Private Security Camera Incentive Program Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report



The Private Security Camera Incentive Program,<sup>1</sup> 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 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 free of cost pursuant to the program.

This report details program activity between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023.

In FY23, 714 rebate and voucher applications were approved, and 1,726 cameras were funded.

PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued	PSA	Rebates/ Vouchers Issued
101	0	208	5	405	21	603	9
102	0	209	0	406	26	604	5
103	8	301	9	407	27	605	10
104	24	302	13	408	12	606	7
105	3	303	13	409	13	607	7
106	19	304	11	501	13	608	7
107	34	305	11	502	26	701	6
108	30	306	17	503	23	702	2
201	23	307	2	504	25	703	5
202	18	308	17	505	3	704	4
203	11	401	24	506	11	705	3
204	17	402	11	507	22	706	7
205	24	403	12	601	4	707	7
206	10	404	17	602	13	708	6
207	7						

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Established by the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016, enacted on June 30, 2016 (D.C. Law 21-125, D.C. Official Code § 7-2831).

Priority	Rebates/ Vouchers	Priority	Rebates/ Vouchers	Priority	Rebates/ Vouchers	Priority	Rebates/ Vouchers
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103	8	305	11	502	26	701	6
104	24	307	2	503	23	702	2
105	3	308	17	504	25	703	5
106	19	402	11	505	3	704	4
107	34	403	12	506	11	705	3
108	30	404	17	507	22	706	7
202	18	405	21	602	13	707	7
207	7	406	26	603	9	708	6
208	5	407	27	604	5		
302	13	409	13	607	7		
303	13	501	13	608	7		

### Rebates and vouchers issued in each priority area identified<sup>2</sup>

#### Rebates issued to residents, businesses, nonprofit and religious institutions

Property Type	Rebates	
Resident	685	
Business	20	
Non-Profit	1	
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 FY23, there were **22** 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 FY23, there were **six** arrests made in which video footage was extracted from a program participant. There were arrests made in three murder cases, one in a sexual assault while armed case, one in a carrying a firearm without a license case, and one in an assault with a dangerous weapon 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.

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

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  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. The pilot program prioritized PSAs with the highest crime rates.

Since inception, **11,819** rebates and vouchers have been approved and **27,463** 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 communities. There are no plans for future expansion.

If you have questions about the rebate or voucher program, please contact us at <u>security.cameras@dc.gov</u> or 202-727-5124.

For additional information and to apply visit <u>https://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program</u>.