Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	**Project Life Saver- BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities**
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities that funds the purchase of tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs, in the amount of $150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	**Muscogee County Sheriff's Office**

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities that funds the purchase of tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs, in the amount of $150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: the BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities grant is to reduce deaths and injuries with solutions that minimize restrictive interventions, provide a direct link to individuals and families, and impose limits only when essential for a person's safety and well-being.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for, receive, and expend these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the Mayor or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities that funds the purchase of tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs, in the amount of $150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

<center>**A RESOLUTION**</center>

<center>**NO.**</center>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF $150,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, BJA FY25 THE KEVIN AND AVONTE PROGRAM: REDUCING INJURY AND DEATH OF MISSING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES GRANT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO PURCHASE TRACKING TECHNOLOGY USED TO FIND VULNERABLE MISSING PERSONS. IT ALSO FUNDS WANDERING PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND RESCUE PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, to apply for $150,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA); and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to funds will be utilized to purchase tracking technology used to find vulnerable missing persons. It also funds wandering prevention, intervention, and rescue programs; and,

WHEREAS, this grant program is to reduce deaths and injuries with solutions that minimize restrictive interventions, provide a direct link to individuals and families, and impose limits only when essential for a person's safety and well-being; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor or his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, the BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, in the amount of $150,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the
_____day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of
_____members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting   _____.
Councilor Anker voting   _____.
Councilor Chambers voting   _____.
Councilor Cogle voting   _____.
Councilor Crabb voting   _____.
Councilor Davis voting   _____.
Councilor Garrett voting   _____.
Councilor Hickey voting   _____.
Councilor Huff voting   _____.
Councilor Tucker voting   _____.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council   B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor