



**City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Homeowner's Association Security Camera Grant Program
2021 Expansion:
Program Fact Sheet**

Background

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes seeks to provide its residents with opportunities to further enhance community safety by strengthening neighborhood vigilance and security. Continuing efforts to improve public safety by following the City's Public Safety Strategic Plan and implementing the City Council's Goals, the City has expanded its Homeowners Association (HOA) Security Camera Grant Program (Program) to allow HOAs to purchase Flock Safety cameras to monitor vehicles on neighborhood streets.

Security cameras are proven deterrents and effective tools in crime prevention and crime-solving efforts. Flock Safety's mission is to eliminate non-violent crime. This is possible with crime-fighting technology that provides coverage for the entire neighborhood. When a crime occurs, Flock Safety automated license plate reading cameras give law enforcement the actionable evidence needed to solve crime.

Program Details

For each neighborhood that chooses to participate with this program, the City will provide a one-time up to 50% match for each Flock Safety Falcon Camera, not to exceed \$1,000 per camera, up to two cameras. The grant will cover the expense of half the first year of the annual camera lease cost, at approved neighborhood entrance location(s). An HOA may choose to purchase more than one camera to place in different approved locations.

Additionally, the City will waive permit fees related to encroachments into the public right-of-way for the purposes of installing a Flock Safety camera and pole. Although the fees will be waived, appropriate documents and items must be submitted prior to the issuance of an encroachment permit. The checklist can be found on the City Website:

[Encroachment Permit Checklist](#)

Please be aware that the City has a special partnership with Flock Safety and that this grant program must be initiated with staff first. The City has a dedicated Flock Safety representative (Paul Park) specifically for this program.

Eligibility

All formal Homeowners Association organizations (HOAs) within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes are eligible to apply for the grant program. Interested HOAs are required to follow the City's application process. **Due to the limited amount of funding available, participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The City has provided a checklist of necessary documents on the [City website](#). Applications may close at any time as they will be accepted only until the budget limit has been reached.

Distinction of Responsibilities

The HOA is the primary signatory of the leased cameras and holds responsibility to purchase the Flock Safety cameras. Any recordings or data provided through the Flock Safety Service belongs to the HOA and administrators of the Flock Safety network. Flock Safety remains the owner of the camera and its components. The City will reimburse the HOA 50% of the cost of the first year of the annual camera lease, not to exceed \$1,000, which applies only to the camera, and will provide administrative assistance. The HOA is solely responsible for funding the cameras for each additional year of service.

The HOAs would be the primary network administrator for camera access and footage. As a part of this program, the HOAs agree to provide administrative access to the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or City designee, and to the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

How to Apply

The application form is available on the City Website (<https://rpvca.gov/1329/Flock-Safety-Grant-Program>), and can also be received via email. In order to best support HOAs and streamline the process, Staff is readily available to answer any questions and provide assistance during the application process. To submit an application, please email McKenzie Bright, Administrative Analyst, at mbright@rpvca.gov.