocacy Manager	Approved
			Position 5: Volunteer Coordinator	Approved
TESSA - Youth and Children's Services	\$ 106,022.00	\$ 62,178.030	Position 1: Youth Services and Prevention Program Manager	Approved
			Position 2: Children's Advocate	Approved
			Position 3: Children's Case Manager	Approved
			Position 4: Youth and Children's Outreach Advocate	Denied

Total Request	\$ 2,561,687.67	
Total VALE Approved		\$1,439,483.05
Total Allocated		\$1,439,483.05

The following conflicts were noted and the individuals stepped out of the meeting room during discussion of their agencies' grant application:

Agency	Conflict	Time Out	Time Back
Kidpower	Jan Isaacs Henry	11:19am	11:20am
Colorado Springs Police Department	Daniel Thompson	10:48am	10:55am
		11:46am	11:54am
Colorado Legal Services	Ariel Baty	10:43am	10:48am
		12:37pm	12:41pm
District Attorney's Office	Amber Holland	11:00am	11:07am
El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Jacob Abendschan	11:07am	11:11am
		12:44pm	12:49pm

V. Set next meeting date: November 3 at 12:00am, virtual

Meeting Adjourned at 1:31p.m.