

The District of Columbia Government
Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants

Private Security Camera Incentive Program

Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report



Introduction

The Private Security Camera Incentive Program,¹ administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), encourages residents, businesses, non-profits, and religious institutions to install security camera systems on their property and register them with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The Program is intended to help deter crime and assist law enforcement with investigations.

There are two ways that residents may participate in the Program:

1. The **Private Security Camera Rebate Program** offers a rebate to residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to support the purchase and installation of security camera systems on their property. The program provides a rebate of up to \$200 per camera, with a maximum rebate of up to \$500 per residential address (e.g., home offices, condo buildings, and apartments) and \$750 for all other eligible addresses. The rebate may be used exclusively to cover the cost of purchasing the camera(s), including any applicable tax.
2. The **Private Security Camera Voucher Program** provides a private security camera system to eligible residents free of charge. Through this program, District residents—whether property owners or their tenants—who receive public assistance may be eligible to have a camera system installed at their home free of charge.

This report provides data on both programs for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 (FY 2024).

¹ Established by the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016, effective June 30, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-125; D.C. Official Code § 7-2831).

FY 2024 Data

In FY 2024, OVSJG approved **649** rebate and voucher applications and provided funding for **1,569** cameras.

Rebates and vouchers issued in each police service area (PSA)

PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued
101	0	208	8	405	18	603	7
102	0	209	1	406	19	604	7
103	3	301	7	407	25	605	11
104	26	302	23	408	7	606	5
105	3	303	8	409	13	607	4
106	18	304	6	501	13	608	6
107	38	305	11	502	23	701	7
108	23	306	9	503	17	702	0
201	26	307	10	504	17	703	3
202	16	308	26	505	3	704	1
203	10	401	16	506	9	705	5
204	12	402	12	507	15	706	1
205	18	403	24	601	2	707	4
206	12	404	27	602	9	708	1
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Rebates and vouchers issued in each priority area²

Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued
103	3	305	11	502	23	701	7
104	26	307	10	503	17	702	0
105	3	308	26	504	17	703	3
106	18	402	12	505	3	704	1
107	38	403	24	506	9	705	5
108	23	404	27	507	15	706	1
202	16	405	18	602	9	707	4
207	4	406	19	603	7	708	1
208	8	407	25	604	7		
302	23	409	13	607	4		
303	8	501	13	608	6		

² As of August 1, 2016, all PSAs are eligible to apply for rebates. Prior to August 1, 2016, rebate applications from PSAs 101, 102, 201, 203, 204, 205, 206,301, 304, 306, 401, 408, 601, 605, and 606 were ineligible. Until September 1, 2017, voucher applications from PSAs 101, 102, 201, 203, 204, 205, 206,301, 304, 306, 401, 408, 601, 605, 606 and 607 are ineligible.

In January 2019, MPD realigned PSA boundaries. The data in this report reflects the PSA at the time of application.

Rebates issued to residents, businesses, nonprofit and religious institutions

Property Type	Rebates
Resident	625
Business	18
Non-Profit	4
Religious Institution	2

The number of times MPD requested footage from a Program recipient, and whether the request was granted or denied by the Program recipient.

In FY 2024, there were **15** documented requests for footage by MPD from program recipients that were successfully extracted. MPD detectives may also be in direct contact with a program recipient without that information being recorded such that that interaction can be tracked in this report.

The number of times that footage from a private security camera contributed to a successful arrest by MPD, including a breakdown by offense.

In FY 2024, there were **six** arrests made in which video footage from a program participant contributed to the successful arrest. This includes arrests made in four murder cases, one assault with intent to kill and robbery case, and one assault with a dangerous weapon case. MPD detectives may have viewed additional footage that was obtained directly from the program participants without that information being recorded such that its usage can be tracked in this report. What's more, this report cannot specifically enumerate the deterrent effect that cameras purchased and installed through the program have had on crime, where the presence of a program-subsidized camera resulted in an individual deciding not to commit a particular crime.

Analysis of the Program's implementation and plans for future expansion, if any.

The Private Security Camera Incentive Program, launched in 2016, aims to effectively deter crime and assist MPD in solving cases. Since its inception, the program has successfully approved 12,468 rebates and vouchers, funding a total of 29,032 cameras. The established popularity of the program highlights its essential role in empowering residents, commercial businesses, religious institutions, and non-profits, with enrollment and participation being further encouraged through the newly established Real-Time Crime Center. Through the Real Time Crime Center, residents can participate in the CameraConnect DC program and register their cameras online through FususRegistry. Participation in the Program through CameraConnectDC and FususRegistry will help expedite crime investigations because investigators can request and digitally obtain video footage.

This fiscal year, OVSJG presented on the program at several outreach events and expanded agency efforts by launching an ambassadors program, designed to provide partnering agencies with the tools and knowledge needed to foster greater engagement and awareness among stakeholders. Additionally, OVSJG introduced a virtual application assistant that streamlines the online application process for

residents, ensuring they have all the necessary documentation for a faster review and application experience.

OVSJG encourages all residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to visit the program website to learn more about the program, including information on eligibility for the incentive and rebate programs and how to apply. Interested applicants can find information on the program at <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/cameras>.