

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | Bureau of Justice Assistance - FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program Grant |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 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 requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals. |
| INITIATED BY: | Columbus Police Department |

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 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 requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

Background: the BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities grant program was created for the purpose of supporting local efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, Alzheimer’s, or developmental disabilities such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments and is intended for funding programs that will reduce wandering, enhance safety for those who wander, and assist in the rapid location and safe recovery of those at risk individuals.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department will operate this grant program according to grant guidelines with the purpose of funding the AngelSense program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

Financial Considerations: This grant program has no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for this grant on behalf of the Columbus Police Department and if awarded, will be obligated by the terms and conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant to the Columbus Police Department from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the FY25 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 requirement, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This will be used to fund the AngelSense Program, which utilizes state-of-the-art proactive GPS monitoring and real-time mapping to track at risk individuals.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, FROM THE BJA FY25 THE KEVIN AND AVONTE PROGRAM: REDUCING INJURY AND DEATH OF MISSING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for a BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities, grant on behalf of the Columbus Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, this grant program is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and will be awarded and administered by BJA; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department will use the funding from this award for the funding of AngelSense Assistive Technologies; and,

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a BJA FY25 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities grant 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.

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 _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor