

Rebate Program Description

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

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Amount of Rebate

A rebate is available for the actual cost of an individual camera (up to \$200) with a maximum rebate of \$500 for residential properties (homes, apartments, condominiums, home offices, etc.) and \$750 for all other addresses. The rebate is only for the cost of the camera, including sales tax; installation, accessories, and storage are not covered. See below for examples to assist in calculating the appropriate rebate request.

Example	Description	System Cost	Sales Tax	Rebate Request
1	2 camera system	\$340.00	\$20.40	\$360.40
2	2 camera system	\$400.00	\$24.00	\$400.00
3	2 camera system a. camera 1 b. camera 2	a. \$150.00 b. \$250.00	a. \$9.00 b. \$15.00	\$359.00 (\$159.00 + \$200)
4	2 camera system: cameras = \$300 + accessories, storage, and shipping = \$50.00	\$350.00	\$21 (\$18 on cameras, \$3 on accessories, storage, and shipping)	\$318.00 (\$300 cameras + \$18 tax on cameras)
5	4 camera system with 3 of 4 cameras installed	\$400.00	\$24.00	\$318.00 (\$424 / 4 x 3)

If you have purchased your camera system on an installment plan, submit your application when you have fully paid for the cameras.

Please review the following information and if you have additional questions, please contact the program at security.cameras@dc.gov or (202) 727-5124.

Requirements

- Applicants must be an owner or tenant of a property that is used as a residence, business, nonprofit, or religious institution located in the District of Columbia.
- Applicants who are tenants must provide documentation from the property owner approving the installation of the security camera system on the property.
- The camera system must have been purchased and installed on the property after September 22, 2015 and before all available funds are expended.
- The camera system must be registered with the Metropolitan Police Department (please only submit one registration per application).
- Security camera systems must be installed on the exterior of a building.
- Installation of cameras will be verified (see application for complete details).
- All cameras must be outdoor, weatherproof cameras. We strongly recommend purchasing a camera that is designed for the outdoors as opposed to modifying one designed for indoor use.
- Only one security camera system per property address is eligible.
- Security camera systems shall meet minimum technical and video quality specifications below and must retain video footage for at least forty-eight (48) hours. Several systems—including but not limited to Arlo, Maximus, Nest, Ring, and Simplisafe—require the separate purchase of cloud-based storage to meet this requirement. This is not an exhaustive list of all brands and does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of a specific product. Please double check to see if your system requires additional storage before submitting an application.

Digital Cameras	Minimum Specifications	Recommended Specifications
Camera Resolution	1 Megapixel	3 Megapixel
Screen Resolution	1280x720	2048x1536
Video Quality	Standard	High
Frames per Second	5	15

Analog Cameras	Minimum Specifications	Recommended Specifications
Screen Resolution	640X480	640X480
Frames per Second	5	15

By participating in this program, the Applicant acknowledges that he or she will not use the security camera for any unlawful or harassing purposes and will comply with all applicable building and electrical code requirements.

Application

To apply for a rebate complete the following three steps.

Step 1: Purchase and install the camera(s) on the exterior of your property.

Step 2: Register your [camera system here](#). After completing this form you will receive an email confirmation that will include a log number. Please save this email as you will need to submit it as part of your rebate application. If the confirmation email you received from MPD does not include a Log/Registration Number, please enter 000 as a response. Check your junk mail or spam folder if you do not receive this email in your inbox. Contact us at security.cameras@dc.gov if you haven't received the confirmation email within four hours of submitting your registration. After submitting your registration, you must proceed to Step 3 and complete the rebate application.

Step 3: Complete the [Private Security Camera Rebate Program Application](#).

Do not submit your application until the cameras are installed on the property and registered with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). You must answer all questions in the application and provide proof of purchase of cameras that details the number and cost of cameras purchased, and demonstrates payment made.

Upon submission of a complete application, you will receive an email from Zoomgrants.com acknowledging successful submission of the application.

Note: It may take up to 45 working days to issue your rebate provided your application is complete and approved.

Private Security Camera Voucher Program

Program Description

The Private Security Camera Voucher Program identifies DC residents that are eligible to receive a private security camera system free of charge. These residents are either an owner or tenant of a property that is used as a residence (the Applicant) and who is receiving public assistance under the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; D.C. Official Code § 4-201.01 et seq.). Please review the following information and if you have additional questions, please contact the program at security.cameras@dc.gov or 202-727-5124. (Please visit the [Private Security Camera Rebate Program](#) website if you have already bought and installed cameras or are planning on doing so.)

Requirements

An Applicant must live in the District of Columbia and provide proof of current receipt of public assistance pursuant to the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective April 6, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-101; § 4-201.01 et seq.), under one of the following programs:

- (1) General Assistance for Children;
- (2) Emergency Shelter Family Services;
- (3) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families;
- (4) Program on Work, Employment, and Responsibility; or
- (5) Interim Disability Assistance.

Applicants who are tenants must provide documentation from the property owner approving the installation of the security camera system on the property.

Restrictions

Applicants must be an owner or tenant of a residence located in the District of Columbia. Only one (1) security camera system per property address shall be eligible for this program. Residents of properties owned by the District of Columbia Housing Authority shall not be eligible for a voucher. By participating in this program, the Applicant acknowledges that he or she will not use the security camera for any unlawful or harassing purposes and will comply with all applicable building and electrical code requirements. Cameras must be installed on the exterior of the property.

Application Instructions

To qualify for the security camera voucher program, applicants are required to submit responses to application questions and provide proof of current receipt of public assistance. Upon determining eligibility, a third-party entity will arrange a time with the applicant to install the camera. Once the cameras are installed, they will be registered with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). MPD does not have access to live video from the camera system, however, MPD may request that the program participant provide access to recorded footage. Note: It may take up to 45 working days process your application and install the camera system provided your application is complete and approved.