

**Grant Application - Page 1**

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**Sponsor Info:** Name and contact information of government sponsor, including the signature of acknowledgement from government sponsor

### **Project Summary - Page 2 & 3**

**Project Summary:** This project will support the acquisition of multiple sets of crime scene camera kits and essential forensic processing tools to equip students with critical hands-on learning using the same professional-grade crime scene photography kits and forensic processing tools used by modern law enforcement agencies. Integrating this equipment into Glendale Community College's forensic science curriculum will strengthen hands-on training in evidence documentation and crime scene photography. Students will develop practical investigative skills aligned with industry standards while expanding equitable access to specialized training equipment that might otherwise present a financial barrier to entering the profession. The project strengthens the educational pipeline, preparing students, including those from underserved communities, for careers supporting local public safety efforts.

### **Narrative: The proposed program or project, whether it is new or a continuing project;**

This *new* project will support the acquisition of multiple sets of professional-grade crime scene camera kits and essential forensic processing tools. Each kit will include a DSLR crime scene camera with accessories (including lenses, flash, filters, tripods, protective case, alternate light source, photomacrographic scales). The equipment will be used in crime scene simulation labs, evidence documentation activities, and course assignments within GCC's forensic science and criminal justice programs. Increased equipment availability will allow students more hands-on practice and extended access to professional tools. Dedicated access to this equipment will allow students to practice critical skills. Repeated practice strengthens the technical proficiency required for entry-level forensic and crime scene investigation roles. By embedding these experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum, the project ensures that students graduate with practical skills that employers identify as critical hiring criteria.

Goals and expected outcomes of the project are as follows:

**Goal 1: Enhance hands-on learning.** Students will practice crime scene photography with professional-grade equipment, improving skill acquisition and retention. *Outcome:* Students will gain practical experience in operating DSLR cameras, adjusting for lighting conditions, and photographing mock crime scenes.

**Goal 2: Strengthen employability.** Students will graduate prepared to meet the technical standards of law enforcement and forensic science agencies. *Outcome:* At least 85% of students enrolled in forensic science/crime scene classes will demonstrate proficiency in crime scene photography skills via rubric-based assessments.

**Goal 3: Advance equity and access.** Underserved students will have equal opportunity to train on specialized equipment without incurring financial burden. *Outcome:* Students will be able to use equipment at no cost, removing financial barriers and supporting greater diversity in the forensic science workforce pipeline.

**Goal 4: Build sustainable program capacity.** Equipment will be used across multiple semesters and courses, supporting GCC's forensic science programs for years to come. *Outcome:* Equipment will be used across multiple semesters and programs, serving hundreds of students over its 7-10 year lifespan.

**The purpose of the program or project and how it meets one or more of Fort McDowell’s funding priorities (i.e., education, public safety, mitigation of impacts of gaming, health, environment, and economic and community development)**

This project supports Fort McDowell’s funding priorities in education and public safety by providing hands-on training in crime scene photography and forensic evidence documentation. Students develop the technical competencies required to support criminal investigations through forensics. The program strengthens the workforce pipeline for public safety careers while expanding equitable access to specialized training equipment for students who may not otherwise have the resources to gain these skills necessary to enter the profession.

**The need that the program or project aims to fulfill, the population targeted, and the estimated number of people who will be served by the grant;**

Careers in forensic science and crime scene investigation are projected to grow at rates of 9% or higher than other occupations (O\*Net). Feedback from our law enforcement partners indicates there is often a gap between what applicants *know* and what they can *do*. Specifically, many students arrive at entry-level hiring processes with strong theoretical knowledge but limited technical ability in evidence documentation and crime scene photography, skills that are essential in almost every forensic science role.

This project addresses the need for increased hands-on technical training in crime scene photography and forensic evidence documentation for students preparing for careers in law enforcement and forensic science. Limited access to professional-grade equipment currently restricts students’ ability to develop the practical skills required by employers. The grant will support students across the West Valley, including underserved students who may face financial barriers to accessing specialized forensic equipment and training. By strengthening experiential learning, the project contributes to workforce development and supports law enforcement agencies by preparing students with the technical competencies required for forensic and crime scene investigation roles. The equipment is expected to remain in service for at least seven years, serving approximately 40 to 50 students annually; benefiting hundreds of students over the lifespan.

**The partners in the program or project, and other entities providing funding and support (please indicate whether the organization will be submitting applications to any other tribes);**

There are no partners or additional funders on the project. Glendale Community College is submitting applications to other tribes, but not for funding in support of this particular project.

**The timetable for the implementation of the project.**

**Month 1:** Select vendor and initiate purchasing process in accordance with MCCCDC procurement guidelines.

**Month 2:** Order equipment, assemble student kits, verify functionality, and develop equipment checkout procedures.

**Month 3:** Deploy equipment for student use at the start of the next academic term.

**Signatures - Page 4**

**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

**Budget:** GCC requests **\$35,485.96** to fund the purchase of professional-grade camera kits and forensic processing equipment. This investment will establish a durable equipment foundation, serving multiple cohorts of students and strengthening GCC’s ability to deliver criminal justice specific industry-aligned, workforce-ready training. The \$35,500 breaks down as follows:

<b>Expense Description</b>	<b>Cost per item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
DSLR camera	\$529.99	16	\$8,479.84
2nd battery pack for camera	\$22.33	16	\$357.28
Camera lens filter (orange)	\$63.04	16	\$1,008.64
Camera lens filter (UV)	\$4.99	16	\$79.84
Camera lens filter (polarizing)	\$12.95	16	\$207.20
Protective pouch for lens filters	\$12.95	16	\$175.84
External Flash	\$130.00	16	\$2080.00
Off-shoe Flash Cord	\$24.99	16	\$399.84
Tripod for overhead shots	\$99.99	12	\$1,199.88
LED High Lumen Flashlight (alt. light source)	\$199.00	16	\$3,184
Blue filter attachment for flashlight	\$14.65	16	\$234.40
Protective camera case	\$33.24	16	\$531.84
Macro / High Definition Lens	\$499.00	21	\$10,479.00
Protective hard case to store HD Lens	\$48.59	21	\$1020.39
Crime Scene Photomacrographic Scale	\$35.00	16	\$560.00
Memory Cards	\$21.99	48	\$1055.52
Memory Card Reader	\$9.99	16	\$159.84
Evidence Markers (A-Z)	\$42.99	12	\$515.88
Evidence Markers (1-20)	\$72.99	8	\$583.92
Anticipated tax @ 9.2% / Shipping	\$3,172.81	n/a	\$3,172.81
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$35,485.96</b>