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President's Budget Caps VOCA Funds At \$575 Million

by Rob Gallup

The President's budget proposes a \$575 million dollar cap on VOCA spending next year (10/1/02–9/30/03). Last year the cap was \$550 million. While it may appear that there is 25 million more for VOCA next year, two factors, an increase in compensation payouts to the States from 40% to 60% and an increase of 10 million to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for federal services and discretionary grants mean that available VOCA assistance funds for programs *will take a cut of somewhere between 8%–17%*.

In order to get as much money as possible and prevent any cuts next year, we encourage those interested and possibly impacted to assist in educating and urging Congress to set a cap higher than the proposed \$575 million. In addition to the proposed \$575 million, there are \$720 million dollars in reserve. However, these dollars are being held back from distribution because of the cap.

VOCA funding will be part of the Commerce, Justice and State (CJS) appropriations bill. The easiest way to track the legislation is to go to

thomas.loc.gov, scroll down to the link, "Status of FY 2003 Appropriations Bills". This link will lead to a table of all the 13 different appropriations bills. By selecting the CJS bill you will be able to track the bills through the House and Senate Committees where amendments and the cap issue can be addressed. For further information, please call Rob Gallup at (303) 239-4529 or toll free at 1-888-282-1080.

DCJ Drug Unit Receives Funding from Congress

By Lance Clem, DCJ Drug Unit

Thanks to the United States Congress, the Office of Drug Control and System Improvement was christened with an awkward name but provided wealthy parents at the same time.

ODCSI, one of DCJ's major grant programs, is a resource for state and local governments wanting to make improvements in the criminal justice system. Congress has authorized funds to be spent in 28 purpose areas, and Congress adds to the list regularly.

Funding for ODSCI programs comes from a national program known as the Edward Byrne Memorial Block Grant Program.

Colorado's share of the Edward Byrne Memorial Block Grant program for 2002 stands at \$7.4 million. Congress has attached many strings to Byrne funding, making the program complicated and confusing. For example, predetermined amounts

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PEGGY'S PERSPECTIVE

by Peggy Gordon

Transitions, Events and Change!

As we start the New Year, staff members at the Office for Victims Programs are facing new challenges and embracing exciting opportunities. Last December, Nancy Feldman resigned after five years as the State and Local VALE program manager to embark on a challenging new career at the Division of Criminal Justice. Nancy will now be serving in a leadership capacity for the Sex Offender Management Board. As many of you may know, Jean McAllister previously held this position at DCJ. Although we will miss Nancy terribly, we are very excited for her and hope that you will join us in congratulating her and wishing her the best of luck in her new position!

It is our hope that by the time you read this article, we will be close to selecting an individual to manage the State and Local VALE program. Approximately \$800,000.00 is awarded yearly to State VALE grant applicants who implement the Victim Rights Act and provide victim services on a statewide basis. The manager of the program will also have the responsibility to oversee local VALE standards. The standards were developed to ensure equitable access to victim services throughout the state and to improve accountability. The standards are designed to provide a consistent framework for the operation of local VALE programs. Additionally, the program manager will perform site visits to review and monitor local VALE standards, review any allegations of standards violations and provide training regarding the VALE grant procedure for the 22 judicial districts in Colorado.

In January, Bruce Zulauf resigned his position as the sheriff of Yuma county to pursue a career with the Colorado State Attorney General's Office. Bruce served as the Chairman of the Governor appointed Victim Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee. By statute, the board must include an individual who is a sheriff. Due to the fact that Bruce could no longer fill that statutorily required position, he tendered his

resignation to Governor Owens. We wish Bruce the best in his new endeavors!

Recently, yet another transition has occurred within the Victims Unit. Paula Roseboom, who provided administrative support to the Victim Compensation Program, State and Local VALE and the VAWA Program, resigned in late January to pursue new career opportunities.

In other news, we are delighted to report that on January 11th, Laura Baker gave birth to a *very handsome* baby boy! Payton Christopher Baker is the first child for Kevin and Laura Baker. Mom, dad and baby are doing very well. We look forward to Laura's return to the VOCA program in mid-April.

Last December, the Division of Criminal Justice had an opportunity to honor those employees who consistently exceed expectations in the performance of their jobs. We are humbled and privileged to have DCJ's "Employee of the Year", Mr. Tony Tilger, as a member of our unit! Tony's affiliation with DCJ dates back to the mid-eighties when he was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Victim Compensation and Assistance Coordinating Committee. Tony also had an opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the State VALE board. Today, Tony can add to his (already impressive) resume that he was recognized by DCJ as an outstanding employee who is always willing to go that extra mile for anyone who requests assistance. Tony is the "go to guy" and frequently represents DCJ at conferences, trainings and by serving on ad hoc committees. Needless to say, we are quite lucky to have Tony as part of our team.

It goes without saying, but I will say it anyway—many thanks to the OVP staff members who have worked so hard to cover all the bases over the past few months. With all the changes that have occurred, everyone on the staff has been doing double-duty.

Columbine Compensation Grant Completed

By Debbie Kasyon

On April 20, 1999, Colorado experienced one of the worst incidents of school violence our country has ever seen. And with over 2000 potential victims, there was a very real possibility that the 1st Judicial District's compensation program would exhaust all of its resources responding to Columbine. Fortunately, within days of the crime, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, approved \$750,000 in emergency grant funds to be used to help with the out-of-pocket expenses of the Columbine victims.

