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Representative Daneya Esgar
Chair, Joint Budget Committee
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Dear Representative Esgar and Committee Members,

Enclosed please find a copy of the FY2021 State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (State VALE) Program grant award list. This list represents two groups of agencies that received State VALE funds. The first group represents those state agencies that receive State VALE funds through a non-competitive process as required by statute §24-33.5-506(1)(b-c). The second group represents agencies that receive State VALE funds through a competitive grant process.

Government agencies that received State VALE funds in the *non-competitive* process include: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Colorado Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services - Division of Boards and Commissions (Juvenile Parole Board), Department of Law - Attorney General's Office, Judicial Department - Office of the State Court Administrator (Division of Probation Services), and Colorado State Patrol. The first page of the enclosed chart includes the amount provided to these state agencies through the non-competitive process for FY2021.

Based upon statutory changes made to C.R.S. §24-33.5-506 (SB-09-047), all of the grant programs specifically designated for crime victim services were consolidated into one grant process. This includes the State VALE program as well as three federally funded programs. A total of thirteen projects were awarded State VALE funding through the competitive and non-competitive process. Following the grant application process, the funding recommendations were reviewed by the CDPS Executive Director.





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If you have any questions, please call me at 303-239-4615. You may also contact the State VALE Administrator, Meghan Hartvigson-McIntyre, at 303-239-4546. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Thome
Director
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Cc: JBC Committee Members
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Senator Steve Fenberg, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Chris Holbert, Senate Minority Leader
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**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 COLORADO DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
 STATE VALE NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS FOR JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021***

| AGENCY | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | TOTAL AWARD FOR FY2021 |
|---|--|------------------------|
| Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)* | Grant funding will support a portion of the costs of genetic testing of sex offenders using DNA analysis. This grant award is mandated by statute C.R.S. §17-2-201(5)(g)(III). | \$ 18,000 |
| Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC)* | Grant funding will support one position in the Victim Services Unit. This unit provides: 1) information on the status of offenders in DOC to victims who are registered in the Victim Notification program; 2) assistance and support to victims who attend Colorado parole board hearings and community corrections board reviews; and, 3) referrals to other victim services programs. | \$ 115,465 |
| Colorado Department of Human Services/Division of Youth Services (DYS)* | Grant funds will provide partial support for the Victim Services Coordinator who is responsible for ensuring that the rights of all victims enrolled in the victim notification program are provided. | \$ 33,251 |
| Colorado Department of Human Services/Division of Boards & Commissions/Juvenile Parole Board* | The Victim Services Program is designed to enhance compliance with the Victim Rights Act (VRA) by: 1) providing notification services to VRA victims when the juvenile offenders are eligible for parole; 2) ensuring that victims have the opportunity to address the Juvenile Parole Board; and, 3) making sure victims are notified of the outcome of parole hearings. The Victim Advocate will provide VRA training to parole board members and DYC staff. | \$ 84,345 |
| Colorado Department of Law Attorney General's Office * | Grant funding will support one Victim Advocate to provide statutorily mandated victim services under the Victim Rights Act to those victims whose cases are handled by the Attorney General's Criminal Justice Section and Appellate Unit. | \$ 85,135 |
| Colorado Judicial Branch/Office of the State Court Administrator – Division of Probation Services * | Grant funding will provide .75 FTE Victim Services Officer; however, the FTE will be distributed among several Judicial Districts. This program is designed to maintain victim assistance programs in probation departments throughout the state, and to ensure that Colorado probation departments are in compliance with the Victim Rights Act. | \$ 54,393 |
| Colorado State Patrol (CSP) * | Grant funding will provide partial support for the Victim Services Program Director and six Victim Advocate positions. The advocates respond to calls around the state and provide services to victims of traffic crashes on Colorado highways where an injury or death occurs. The advocates ensure compliance with the Victim Rights Act. | \$ 195,529 |

*Based on the State VALE statute §24-33.5-506(1)(b-c) state agencies do not have to participate in the competitive grant process for these funds.

STATE VALE COMPETITIVE AWARDS FOR JULY 1, 2020– DECEMBER 31, 2020

| AGENCY | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | GRANT AWARD FOR JUL. 1, 2020- DEC. 31, 2020 |
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| Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)** | Grant funds will provide partial salary support for six positions. Funded activities include, but are not limited to, statewide training, an on-line learning center, and the annual conference. | \$ 49,932 |
| Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA)** | In partnership with the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence, CCASA will co-host the annual Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference. Grant funds will support a Conference Coordinator who will be responsible for the critical logistics for the annual conference. | \$ 7,000 |
| Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)** | Grant funds will provide partial support for seven positions. Funds will support the training program, the annual statewide conference, and the Victim Assistance Academy training program. Funds will also support the administration of the Crime Victim Emergency Fund, the Victim Services Intern Program, and the Victim Service Provider Communication and Collaboration Network. | \$ 227,249 |
| Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center** | Grant funds will provide partial support for four positions. This project will provide comprehensive training to professionals working with victims of crime to increase their knowledge and capacity to provide services. | \$ 50,893 |
| Voices of Victims** | Grant funds will provide partial support for two positions. This project provides post-sentencing services to victims of violent crime in the State of Colorado. Services include personal advocacy during parole hearings and community corrections hearings. | \$ 33,938 |

** Due to the 24-month award period (January 1, 2019– December 31, 2020), these figures represent the 6- month period (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020) funded with FY2021 funds.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – PRISON INDUSTRY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

| AGENCY | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | GRANT AWARD FOR JUL. 1, 2020- DEC. 31, 2020 |
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| Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA)** | This grant provides financial resources for the Crime Victim Emergency Fund. These funds are partially provided by the Colorado Department of Corrections Prison Industries Enhancement (P.I.E.) Program*** Based on a Federal requirement, these P.I.E. funds must be used to directly compensate victims of crime. This fund is used for emergency needs of victims not covered by Victim Compensation funds. | \$25,000 |

***Based on a federal requirement, Prison Industry Enhancement Program funds must be utilized to directly compensate victims of crime. These funds are specifically earmarked for a Crime Victim Emergency Fund. This grant does not compete with other grant applications that receive funding from the general State VALE program.

**This figure represents the 6- month period (July 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020) funded with FY2021 funds.

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| TOTAL STATE VALE AWARDED FOR FY 2021: | \$ 980,130 |
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