

**Memorandum
Community and Economic Development**



To: Randall Tweet, Interim City Manager
Subject: Glenhurst Court Safety Camera Funding Allocation
Date: June 2, 2017

The residents of Glenhurst Court met with CED, Public Works, and Police Department in early spring 2017 and requested that the City provide a public safety program in order to help curb negative activity on Glenhurst Court. At this meeting the group as a whole (i.e. CED staff, Glenhurst Court residents, Public Works, and Police Department staff) agreed to the installation of safety cameras mounted on existing poles at various locations within the Glenhurst Court area.

The Rock Island Police Department continues to search for effective public safety interventions that will reduce crime through policing strategies that enhance community policing efforts. It is believed that neighborhood cameras can enhance problem solving strategies, aid in arrests and investigations, and ultimately increase offender's perceptions that they will be both caught and prosecuted. Glenhurst Court has been continually plagued with drug activity and crimes of violence, including homicide, robberies, and arsons. Residents live in a continual state of fear of crime. Neighborhood cameras will potentially yield a secondary impact by serving to increase resident's perception of safety and thus their presence in the neighborhood, which in turn will hopefully increase a sense of ownership, improve police community partnerships, and reduce overall crime.

The Community and Economic Development is allocating \$60,000.00 of HUD-CDBG program income to cover the entire cost of the project. The project has two phases:

- 1) The installation of the fiber optic infrastructure. The cost will be \$26,444.30
- 2) The purchase, installation, and connection of the safety cameras within the Glenhurst Court area. The cost will be \$27,985.00.

Please note that CED staff has built in a contingency of \$5,770.70 to cover cost overruns or unexpected costs.

ACCOUNT CODES:	\$26,444.30	242-313811-53806-2710710
	\$27,985.00	242-313811-53803-2710710
	\$5,770.70	Contingency monies available
	\$60,000.00	TOTAL FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the allocation and directs CED, Public Works, Police Department, and IT staff to move the project forward.

Submitted by: Colleen Small-Vollman, Budget/Grants Manager
Chandler Poole, CED Director

Approved by: Randall Tweet, Interim City Manager