

FY25 THE KEVIN AND AVONTE PROGRAM: REDUCING INJURY AND DEATH OF MISSING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
FEBRUARY 20, 2026
JUSTGRANTS:
FEBRUARY 27, 2026

Who may apply:

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); and other: health care agencies, state or local law enforcement, tribal law enforcement, or other public safety agencies.

Why Apply:

Receive funding to develop or operate programs that prevent the wandering of individuals with forms of dementia (such as Alzheimer's disease) or developmental disabilities (such as autism), increase vulnerable individuals' safety and facilitate rescues, or to implement location tracking technologies to help find missing individuals.

Maximum per award:

• \$150,000 per award, including training and technical assistance.

BJA encourages the following entities to apply

• Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
• Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:

- Provide prevention and response training and emergency protocols.
- Increase public awareness of missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia or developmental disabilities.
- Partner with health care agencies or state or local public safety agencies in the design and use of locative technology.
- Develop or expand community partnerships among local law enforcement, other public safety agencies, and the communities they serve.
- Develop, run, or improve a notification system that generates alerts, advisories, or other information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172473 for full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full NOFO at www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172473.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit the **BJA Funding Webinars** page at bja.ojp.gov/events/fundingwebinars for applicant and grantee trainings.
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How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

1. Register in Grants.gov and follow the prompts to submit two forms by February 20, 2026.
2. Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by February 27, 2026.
The application's major elements are:
 - a. The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - b. The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - c. The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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