

**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
2022 PUBLIC SAFETY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM  
APPLICATIONS DUE BY JUNE 1, 2022**

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes seeks to provide residents with opportunities to further enhance community safety by strengthening neighborhood vigilance and security. Continuing efforts to improve public safety by implementing the City Council's Goals, the City is introducing the Public Safety Reimbursement Program (Program) to allow neighborhoods and individuals to purchase public safety equipment such as security cameras.

Security cameras are effective tools in crime-solving efforts. Neighborhoods and individuals may also propose additional public safety technology that has sufficient potential for public benefit, subject to approval by the Program Coordinator.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

The City will provide a one-time reimbursement for half of the cost of a new public safety purchase, up to \$2,000 for neighborhoods, and up to \$100 for individuals. The City will additionally waive permit fees directly related to the installation of the approved purchase. The neighborhood, individual, or vendor will be responsible for completing any necessary permits prior to installation.

**Project Examples**

Projects must be purchased after the award of grant funds, as approved by the City, such that the project will provide a general public safety benefit. Eligible projects include:

- Doorbell/exterior home security cameras
- Neighborhood entrance security cameras
- Add-on purchase for existing cameras, such as license plate-reading software
- Additional proposals, as approved by the Program Coordinator that demonstrate sufficient safety enhancement measures.

**Eligible Applicants**

Neighborhoods representing five or more households are eligible to apply. If the neighborhood has a homeowners association (HOA), portions of the HOA may not apply separately from the HOA. Projects must be located within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Individuals whose neighborhood is not interested in participating are eligible to apply for exterior residence security cameras, such as doorbell cameras, and must be a resident of the City.

Neighborhoods that have participated in previous City security camera grant programs may not re-apply for another neighborhood camera. Individuals that purchased a doorbell camera through the City’s doorbell camera subsidy program held between 2017 and 2020 may not apply for another individual camera. Contact Program Coordinator McKenzie Bright at [mbright@rpvca.gov](mailto:mbright@rpvca.gov) or 310-544-5305 to request verification of eligibility.

**Application Process**

Due to the limited amount of funding available, neighborhood applications will be scored based on the rubric below, with highest-scoring applicants being awarded first. Individuals will be selected based on random draw. Neighborhood and individual applications are awarded separately, as there are individual budget amounts allocated for each project type.

Neighborhoods must submit an attestation of community consensus, an example of which is included in the application materials. All neighborhoods, whether they are formally represented or not, must submit the attestation.

***Rubric for Neighborhood Applicants***

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Full Point Score</b>	<b>Partial Points</b>
Serves a general public safety benefit.	Project is located immediately adjacent to arterial/collector streets and/or significant number of households (10 points)	Project is greater than 200 ft from an arterial/collector street and/or has minimal public access (3 points)
Shows evidence for broad support of project, as appropriate for scale.	Widespread community support (40% of households indicate community consensus) (5 points)	Moderate community support (20% of households indicate community consensus) (2 points)
Considers compatibility with surrounding area.	Considers how project can be incorporated with existing infrastructure and/or minimizes visual blight (5 points)	Minimal consideration expressed (2 points)

**Disbursement of Funds**

The Program Coordinator will provide written approval of the proposed project with notification of award status, after which, awarded neighborhoods or individuals may purchase their approved equipment. Reimbursements in the notified amount will be made once the City is in receipt of documentation illustrating proof of purchase and proof of installation, to the satisfaction of the Program Coordinator.

## **DISTINCTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

The neighborhood or individual is the primary signatory of the security camera(s), or other purchase as approved, and holds sole responsibility of the purchase and any related maintenance. Any recordings or data provided through the camera service belongs to the neighborhood or individual. The City will provide one-time reimbursement to the neighborhood of 50% of the purchase, up to \$2,000 and one-time reimbursement to an individual of 50% of the purchase, up to \$100. Funding for additional years is not guaranteed as the City Council will evaluate the program on an annual basis.

The neighborhood/individual and their selected vendor are responsible for preparing and submitting all necessary permits related to installation of the purchase, including as appropriate, but not limited to: Encroachment Permit for any installations in the public right-of-way, Coastal Permit for any installations in the Coastal Zone (area seaward from Palos Verdes Drive South), and Minor Site Plan Review for installations on private property. Participation in the program shall waive permit fees associated with necessary permits, but in no way exempts a project from the permitting process.

As part of the program, the neighborhood or individual will provide their acknowledgement that security camera footage can be a valuable crime-solving tool and agrees to provide footage to the Lomita Sheriff's Station in connection to a reported or suspected crime.

## **QUESTIONS?**

For additional information, please contact the Program Coordinator, McKenzie Bright, at [mbright@rpvca.gov](mailto:mbright@rpvca.gov) or 310-544-5305.

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NEIGHBORHOOD APPLICATION**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Neighborhood Name:**

Designated Representative Name:

Email:

Phone:

Secondary Representative Name:

Email:

Phone:

**APPLICANT LOCATION INFORMATION**

Neighborhood Boundaries (provide labeled map):

Number of households in neighborhood:

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Project Location:

Description of planned purchase:

Description of how purchase will improve public safety:

Vendor name:

Product name and description:

Link to product:

Description of how product will be installed:

Total Cost:

Requested Reimbursement:

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Neighborhood) agree to adhere to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' Public Safety Reimbursement Program (Program) terms, a copy of which are provided herein, and reviewed by me, including each of the conditions of all City-issued permits issued in connection therewith.

As an authorized representative, I acknowledge and agree to the following Program conditions on behalf of the Neighborhood as follows. The Neighborhood is the primary signature of the proposed purchase/service and the neighborhood is responsible for all equipment, service, installation, maintenance, and repair costs. Participation in the Program does not grant any exemptions from otherwise required permitting processes. Neighborhood is responsible for insurance and indemnification of work.

Compliance with the Program terms requires that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, by way of the Lomita Sheriff's Station, be provided with access, review, and download of footage from the camera system for crime-prevention and investigation purposes. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes, its City Manager or their Designee, will be provided with access, review, and download of footage for crime-prevention and investigation purposes.

The Neighborhood agrees that the footage captured by the security camera system shall be utilized exclusively for crime-prevention or investigation purposes and shall not be utilized to capture interior images of homes or invade personal privacy.

The Neighborhood agrees that the funds received from this program will only be used as a reimbursement for the approved purchase. Once awarded, the Neighborhood shall not apply again for a neighborhood reimbursement of a public safety purchase.

The following will be submitted as part of the application to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. Proof of Purchase and Completion will be required prior to disbursement of funds:

- Project Application, including Attestation of Community Consensus (on next page)
- Proof of Purchase
- Proof of Project Completion (e.g., photo)
- Permits/approvals (as required)

In no event will the City of Rancho Palos Verdes be liable for any loss of data, property loss, damage, bodily injury, cost of recovery, or other special, incidental, consequential, indirect, punitive, exemplary or reliance damages arising from or in relation to this Agreement, however caused and regardless of theory of liability.

Designated Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_