The 1st Judicial District Attorney's Office Victim Compensation Program received the grant dollars and was responsible for processing the Columbine claims. The federal grant period for the emergency funds was April 21, 1999 to April 21, 2001. Additional emergency funds were approved during this time period so that a total of \$804,970.06 was paid on 753 Columbine claims.* These dollars were paid out as follows:

Compensable Loss	Amount Paid	Percentage
Medical/Dental Expenses	\$56,086.59	7%
Mental Health Expenses	\$551,016.48	68%
Economic Support/Lost Wages	\$157,491.09	20%
Funeral/Burial Expenses	\$34,950.00	4%
Other Expenses	\$5,425.90	1%
TOTAL	\$804,970.06	100%

Amy Greer, coordinator of the Victim Compensation Program, and the compensation staff and board members, deserve recognition for their work during this difficult time. They, along with other members of the District Attorney's office and the victims community, worked tirelessly to reach as many victims as possible and to ensure that all victims were compensated fairly.

No one would wish a "Columbine" on anyone. However, the fact of the matter is that it did happen and we should all be proud of the way the 1st Judicial District's Victim Compensation Program rose to the occasion to help those in need. I'm certain that any one of our compensation programs would have done just the same!

* The number of claims paid does not equal the number of victims served because more than one victim may receive services under a single claim.

Help End Domestic Violence

Support the Domestic Abuse Program Fund

by Trish Thibodo,

Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Each year, taxpayers are given the opportunity by the state of Colorado to contribute to the **Domestic Abuse Program Fund**. All you have to do is enter the amount you wish to contribute on your Colorado Income Tax Form. Donations to this fund help support critical domestic violence services provided by community-based programs across Colorado. These agencies provide 24-hour crisis line response, emergency safe shelter, counseling and advocacy services for battered women and their children and information and referrals for their communities. They also provide extensive community education services to local organizations, schools, and professional groups.

Another way you can help is to tell your tax preparer to recommend the Domestic Abuse Program Fund to other clients. Everyone who believes in the prevention and elimination of domestic abuse should be involved in this effort. In the past year, support by the DAF provided:

- 103,284 Information and Referral Calls Answered
- 43,224 Advocacy Calls
- 96,539 Nights of Shelter to Women and Children
- 47,795 Victims Receiving Individual Counseling
- 23,858 Group and Individual Counseling for Children

These numbers are a fraction of the good your contribution can do. CCADV, on behalf of domestic violence service providers throughout the state, is asking that everyone reading this to make a donation to the Domestic Abuse Program Fund. It takes the concerted efforts of taxpayers throughout Colorado to aid victims of domestic violence and their families.

**Show Your Caring For All Victims
Of Domestic Abuse
Help Eliminate Domestic Abuse**

Donate generously to the Domestic Abuse Program Fund
and ask your friends and family to do the same!

VRA Update

by Rebecca Oakes

The January 2002 edition of *Connections* contained an article that identified the “Top Ten List of VRA Complaints”. It is important to remember that DCJ frequently receives complaints concerning issues that are *not* covered by the VRA. Below is our “Top Ten List” of complaints that are *not* within the purview of the VRA.

	“Top Ten List” of Complaints NOT Within the Purview of the VRA	DCJ Comments
1	Law Enforcement Investigations	The decision of law enforcement officials to investigate an alleged crime, and the manner in which they do so, is not within the purview of the VRA and is not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. Additionally, if a law enforcement officer does not believe there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, the decision whether to arrest someone, to issue a summons and complaint, or to refer the case to the District Attorney’s Office is not within the purview of the VRA. The VRA Subcommittee cannot substitute its judgment for that of a law enforcement officer.
2	Decision of a District Attorney’s Office to Refuse Filing of Charges & Decision of a District Attorney’s Office Regarding Appropriate Charges To File	The decision of a D.A.’s Office not to file charges against an individual, as well as the decision regarding what charges are appropriate to file, are issues that are not within the purview of the VRA, and are not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. The D.A.’s Office is by law the ultimate authority regarding what charges, if any, would be appropriate to file and which charges would be supported by the facts of a case as presented to them. The VRA Subcommittee cannot compel a District Attorney to file criminal charges against an individual. The VRA Subcommittee cannot substitute its judgment for that of a District Attorney or Deputy District Attorney.
3	Plea Agreements	The decision of the D.A.’s Office to offer a plea agreement that they believe would lead to the best outcome of a case is not within the purview of the VRA and is not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. The D.A. is required to consult with a victim prior to offering a plea agreement. Even if the victim is not in agreement with the proposed plea, the D.A. has the responsibility of making the appropriate disposition in a criminal case. As previously stated, the VRA Subcommittee cannot substitute its judgment for that of a District Attorney or Deputy District Attorney.
4	Decision of a District Attorney’s Office to Dismiss Charges	If a D.A.’s Office believes that they are unable to prove a case beyond a reasonable doubt, and subsequently dismiss charges against an individual, the decision to dismiss is not within the purview of the VRA and is not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. Additionally, if the D.A.’s Office believes that charges should be dismissed in the interest of justice, they are ethically obligated to dismiss the charges. The D.A.’s Office is responsible for determining whether or not a case can be proven in a court of law, given the evidence available to them. Again, the VRA Subcommittee cannot substitute its judgment for that of a District Attorney or Deputy District Attorney.
5	Police Misconduct	Allegations of police misconduct are not within the purview of the VRA, and should be addressed by a superior officer or by the Internal Affairs Bureau of the law enforcement agency. However, if an individual is a victim of a crime enumerated in the VRA, and feels that a law enforcement official denied them their right to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity, that issue <i>would</i> be within the purview of the VRA and could be reviewed by the VRA Subcommittee.
6	Municipal Crimes	Victims of municipal crimes are not protected by the VRA. Specifically, C.R.S. §24-4.1-302.5(3) states that “municipalities and municipal courts shall be <i>encouraged</i> to adopt policies which afford the rights granted to crime victims pursuant to this section to crime victims at the municipal court level, to the extent the adoption of such policies is practicable in the particular municipality”. It should be noted, however, that many municipalities do make concerted efforts to provide victims of municipal crimes with notification of case status, scheduled court hearings, etc. Complaints or concerns of a victim of a municipal crime should be addressed by a supervisor or superior within the alleged offending agency, as they are not within the purview of the VRA and therefore not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee.

