

**Private Security Camera Incentive Program
Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report**



The Private Security Camera Incentive Program,¹ administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, 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). This program is intended to help deter crime and assist law enforcement with investigations.

There are two ways to participate:

1. The **Private Security Camera Rebate Program** creates a rebate for residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security camera systems on their property and register them with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). 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 is exclusively for the cost of 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. District residents—either owners or tenants—who receive public assistance may be eligible to have a camera system installed at their home.

This report details program activity between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

In FY20, **1,837** rebate and voucher applications were approved and **4,079** cameras were funded.

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	13	405	56	603	34
102	0	209	0	406	51	604	46
103	23	301	18	407	80	605	33
104	70	302	41	408	18	606	9
105	6	303	15	409	39	607	18
106	40	304	16	501	32	608	31
107	71	305	25	502	61	701	14
108	61	306	47	503	75	702	8
201	22	307	25	504	47	703	9
202	54	308	69	505	20	704	12
203	14	401	44	506	40	705	6
204	40	402	43	507	57	706	7
205	49	403	48	601	24	707	24
206	42	404	53	602	29	708	5
207	3						

¹ Established by the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016, enacted on March 26, 2016 (D.C. Act 21-356; 63 DCR 4659).

Rebates and vouchers issued in each priority area identified²

Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	Priority PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued
103	23	305	25	502	61	701	14
104	70	307	25	503	75	702	8
105	6	308	44	504	47	703	9
106	40	402	29	505	20	704	12
107	71	403	59	506	40	705	6
108	61	404	50	507	57	706	7
202	54	405	56	602	29	707	24
207	3	406	51	603	34	708	5
208	13	407	80	604	46		
302	15	409	39	607	18		
303	16	501	32	608	31		

Rebates issued to residents, businesses, nonprofit and religious institutions

Property Type	Rebates
Resident	1,988
Business	36
Non-Profit	1,787
Religious Institution	4

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

In FY20, there were 31 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 specifically tracked.

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

In FY20, there were seven arrests made in which video footage was extracted from a program participant. There were four arrests made in murder cases, one in an assault with a deadly weapon case, one in a second degree burglary case and one in a robbery case. MPD detectives may have viewed footage that was obtained directly from the program participants without that information being specifically tracked.

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

Since inception, **8,840** rebates and vouchers have been approved and **20,641** cameras have been funded. There are ongoing efforts to promote the program with special emphasis placed on outreach to businesses and residents in under-represented community. There are no plans for future expansion.

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.