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The City of Kankakee Relaunches Private Security Camera Incentive Program

KANKAKEE, Ill. (October 18, 2021) – Last December, the Economic and Community Development Agency [announced](#) its Private Security Camera Incentive Program for the City of Kankakee. In that time, twelve camera rebates have been distributed. With the relaunching of this program, the ECDA hopes to see more community members taking advantage of the opportunity to be reimbursed for purchasing security cameras for their property. The rebate amount has increased from \$100 per camera up to \$200 for residential addresses and \$50 per non-residential address up to \$100. This program is eligible for all City of Kankakee residents and businesses.

The Private Security Camera Incentive Program (PSCIP) creates an incentive for residents, businesses, nonprofits, and religious institutions to purchase and install security cameras that are intended to help deter crime and assist law enforcement with investigations. The program offers rebates for the purchase of security cameras.

“Several residents and business owners came together and suggested this reimbursement program after several public town hall meetings last year” said ECDA Executive Director Brewer-Watson. “We listened to these individuals and put together this program that is funded by generous donations from First Trust Bank, Crawford Barbershop, River Valley Recycling, and Nugent Curtis Real Estate.”

Applicants can apply for a security camera rebate of up to \$200 per camera for residential addresses and \$100 per address of a property used for anything other than a residence. Only one security camera per property address is eligible, and security cameras must be installed on the exterior of a building. Access to the camera can only be given

voluntarily by the owner. There is no camera registration required and all information shared through this program to receive the rebate will be kept confidential.

“The camera program is one component of the City’s public safety strategy. It assists in the stabilization and revitalization of our neighborhoods and commercial corridors. The additional dollars available now allow for better technology purchases and is available for anyone in the City of Kankakee., “says Mayor Curtis. “It is also exciting that this comes at no cost to the taxpayers and is funded by city businesses looking to give back and help the City of Kankakee rise.”

The PSCIP guidelines with more information and the application can be found on the ECDA webpage at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/camera-incentive-program.php/>. For questions, please contact the ECDA office at (815) 933-0506 or email yourvoice@citykankakee-il.gov.

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About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.