

**Item Title:** Accept and Appropriate Donated Funds for the Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Project Lifesaver Program

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriates \$2,500 in donated funds from the Pilot Club of Raleigh, Inc for the Wake County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Project Lifesaver Program.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

**Background:** WCSO received donated funds of \$2,500 for the Project Lifesaver Program. This program provides Law Enforcement personnel with technology, which allows them to quickly locate individuals with cognitive/brain disorders (i.e. Alzheimer's, Autism, Down's Syndrome, and Dementia) who are prone to potential life-threatening behaviors or wandering away from their caregivers. WCSO plans to use these funds for the equipment (transmitters, batteries, bands, and receivers) needed to operate this program.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports Safer Community Together Goal 1: By 2029, 80% of all County public safety calls will receive an appropriate and timely emergency response.

**Fiscal Impact:** This item accepts and appropriates \$2,500 into the WCSO Grants and Donations Fund for the Project Lifesaver Program.

**Additional Information:**

The Project Lifesaver program relies on radio technology used by Law Enforcement personnel. Citizens enrolled in the program wear a small transmitter on the wrist or ankle that emits a signal that can be used to track and respond to vulnerable residents.

These donations cover supplies and bi-monthly maintenance for batteries and bands. The battery makes the transmitters emit a signal so the deputy's receiver can locate a missing client. The band safely secures the transmitter to the client. The band and battery changes must be done every sixty (60) days. The band and battery replacement costs are approximately \$5.00 per client every 60 days. Currently, there are forty-three (43) clients being served as of May 23, 2026.

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Memo – FY2026 Grants and Donations Fund