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The Crime Victim Services Advisory Board currently has two openings. One is for a Chief of Police and the other is for a victim of a major crime. The Crime Victim Services Advisory Board is a 26 member Board that is charged with many responsibilities related to victim services in Colorado.

The CVS Board responsibilities include the following:

- Making statewide grant funding recommendations for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) federal funds, as well as State Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) funds.
- Enforcement of the Victims' Rights Act;
- Revisions to the Local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) and Victim's Compensation Standards and the enforcement of those Standards;
- Overseeing the "Compensation from Benefits of Crime" statute, which prohibits offenders from profiting from their crimes.

This year marks a significant milestone in the work of victim services on a national level, as Congress has increased the amount that each state will receive as part of its VOCA awards. Colorado's new appropriation will be approximately \$32.5 million, up from \$7 million the year before.

The CVS Board meets once in February (the first Friday in February) for an annual planning and business meeting. During the years that the Board has a funding process (which is every other year with the next funding process taking place in 2016), there are additional meetings. The Board has a subcommittee model that enables members to scrutinize about 30-35 grant applications for a more in-depth review and for a particular geographical region. Each Subcommittee meets for one full day prior to the larger, two-day funding meeting, usually in June or July. In the past, the two-day funding meeting has taken place in August. We will be working with the Board to see how the increase in VOCA funds will affect the current meeting framework.

Some of the CVS Board members are on the Victim Rights Act (VRA) Subcommittee, which is made up of seven members and other CVS Board members are on the Standards Subcommittee, which is made up of eight members.

If you are interested in applying for the Victim Compensation Board member position on the CVS Board, you would need to fill out an application, which is available on our website at: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/dcj-victim-program/home/additional-information/crime-victims-services-advisory-board>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Kissell at the Office for Victims Programs at (303) 239-4437. Thank you!