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	“Top Ten List” of Complaints NOT Within the Purview of the VRA	DCJ Comments
7	Corrections—Movement to a Less-Secure Facility	The <i>decision to move</i> an offender to a less-secure or non-secure facility is not within the purview of the VRA and is not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. However, if a victim has requested that they continue to receive notification after an offender has been sentenced, they do have the right (under C.R.S. §24-4.1-302(2)(p)) to be notified if an offender is transferred to or placed in a non-secured facility.
8	Victims of Crimes NOT Enumerated in §C.R.S. 24-4.1-302(1)(a) through (ff)	Many District Attorney’s Offices, law enforcement agencies, probation departments and others attempt to afford victims of crimes <i>NOT</i> enumerated in the VRA with particular rights; particularly notification of case status, of critical stages, the right to request restitution, etc. However, due to the volume of cases, this often is not practicable as these agencies must concentrate their efforts on those victims who are protected by statute under the VRA. Complaints or concerns of a victim of a crime not enumerated in the VRA should be addressed by a superior or supervisor within the alleged offending agency, as they are not within the purview of the VRA and therefore not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee.
9	Sequestration Orders	The decision of the Court or the D.A.’s Office to exclude a victim from the courtroom during testimony is not within the purview of the VRA and is not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. C.R.S. §24-4.1-303(6)(a) specifically states that the victim may be present “ <i>unless the Court or the district attorney determines that exclusion of the victim is necessary to protect the defendant’s right to a fair trial, or the confidentiality of juvenile proceedings</i> ”.
10	Decision of Victim Compensation Board to Deny Claim	Decisions made by Victim Compensation Boards are not within the purview of the VRA and are not reviewable by the VRA Subcommittee. Victims who express dissatisfaction with the decision of a Victim Compensation Board are entitled to request an appeal of the decision. The VRA states that victims are to receive information regarding the <i>availability</i> of Victim Compensation, but it does not state that victims are entitled to receive payment on any claim.

DCJ Drug Unit

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must be devoted to criminal history records improvements. A prescribed formula dictates that 60 percent of funds must be awarded to local government projects, leaving 40 percent for projects in state government agencies.

The largest share of Colorado’s Byrne resources are invested in multi-jurisdictional task forces—alliances of law enforcement agencies that work across their normal boundaries. There are 14 Byrne-funded task forces throughout the state. Most task forces are devoted to drug enforcement. In addition, funds can be spent on substance abuse treatment for prisoners,

local crime prevention projects, research, school resource officers and risk focused prevention activities.

Non-profits can participate, but the project must be tied to an identified need by local government which is also the applicant agency. Each year, about 80 projects are funded. Funding is limited to no more than 48 months of support for most projects, with yearly applications for continued funding required. Only task forces can be supported for more than 48 months, to as many years as deemed necessary by local government.

Funding is determined by a competitive process. A governor-

appointed advisory board makes recommendations to DCJ, which, in turn, produces a final list for review and approval by Gov. Bill Owens. The opportunity to apply is announced in early October each year. Applications for 2002 funding were due in January this year. Applicants will be notified about the status of their applications at several steps along the way with a final notice of a grant sent in May each year so that projects can begin on the first of July.

For more information about Byrne or other ODSCI grants, contact Stacey Alles, Teresa Cummins, Donna Hackley or Lance Clem at DCJ.

FFY2001 VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Grant Awards

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Grant Award Period 4/1/02–3/31/03

GRANT # 21-VW	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
0-3	Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence <i>Denver</i>	\$18,725	The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) Statewide Criminal Justice Advocacy Project works to improve the safety of victims of domestic violence by researching criminal justice issues as they pertain to domestic violence, by the development and implementation of initiatives to improve criminal justice response to DV concerns, and by the provision of training and technical assistance.
0-5	Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, CCASA <i>Denver</i>	\$89,228	Through training, development of protocols and policy, and specialized technical assistance, CCASA helps victim service providers, prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and medical professionals to identify and respond more effectively to violent crimes against women.
0-6	Colorado District Attorney's Council <i>Golden</i>	\$99,188	The Ending Violence Against Women Project, (EVAW) is a multi-disciplinary collaborative project that provides statewide training and technical assistance to criminal justice workers in Colorado on cases involving violence against women. Specifically, the project uses law enforcement officers, prosecutors, medical providers and victim services workers to train criminal justice workers in mostly rural areas. Also, the EVAW project offers ongoing support and technical assistance to regional training teams (modeled after EVAW) and coordinated community councils around Colorado.
1-2	District Attorney's Office, 1st Jud. Dist. <i>Golden</i>	\$64,001	The project supports specialized domestic violence training for county court deputies with an experienced prosecutor who serves as a co-prosecutor, mentor, and trainer. The Deputy District Attorney works daily in the County Court Domestic Violence Fast Track assisting newer prosecutors in screening cases, advising witnesses, deciding offers, and in going to trial. Local law enforcement officers receive training as well. This process benefits the victims in County Court today and builds DV expertise as each deputy moves up into juvenile or District Court.
1-26	Victim Outreach Information, Inc. <i>Golden</i>	\$37,680	This project provides needed law enforcement-based advocacy to adult female victims of sexual assault and domestic violence related crimes and to all children who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in the project's target cities and county.
1-40	Jefferson County, Sheriff's Department <i>Golden</i>	\$13,491	This project will provide domestic violence investigative services in unincorporated Jefferson County through the use of a .50 FTE assigned investigator within the investigations division of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.
1-46	Family Tree Women in Crisis <i>Wheat Ridge</i>	\$20,000	This project provides an experienced domestic violence advocate in court to help victims of domestic violence obtain restraining orders and to continue to improve delivery of service to racial, cultural, ethnic and language minorities.
1-65	Probation Department, 1st Judicial District <i>Golden</i>	\$45,542	The 1st Judicial Probation Department's Domestic Violence Unit will continue and expand services to women who are victims of domestic violence crime and whose defendants are court-ordered to probation for supervision and pre-sentence-investigation. These services include: notification, resource referrals, criminal justice advocacy, safety planning, needs assessments, offender containment and offender assessment verification.

