

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

Private Security Camera Incentive Program (PSCIP)

Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report



Introduction

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). 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.

This report provides data on both programs for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025 (FY 2025).

On March 11, 2025, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Continuing Resolution that omitted the usual provision that allowed the local government of Washington, D.C., to spend under its local fiscal year (FY 2025) budget, and reverted the District of Columbia to spending under its previous FY 2024 budget, which was roughly \$1 billion less. As a result, the District took significant steps to avoid programmatic cuts that would have directly impacted critical services provided to residents, businesses, and visitors.

As a result, during FY 2025, the PSCIP temporarily suspended the issuance of reimbursement and vouchers for approximately half of the fiscal year. Notifications were sent to program participants, an update was posted on the agency's website to inform potential applicants, and all marketing and outreach efforts were paused. These unfortunate but necessary actions had an impact on the number of participants enrolled during this reporting period.

FY 2025 Data

In FY 2025, OVSJG approved **353** rebate and voucher applications and provided funding for **889** cameras. This represents a decrease of 296 rebate and voucher applications as compared to 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).

when 649 rebate and voucher applications were issued, and a decrease of 670 cameras funded as compared to FY 2024 when OVSJG provided funding for 1569 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	2	405	6	603	5
102	0	209	1	406	5	604	3
103	5	301	0	407	11	605	7
104	16	302	4	408	4	606	4
105	2	303	2	409	6	607	6
106	9	304	5	501	8	608	2
107	21	305	5	502	14	701	4
108	16	306	5	503	13	702	0
201	10	307	3	504	4	703	5
202	12	308	11	505	1	704	3
203	2	401	7	506	10	705	0
204	9	402	10	507	12	706	1
205	15	403	17	601	0	707	2
206	12	404	12	602	3	708	0
207	1						

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	5	305	5	502	14	701	4
104	16	307	3	503	13	702	0
105	2	308	11	504	4	703	5
106	9	402	10	505	1	704	3
107	21	403	17	506	10	705	0
108	16	404	12	507	12	706	1
202	12	405	6	602	3	707	2
207	1	406	5	603	5	708	0
208	2	407	11	604	3		
302	4	409	6	607	6		
303	2	501	8	608	2		

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	340
Business	12
Non-Profit	1
Religious Institution	0

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 2025, there were eleven 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 reported and that interaction cannot 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 2025, there were no arrests made in which video footage from a program participant contributed to a successful arrest.

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 12,820 rebates and vouchers, funding a total of 29,919 cameras.

In FY 2025, the Private Security Camera Program finalized the rulemaking, and framework for the expansion of the rebate program. Starting October 1, 2025, the Private Security Camera Incentive Program will significantly expand its rebate offerings, with those expansions aimed at enhancing safety and security for small businesses, non-profit organizations, and religious institutions across the District. These updates reflect the District's ongoing commitment to supporting community-based organizations and commercial entities that may face heightened security concerns.

Under the expanded program guidelines, non-residential properties with federal gross receipts or sales totaling less than \$2.5 million annually will now be eligible to apply for reimbursement not only for exterior security cameras, but also for interior surveillance equipment and glass break sensors.

By broadening the scope of eligible equipment, the program seeks to empower property owners to take proactive steps in safeguarding their facilities, deterring criminal activity, and improving response times in the event of an incident.

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>.