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MAYOR

January 5, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

I am pleased to submit to the Council of the District of Columbia the enclosed Private Security Camera Incentive Program Report for Fiscal Year 2021, prepared by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants pursuant to section 214 of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016, effective June 30, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-125; D.C. Official Code § 7-2831).

The report provides details on the activities of the Private Security Camera Incentive Program during Fiscal Year 2021, including information on the number of rebates and vouchers issued in each police service area, the number of rebates issued to residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, and religious institutions, and the use of camera footage by the Metropolitan Police Department.

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Michelle Garcia, Director, Office of Victim Services and Justice Gants at 202-724-7216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

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**Private Security Camera Incentive Program
Fiscal Year 2021 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, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

In FY21, **1,424** rebate and voucher applications were approved and **3,195** 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	1	208	13	405	35	603	19
102	0	209	0	406	32	604	26
103	7	301	11	407	60	605	28
104	54	302	34	408	18	606	14
105	3	303	3	409	31	607	24
106	32	304	18	501	31	608	11
107	67	305	20	502	58	701	15
108	66	306	35	503	48	702	0
201	37	307	19	504	32	703	8
202	46	308	46	505	12	704	17
203	17	401	29	506	40	705	2
204	22	402	25	507	54	706	1
205	35	403	34	601	8	707	11
206	49	404	41	602	16	708	4
207	5						

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	7	305	20	502	58	701	15
104	54	307	19	503	48	702	0
105	3	308	46	504	32	703	8
106	32	402	25	505	12	704	17
107	67	403	34	506	40	705	2
108	66	404	41	507	54	706	1
202	46	405	35	602	16	707	11
207	5	406	32	603	19	708	4
208	13	407	60	604	26		
302	34	409	31	607	24		
303	3	501	31	608	11		

Rebates issued to residents, businesses, nonprofit and religious institutions

Property Type	Rebates
Resident	1384
Business	26
Non-Profit	7
Religious Institution	3

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

In FY21, there were 25 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 FY21, there were 9 arrests made in which video footage was extracted from a program participant. There were seven arrests made in murder cases, one in a sexual assault 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, **10,265** rebates and vouchers have been approved and **23,835** 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 were ineligible.

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