GRANT # 21-VW	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2-1	Project Safeguard <i>Denver</i>	\$48,492	This project consists of CourtWatch and Denver Metro DV Fatality Review Committee which utilize domestic violence situations to stimulate social change. CourtWatch assesses the response of the civil and criminal justice systems to uphold the rights of DV victims. The Committee analyzes DV deaths and seeks to provide system and community social change for the prevention of future fatalities by use of education and policy reform.
2-4	Colorado Nonprofit Development Center— Colorado Anti-Violence Program <i>Denver</i>	\$20,300	This project will provide direct services to lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women who are victims of hate violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault via its 24-hour statewide crisis line, as well as through extended client services such as victim advocacy and case management.
2-12	Colorado Legal Services <i>Colorado Springs</i>	\$40,950	This project provides attorney representation to victims of DV and SA who are seeking permanent restraining orders in the courts of Adams, El Paso, Pueblo and Teller Counties. Victim advocates from Project Safeguard, T.E.S.S.A. and the Pueblo YWCA will continue to refer victims to our project for representation.
2-14	Domestic Violence Initiative <i>Denver</i>	\$11,480	DVI provides training to agencies (systems & nonprofit) and their personnel to identify and define standards for accessible services for disabled women. Outreach extends statewide to areas beyond the Denver metro area that don not have access to the same information metro agencies share through the distribution of materials, manuals and technical assistance.
2-32	Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP) <i>Denver</i>	\$64,800	The Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP) provides victim advocacy and counseling services that meet the specific needs of victims of sexual violence. VAWA funding partially supports the Victim Advocacy Program and the Counseling Services Program.
2-39	SafeHouse Denver, Inc. <i>Denver</i>	\$31,747	This project will expand the Outreach Bilingual Program by providing individual advocacy, education, safety planning, and group support to monolingual Spanish speaking women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This includes maintaining and building existing collaborative relationships to best provide services and unduplicated programming.
2-41	Justice Information Center, Inc. <i>Denver</i>	\$15,000	This project educates the public as to the unique issues faced by immigrant victims seeking access to the judicial system, and provides legal assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in a comprehensive and culturally competent manner.
2-42	AMEND <i>Denver</i>	\$31,268	AMEND provides trainings across the state of Colorado on domestic violence. This project includes trainings on the DV batterer as a criminal, identifying predominant aggressors, distinguishing between female batterers, risk assessment on batterers, and dating violence. The target audience includes law enforcement, prosecution, probation, treatment providers, victim service providers, and Social Services.
2-47	Denver District Attorney's Office <i>Denver</i>	\$81,767	The proposed project focuses on policy development and improvements in Denver's criminal justice response to domestic violence. The project continues to focus on developing specialized prosecution within the District Attorney's Office as well as more cooperative and collaborative endeavors with Denver's other criminal justice agencies to ensure a system response that will more effectively contain perpetrators, increase victim safety and maximize effective prosecution of DV cases. A long term focus will include developing technological resources to share information across systems, ensuring all agencies have timely access to relevant information.
2-57	Denver Victims Service Center <i>Denver</i>	\$10,000	The Crisis services for Elderly Women program works in cooperation with other DVSC programs to provide crisis intervention and support services to elderly and/or disabled women who are victims of crime from the crisis intervention stage through prosecution and post-trial recovery. These services include outreach to targeted populations, counseling, assessment, advocacy, escort, and information and referral services.
2-66	Maria Droste Services of Colorado Inc. <i>Denver</i>	\$5,000	The Survivors Mental Health Program provides mental health services, including intake assessment, individual therapy, group therapy, medication management and crisis intervention/case management services, to adult survivors of violence who have serious mental illness.

