

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
2025 Arizona Benefits Fund Grant Application

Project Name: Pole Camera Enhancement

Grant Applicant

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Project Summary

The Glendale Police Department's Narcotics Enforcement Team seeks funding to acquire an American Electric Bottom Mount Streetlight Concealment 202 Pole Camera. This state-of-the-art surveillance tool can be discreetly mounted on existing streetlight poles to facilitate covert video monitoring of individuals engaged in the distribution and sale of illicit drugs, including Fentanyl. Equipped with an integrated router, the camera provides a real-time video feed directly to the Glendale Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center. This capability enhances the department's ability to gather actionable intelligence, support investigations, and strengthen prosecutions.

Narrative: The Glendale Police Department currently does not have a pole-mounted surveillance camera dedicated to narcotics investigations. Without this capability, officers rely on less effective and more resource-intensive surveillance methods, such as physical stakeouts and mobile monitoring, which require significant manpower and increase operational risks. GDP respectfully requests funding for a pole-mounted surveillance camera to assure the safety of residents throughout the West Valley.

The Glendale Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center has the infrastructure to support remote surveillance technology. Acquiring a pole-mounted camera will enhance the department's ability to conduct long-term covert surveillance, improving intelligence gathering, increasing officer safety, and expediting suspect identification in drug-related cases. This investment will streamline investigative efforts, leading to more efficient case resolution and crime prevention.

The Glendale Police Department (GPD) is a full-service, CALEA-accredited law enforcement agency dedicated to protecting lives and property, maintaining public safety, and fostering trust within the community. Founded in 1910, GPD has grown from a single town marshal to nearly 600 employees serving a diverse population of over 255,000 residents in one of the largest cities in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

The mission of the GPD is to protect the lives and property of those we serve. We are guided by our values - Integrity, Courage, Excellence, Respect, Dedication, and Compassion - ensuring professionalism and ethical policing. Our vision is to build a department that is highly qualified, diverse, accountable, and committed to creating a safe community.

To achieve these goals, GPD is focused on:

- Reducing crime and the fear of crime through proactive enforcement.

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- Enhancing community trust through engagement and transparency.
- Ensuring operational efficiency within the department
- Improving customer service and communication internally and externally.

As Glendale continues to expand as a hub for large-scale events, tourism, and entertainment, the department has prioritized enhancing equipment needs to increase the department's capacity to assure public safety.

Request for Pole Camera Acquisition

The incorporation of a pole-mounted surveillance camera will significantly enhance the Glendale Police Department's ability to conduct covert drug investigations, reducing reliance on traditional surveillance methods that require extensive manpower and increase operational risks. This technology will allow investigators to remotely monitor high-crime areas, improving intelligence gathering and expediting suspect identification. By streamlining surveillance efforts, the department can enhance public safety while optimizing resources.

Impact on the Community

The primary beneficiaries of this initiative are the residents of Glendale, along with visitors to the city. The pole camera will strengthen law enforcement's ability to combat drug-related crimes, directly improving safety for the city's approximately 250,000 residents. Additionally, as the leading agency in the West Valley Drug Enforcement Task F, Glendale Police will extend the benefits of this technology to partner cities, enhancing regional crime-fighting efforts.

Benefits of Pole Cameras in Drug Investigations

1. **Enhanced Surveillance** – Enables long-term, covert monitoring of drug trafficking activities without requiring continuous officer presence.
2. **Officer Safety** – Reduces the risk to undercover officers by allowing remote observation of suspects and criminal behavior.
3. **Evidence Collection** – Captures high-quality video evidence admissible in court to support arrests and prosecutions.
4. **Operational Efficiency** – Reduces the need for dedicated surveillance teams, allowing personnel to focus on other enforcement efforts.
5. **Real-Time Intelligence** – Provides live monitoring of suspect movements, interactions, and activity patterns, strengthening case development.

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6. **Crime Deterrence** – The presence of surveillance technology can discourage drug-related activity in high-crime areas.

This strategic investment in advanced surveillance technology will enhance the Glendale Police Department's ability to combat drug-related crime while maximizing officer safety and resource efficiency. The cost of the requested pole camera is approximately \$4,462.54 including shipping and tax.

Implementation Timeline

Upon approval of grant funding, the Glendale Police Department will promptly order the pole camera. The goal is to acquire and deploy the system within the next fiscal quarter, ensuring a swift enhancement to investigative capabilities and public safety operations.

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Signatures:

Signatures of the relevant representatives of the city, town, or county on an official document (such as a resolution or letter) showing the government sponsor's support. Applications without signatures will be considered incomplete.

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Budget:

American Electric Bottom Mount Streetlight Concealment Model 202:

Standard Package:

American Electric Bottom Mount LED Streetlight

Canon VB-S32D Camera (PTX 3.5x)

Microhard LTE Cube-CAT12 Modem

Custom metal bracket for camera and modem

12V power supply

Power distribution block

Power relay switch

POE injector \$3,995.00

Shipping and handling Glendale, AZ \$100.00

Tax \$367.54

TOTAL \$4,462.54