

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

This webinar will begin shortly



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Agenda

- **Overview of the Kevin and Avonte Program**
- **Solicitation Categories**
- **Application Review Criteria**
- **Review of Resources Available to Grant Applicants**
- **Questions**

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Kevin and Avonte Program Overview

- Aimed at helping families locate missing loved ones with Alzheimer's Disease, autism, and related conditions
- Legislation supports initiatives that reduce the risk of injury or death of individuals with Dementia and developmental disabilities
- Authorized BJA's ***Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Program***
 - ***Provides funding to law enforcement and public safety agencies to implement technologies to*** track missing individuals and to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase safety, and facilitate rescue

Program History

- Kevin and Avonte's Law enacted in 2018
- Kevin and Avonte's Law is named in honor of two boys with autism who perished after wandering
- Nine-year-old Kevin Curtis Wills wandered from home, slipped into Iowa's Raccoon River and drowned in 2008
- Fourteen-year-old Avonte Oquendo wandered away from his school and drowned in New York City's East River in 2014



Category 1: Proactive Programs

- **Objective:** Funds will be used to support the design, establishment, or operation of holistic, locally based, proactive programs to locate or prevent the wandering of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments
- Awards will be up to \$150,000
- 24 - month performance period starting 10/1/22
- Anticipates making 7 awards

Eligibility

- Healthcare agencies
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS
 - with preference given to nonprofit organizations that work with such entities in planning, designing, establishing, or operating locally based, proactive programs to locate and prevent the wandering of missing individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments
- State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies

Category 1: Proactive Programs

- Increase public awareness of missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia or developmental disabilities
- Provide prevention and response information
- Establish or expand community partnerships between local law enforcement, other public safety agencies, and the communities they serve
- Provide education and training, including online training resources, to first responders, school personnel, clinicians, and the public

Category 1: Proactive Programs

- Provide prevention and response training and emergency protocols to school administrators, school staff, and families or guardians of individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities, to help reduce or prevent the risk of wandering by such individuals
- Develop, operate, or enhance a notification system that generates alerts, advisories, or other information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities

Category 2: Locative Technology

- **Objective:** Funds will be used to support the purchase, development, or implementation of locally based tracking technology for individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments
 - **Funds can not be used to purchase unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV**
- Awards will be up to \$150,000
- 24- month performance period starting 10/1/22
- Anticipates making 7 awards

Eligibility

- Healthcare agencies
- State or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) that perform public safety activities

Category 2: Locative Technology

- Partner with health care agencies or other state or local public safety agencies in the design and establishment of these systems
 - Please include letters of support and/or memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to demonstrate the intent to partner with these agencies
- Participate in and assist in any Office of Justice Programs efforts to develop standards and best practices for the use of non-invasive and non-permanent tracking devices which a guardian or parent has determined to be the least restrictive alternative to locate individuals described above

Application Review Criteria

- **Description of the Issue (15 percent)** — Evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed
- **Project Design and Implementation (40 percent)** — Evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables
- **Capabilities and Competencies (25 percent)** — Evaluate the administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives

Application Review Criteria

- **Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (10 percent)** — Evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data
- **Budget (10 percent)** — Evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities)

Application Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an **SF-424** and an **SF-LLL** at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov)
Deadline – May 19, 2022; 8:59 PM ET
- Step 2: Submit the **full application**, with attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov
Deadline – May 24, 2022; 8:59 PM ET

**NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59pm ET, not 11:59pm ET as in past years.*

Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance.

BJA FY 2022 Resources Available for Grant Applicants

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL.
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
 - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

Application Assistance (cont.)

JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – 833-872-5175
 - Monday – Friday between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM ET
 - Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET
 - **Email**
 - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
 - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Application Assistance and Support (cont.)

OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance.
- **email** - grants@ncjrs.gov
- **web chat** - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources.
 - Sign-up to receive the twice monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter as well as the weekly **Funding News** email.
 - Subscribe at <https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe> and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest.

Resources for FY 2022 Grant Applicants

- OJP Funding Resource Center
<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide
<https://ojp.gov/financilaguidedoj/overview>
- DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training
<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>
- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

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Quick Reference: Important Contacts



Solicitation Content Assistance

1-800-851-3420

Grants@ncjrs.gov

10-6 EST, M-F



Submit the SF-424 and SF- LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

Submit full application

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5-9 EST, M-F

9-5 EST, Weekends, Holidays

Questions?

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