GRANT # 21-VW	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
3-9	Advocates Against Domestic Assault <i>Trinidad</i>	\$22,920	The project provides comprehensive services to DV victims utilizing the residential shelter, and addresses the immediate and on-going needs of sexual assault victims and survivors.
4-36	T.E.S.S.A. <i>Colorado Springs</i>	\$28,131	T.E.S.S.A.'s Sexual Assault Program maintains the community's only rape crisis line and provides advocacy, individual and group counseling to sexual assault survivors.
4-51	City of Woodland Park <i>Woodland Park</i>	\$11,112	This project is a collaborative effort between the Woodland Park Police Department and the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office extends the DV Fast Track victim services program throughout the District; specifically into Teller County, via supporting a .25 FTE victim's advocate position. This project facilitates victim participation in the Fast Track adjudication process, provides application assistance with Temporary Restraining Orders, and ensures that the statutorily mandated elements of the VRA are provided to DV victims.
5-19	Advocates of Lake County, Inc. <i>Leadville</i>	\$8,000	This project services to female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Lake County, CO.
5-28	Advocates for Victims of Assault <i>Frisco</i>	\$5,000	This award continues partial funding of the emergency location for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children.
6-8	Violence Prevention Coalition of SW Colorado <i>Durango</i>	\$90,519	The project provides continued coordination and collaboration of systemic improvements through policy development/revision, implementation, tracking, and overall program monitoring. It provides enhancements of direct victim services for under served populations; support for the safehouse, and for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program.
7-22	Tri-County Resource Center <i>Montrose</i>	\$10,940	This project will continue to provide outreach to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Ouray County by staffing two satellite offices in the county, continuing to staff the Coordinating Council in Ouray County, providing education support to law enforcement, court system and community as requested, and continuing compensation for the SANE coordinator.
7-34	Gunnison County, Sheriff's Department <i>Gunnison</i>	\$12,482	This project provides direct services to victims of crime reported to law enforcement agencies in the Gunnison County jurisdiction, particularly adult female and child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
7-61	District Attorney's Office, 7th Jud. Dist. <i>Montrose</i>	\$27,302	This project is a vertical prosecution model for all sex crimes in the 7th Judicial District. Funds provide for the portion of the Deputy District Attorney's position spent on cases involving adult female victims only. Unit provides victim services, assists in investigations of sex crimes and prosecutes all cases, child or adult victims, within the judicial district.
8-30	Crossroads Safehouse <i>Windsor</i>	\$20,000	Crossroads Safehouse Legal Liaison program provides court accompaniment, practical information, and emotional support to domestic violence victims who seek restraining orders and/or must attend court for bond hearings, arraignments, and sentencing hearings.
8-58	Estes Valley Victim Advocates, Inc. <i>Estes Park</i>	\$3,926	This award partially supports volunteer supervision, training, and coordination to provide services to adult female victims of violent crime in the Estes Valley.
8-59	District Attorney's Office, 8th Jud. Dist. <i>Fort Collins</i>	\$34,248	This award funds the Loveland Victim Advocate who serves victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in the Southern portion of Larimer County (Loveland, Estes Park, Berthoud, Rocky Mountain National Park), and provides partial funding for dedicated court clerk position in support of a new DV fast-track program.
8-64	Larimer County, Sheriff's Department <i>Fort Collins</i>	\$5,000	The Victim Response Assistant ensures that direct contact and services are provided to victims of SA and/or DV by telephone or in person and ensures that an advocate attends bond hearing when needed.
9-20	Advocate/Safehouse Project <i>Glenwood Springs</i>	\$10,000	This project enhances and ensures the agency's ability to provide outreach and education to the Latino community in Garfield County regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and the agency's services.
9-60	Colorado West Regional Mental Health <i>Glenwood Springs</i>	\$9,692	The Latino Women's Project enhances the human service delivery system available to Latino women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence through collaboration with other organizations around current services. Additionally, the Project provides education and outreach to the Latino community and professional mental health treatment, advocacy and case management services to Latino women victims.

GRANT # 21-VV	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
10-24	YWCA of Pueblo <i>Pueblo</i>	\$8,000	The YWCA of Pueblo's VAWA project provides for legal assistance to victims of domestic violence, including helping victims get temporary restraining orders and providing court accompaniment.
10-56	District Attorney's Office, 10th Jud. Dist. <i>Pueblo</i>	\$54,275	This DV Fast Track Program is an expedited DV court docket when a mandatory arrest is made in a misdemeanor DV case. The reports are forwarded to the DA Victim Assistant, who contacts the victim to reassure and provide information. The defendant appears in court the next business day and the victim has the opportunity to speak with the Victim Assistant and the Deputy DA and discuss the outcome of the case.
11-33	Alliance Against Domestic Abuse <i>Salida</i>	\$8,524	This project will provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention, financial assistance, peer and support group counseling, court advocacy, assistance with restraining orders and divorce papers, information and referrals and referrals to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Salida area.
11-35	District Attorney's Office, 11th Jud. Dist. <i>Canon City</i>	\$34,103	This award supports .50 FTE of a prosecutor position in a DV fast-track program which requires rapid compliance of the Domestic Violence Offender pursuant to advisement, bond proceedings, pleading, and sentencing, and requires expeditious victim notification, victim feedback, victim services, and victim relief.
11-67	Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center <i>Salida</i>	\$7,500	HRRMC provides sexual assault examinations by a trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner in rural Chaffee and some surrounding counties.
12-7	Alamosa County, Sheriff's Department <i>Alamosa</i>	\$10,000	This award helps to support the Alamosa County Sheriff's Office Victim Response Unit which is a first response team providing crisis intervention and community referrals to the victims of crime in the city and county of Alamosa.
12-11	Tu Casa, Inc. <i>Alamosa</i>	\$42,000	This project provides counseling & advocacy services in English and Spanish to victims of domestic violence & sexual assault throughout the San Luis Valley and provides training about domestic violence & sexual assault to law enforcement officers and other community professionals.
12-23	Rio Grande County, Sheriff's Department <i>Del Norte</i>	\$5,472	This award helps support first response to adult female victims of violent crime, domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as crisis intervention referrals, emotional support, and follow up care to the victims in our community.
12-27	Saguache County, Sheriff's Office <i>Saguache</i>	\$12,875	This project provides first response crisis intervention, community referrals, and encouragement for victim recovery for women on a 24-hour, seven day a week basis by the Saguache County Sheriff's Office.
12-45	District Attorney's Office, 12th Jud. Dist. <i>Alamosa</i>	\$14,000	This award helps support vigorous, consistent prosecution of DV/SA cases District-wide.
12-54	Costilla County Sheriff's Department <i>San Luis</i>	\$16,341	This project provides first response crisis intervention, community referrals, and encouragement for victim recovery for women on a 24 hour, seven day a week basis.
13-13	High Plains Sexual Assault Center <i>Sterling</i>	\$14,040	This project provides services to aid victim/survivors of sexual assault and to enable recovery.
13-38	Yuma County, Sheriff's Department <i>Wray</i>	\$3,750	This award partially supports the salary of the coordinator of the Yuma County Victim Assistance program which assists victims and their families within 24 hours with crisis intervention, liaison between law enforcement and victims, victim compensation applications, therapy referrals, follow-up phone calls, meetings in person and court room advocacy.
13-48	District Attorney's Office, 13th Jud. Dist. <i>Fort Morgan</i>	\$6,927	This award supports the salary of a municipal court victim advocate who provides services to female victims of domestic violence including courtroom advocacy, victim notification, victim impact statements, and restitution compilation.
13-50	Kit Carson County, Sheriff's Department <i>Burlington</i>	\$7,900	This award provides partial support for the Kit Carson County Victim Assistance Program whose Victim Advocates assist victims by responding to on-scene crisis, in completing compensation applications, therapy referrals, follow-up phone calls, in-person contacts and courtroom advocacy.

GRANT # 21-VW	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
14-25	ADVOCATES: Victims Assistance Team <i>Hot Sulphur Springs</i>	\$23,412	This project involves strengthening and expanding: 1) it's established comprehensive program of victim services, 2) it's formal and informal training of law enforcement, court personnel, prosecutors, clergy and medical personnel, 3) it's coordination of community-wide delivery of victim services, and 4) it's community outreach efforts, especially to improve the access of the county's disabled and senior populations to ADVOCATES' services.
14-31	Advocates-Crisis Support Services <i>Craig</i>	\$18,456	This project is s countywide collaboration to continue the provision of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program and a Sexual Assault Response Team to improve sexual assault system response and enhance services to victims in a remote rural community.
15-15	Domestic Safety Resource Center <i>Lamar</i>	\$25,000	This award provides satellite office in remote rural areas to encourage access and ensure direct client services to victims of DV/SA and their children, and enhanced efforts to coordinate services with law enforcement and other professionals.
16-16	Arkansas Valley Resource Center <i>La Junta</i>	\$26,488	This award supports Satellite offices which provide access to underserved DV/SA victims.
16-52	District Attorney's Office, 16th Jud. Dist. <i>La Junta</i>	\$42,482	This project provides prosecution services for cases involving domestic violence and sexual assaults against women, and provides for training of local law enforcement officers by improving skills for the detection and investigation of DV/SA cases.
17-55	Centura St. Anthony North Hospital <i>Denver</i>	\$13,800	This award helps support a SANE project which will provide high quality, comprehensive forensic exams for 130 victims of sexual assault.
18-10	Probation Department, 18th Judicial Dist. <i>Littleton</i>	\$18,339	This award continues support for a model program which enhances victim safety by probation's monitoring of offender behavior through increased collaboration between victim advocates, treatment providers, courts, District Attorney's Office and law enforcement.
18-17	Wellness Foundation/Eastern Plains <i>Limon</i>	\$6,075	This award supports this 24-hour, 7-day crisis hotline staffed out the Women's crisis Center in Castle Rock, and provides partial support for the Project Director's salary.
18-43	District Attorney's Office, 18th Jud. Dist. <i>Englewood</i>	\$37,082	This award supports the domestic violence programs in the District Attorney's Office which provide immediate contact with victims, provide referrals, discuss Victims' Rights and give Criminal Justice System education. Additionally, the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Fast Track Program enables prosecutors to quickly and efficiently assess misdemeanor domestic violence cases promoting the swiftness of justice and immediate social intervention.
19-44	A Woman's Place, Inc. <i>Greeley</i>	\$14,166	This project reaches migrant/seasonal workers/Latino families dealing with domestic violence by breaking down cultural and language barriers that keep them from receiving victim services in southern Weld/northern Adams Counties.
19-53	Sexual Assault Survivors, Inc. <i>Evans</i>	\$3,000	This project supports comprehensive training, policies, procedures, and collaborations that improve or enhance response to violence against women, particularly sexual violence against women, community awareness of sexual violence, and improvements to response for women from minority or underserved populations.
19-62	Platteville Police Department <i>Platteville</i>	\$7,904	This project provides on-scene immediate crisis intervention and referral to women who are victims of crime, specifically women residing within the rural areas of Southern Weld County.
20-21	MESA, Moving to End Sexual Assault <i>Boulder</i>	\$62,234	MESA's client services program provides comprehensive services for primary and secondary SA victims that include a 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling, information and referrals, as well as a SANE program. Additionally, this project focuses on providing services to victims who have previously been underserved (e.g. Spanish-speaking clients, low SES status).
20-29	Boulder County Safehouse <i>Boulder</i>	\$31,000	This project is designed to improve battered women's access to and success within the civil and criminal justice systems of Boulder County, increase the availability of counseling for English and Spanish-speaking victims of domestic violence, and assist families in securing economic viability as they transition out of crisis and danger.
20-37	Longmont Coalition For Women In Crisis <i>Longmont</i>	\$31,952	The Enhanced Outreach Project offers increased access and comprehensive services to victims and survivors of DV against women and their children.

GRANT # 21-VV	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
21-49	Hilltop Community Resources, Inc. <i>Grand Junction</i>	\$5,000	This award helps support Hilltop's SANE program which provides quality services for adult victims of sexual assault while facilitating professional, forensic examinations.
22-18	RENEW, Inc. <i>Cortez</i>	\$18,082	This award provides funding for a part-time coordinator and operating costs for VPC which results in enhancement of services to women victims of violence for Renew, Inc., Southwest Safehouse, and Law Enforcement's Victim Response Program.
22-63	District Attorney's Office, 22nd Jud. Dist. <i>Cortez</i>	\$6,240	This award supports a DV Specialist position which provides notification and court accompaniment to DV victims.
TOTAL		\$1,684,350	

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GRANT # 22-SA	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
1-3	Front Range Center for Assault Prevention <i>Arvada</i>	\$10,000	The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project a program of the Front Range Center for Assault Prevention is a nationally recognized community based primary prevention program who's goal is to reduce the vulnerability of children to assault. CAP teaches children how to recognize potentially dangerous situation and gives them strategies to deal with those situations. It is the ultimate goal of the Front Range Center for Assault Prevention to reduce the vulnerability of children to all forms of assault.
2-1	Project PAVE, Inc. <i>Denver</i>	\$9,618	The project includes three components: (1) sex assault violence prevention education for K-12 classrooms for 12 schools; (2) curriculum development and delivery of new sex assault booster prevention program for 8th graders; and (3) sexual assault prevention training for Girl Scout in-school facilitators.
2-2	Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP) <i>Denver</i>	\$35,000	The Rape Assistance and Awareness Program (RAAP) presents age appropriate sexual violence prevention curricula to children, youth, teachers, parents, and others who work with youth throughout metro-Denver. SAPF funding will partially support RAAP's Abuse Prevention Training (APT) Program.
2-6	Asian Pacific Development Center <i>Denver</i>	\$12,262	Project will provide information and education to Asian American/Pacific Islander (AA/PI) women and youth on acquaintance/date rape and violence, workshops, and staff.

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3-4	Advocates Against Domestic Assault <i>Trinidad</i>	\$5,460	This project will provide sexual assault prevention education to specific target groups in the 3rd Judicial District.
6-5	Rape Intervention Team, Inc. <i>Durango</i>	\$6,805	CAPP is part of the National Child Assault Prevention Program, which works to break the cycles of child sexual abuse by educating children, teachers, parents and the community as a whole, about the issue of child sexual abuse. CAPP is a community-based abuse prevention program, which enlists all members of the community to be responsible for children in the community.
8-7	Poudre School District <i>Fort Collins</i>	\$17,000	The SART Peers program is unique in that it is a school district sponsored program which strives to reduce the incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment among today's youth.
8-8	Alternatives to Violence, Inc. <i>Loveland</i>	\$3,796	This project allows Alternatives to Violence to continue our collaboration with the Thompson R-2J School District in developing, coordinating, and presenting age-appropriate sexual assault and sexual harassment awareness programs to middle school and high school students, school personnel and parents. Through the programs, participants explore the issues pertaining to sexual harassment and sexual assault, and also become aware of the counseling, support group, and advocacy services offered by Alternatives to Violence.
8-9	Larimer Center for Mental Health <i>Fort Collins</i>	\$14,375	This project is comprised of several components designed to support a central theatrical performance of a play named "Until Someone Wakes Up". The play informs, entertains and challenges adolescent audience members to examine their own belief systems about sexual assault. Trained counselors, peer educators and cast members are available post performance to facilitate discussions, process content with audience members and explore concepts of gender role socialization and its connection to gender based violence.
12-10	Tu Casa, Inc. <i>Alamosa</i>	\$35,000	The Tu Casa Sexual Assault Prevention Education Program collaborates with 14 school districts, Adams State College, Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program, and various community agencies that serve youth to provide age-appropriate presentations and training to K-12 students, parents, school staff, and professionals who work with youth about sexual violence. In addition, Tu Casa serves as mentors to the Archuleta County violence prevention program and the Adams State College Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
13-16	High Plains Sexual Assault Center <i>Sterling</i>	\$8,190	The High Plains Sexual Assault Center provides prevention/education programs and services to the communities of rural northeast Colorado.
14-17	ADVOCATES: Victims Assistance Team <i>Hot Sulphur Springs</i>	\$2,974	This project strengthens, expand and continues established sexual assault prevention education program in the schools, and continues the agency's work with relevant agencies (law enforcement, prosecutors, public health nurse, clinics, etc.) to strengthen community-wide plan for preventing sexual assault and educate them as to the common role sexual assault plays in situations of DV. Preventive education sessions are presented to a large population of young seasonal employees.
14-18	Advocates-Crisis Support Services <i>Craig</i>	\$9,000	Provides partial salary for the Advocates-Crisis Support Services Youth Services Coordinator to continue the provision of a sexual assault peer prevention program in Moffat County.
19-11	Child Advocacy Resource & Education, Inc. <i>Evans</i>	\$12,000	This project is comprehensive prevention project which teaches children and adolescents resistance skills to handle and ultimately prevent abuse situations. This school and community based program concentrates on how children and adolescents can protect themselves from unwanted touch and how to report an abusive situation. Children are empowered through use of discussion, pictures, songs, videos and puppets to learn skills to keep themselves safe. The Program is made available to both English and Spanish speaking populations.
19-12	Sexual Assault Survivors, Inc. <i>Evans</i>	\$9,000	This project trains and enables high school-aged Peer Educators to present sexual assault prevention and community resources materials to youth and adults in Weld County; it also supports community prevention/awareness activities.

GRANT # 22-SA	AGENCY/CITY	FUNDING RECEIVED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
19-14	University of Northern Colorado <i>Greeley</i>	\$8,500	This project funds educational sexual assault prevention materials and programming for male college students at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). The educational messages will be based on positive social norms, which will come from data currently being collected from UNC undergraduates. Male peer educators will present prevention programming built on positive social norms to all male groups, such as athletic teams and fraternities.
20-13	MESA, Moving to End Sexual Assault <i>Boulder</i>	\$35,000	The Prevention Education Program provides educational presentations and workshops to middle and high school age students as well as adults in Boulder County. The goal of the project is to increase knowledge of sexual violence and its prevention among members of our community.
20-15	Blue Sky Bridge <i>Boulder</i>	\$6,000	This project features a multifaceted approach to child sexual abuse prevention. The project is comprised of three distinct programs including; (1) Community-based presentations on sexual assault (2) Sponsorship of a special public event for young children and their parents, "Story Time" to raise public awareness about child sexual abuse, and (3) Development and maintenance of a sexual abuse prevention - oriented internet site.

TOTAL \$239,980

UPCOMING EVENTS

2002 COVA CONFERENCE

It's not too early to start making your plans to attend the 2002 COVA Conference. The conference dates this year are November 10-13, in Keystone. Be sure to mark your calendar!

NOVA Regional Community Crisis Response Team Trainings

NOVA added a training session after the publication date of their brochure and the location is right here in Colorado.

Basic Crisis Response Team Regional Training Institute (40 hours) will be held from June 10-14, 2002, in Thornton (Adams County). The location of the training is currently being confirmed, but if you wish to attend this training, you may write in "Thornton, CO" on your registration form.

Statewide Local VALE and Victim Compensation Conference

The Local VALE and Victim Compensation Conference Committee have an exciting agenda planned for this year's conference! The local VALE portion of the conference starts on Wednesday, May 15 and runs through midday on Thursday, May 16. The Victim Compensation portion of the conference starts on Thursday, May 16 and runs through midday on Friday, May 17. Workshop topics include an introduction to local VALE and victim compensation, how to manage victim compensation funds and how to find local monies for victim services. In addition, traditional favorites like a discussion of hot topics and board member roundtables are also scheduled.

This year's conference is being held in Glenwood Springs at the historic Hotel Colorado. This conference, which occurs just every other year, is a great place to relax, learn from fellow board and staff members and to keep up on pertinent issues. If you have questions about the conference, please call Debbie Kasyon at (303) 239-4402.

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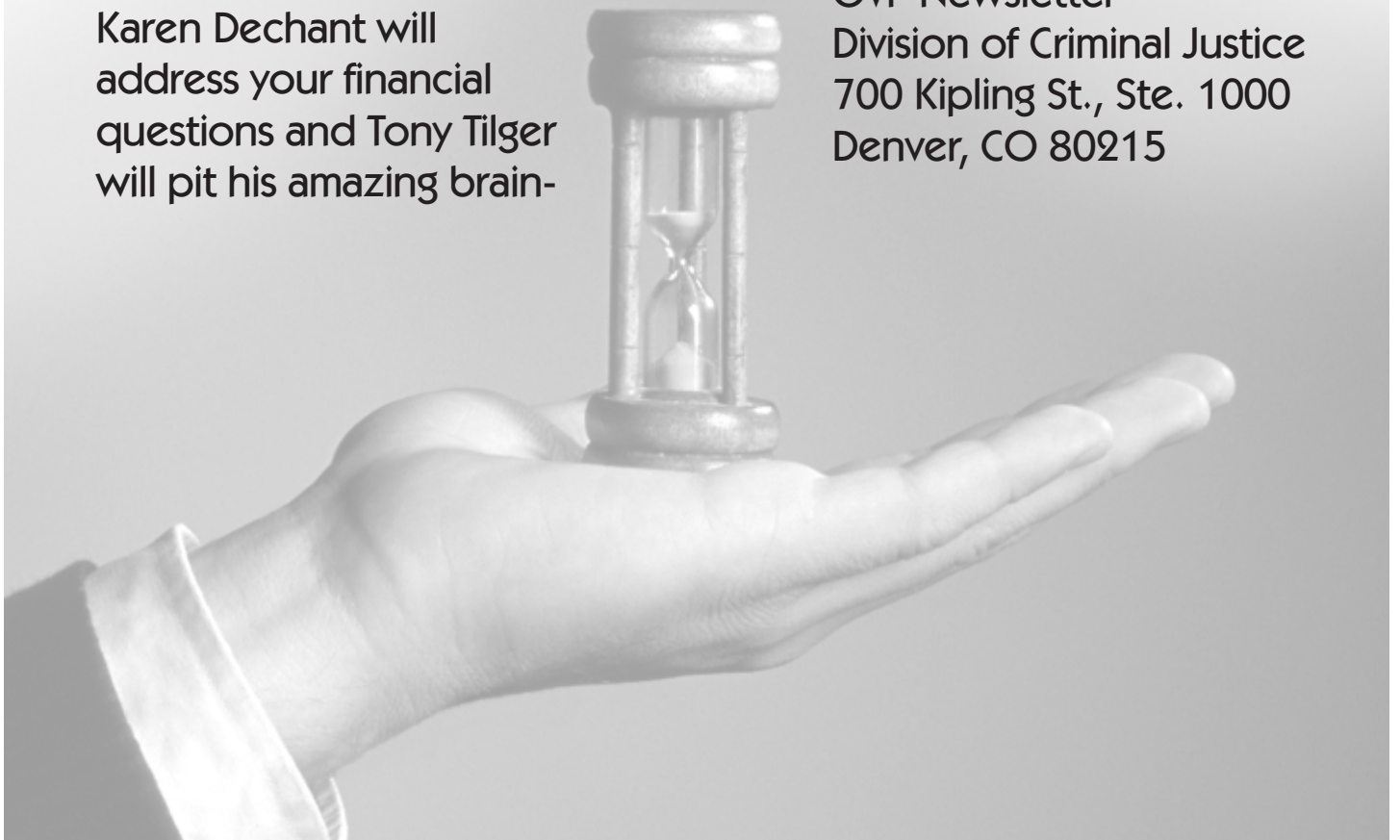
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Two new columns dedicated to grant questions are making their debut in our next issue – “*By the Numbers*” and “*Stump the Grant Geek.*”

Karen Dechant will address your financial questions and Tony Tilger will pit his amazing brain-

power against your programmatic questions! If you would like to submit a question, please send it to:

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May 15-17: Local VALE and Victims Compensation Conference, Glenwood Springs at the historic Hotel Colorado; **April 20-May 3:** Colorado Victim Assistance Academy, Glenwood Springs (sponsored by COVA); **June 10-14:** NOVA Regional Community Crisis Training, Thornton, CO

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