



SECURITY GRANT GUIDELINES

Program Purpose

The Cascade Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) established the Security Grant Program to provide financial support to businesses within the DDA district who seek to voluntarily connect existing security camera systems with the Kent County Sheriff's Office through the Axon Fusus Community Connect platform.

The program is intended to:

- Enhance public safety within the DDA district.
- Improve situational awareness during emergencies and criminal investigations.
- Strengthen partnerships between local businesses and law enforcement.
- Expand the network of available security cameras to assist with incident response while allowing participating businesses to maintain ownership and control of their systems.

Funding

Subject to annual appropriations, the DDA may reimburse up to 100% of the annual Fusus Community Connect subscription fee, not to exceed the amount approved by the DDA Board. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis and is contingent upon available budget.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must:

- Be located within the Cascade Township DDA district.
- Operate a commercial business or own commercial property within the district.

- Have an existing security camera system that is compatible with the Fusus Community Connect platform or agree to install a compatible system.
- Enroll in or commit to enroll in the Fusus Community Connect program.
- Be current on all local taxes and assessments owed to the Township, if applicable.

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses include:

- Annual Fusus Community Connect subscription fees for the Core Lite, Core Lite Extended, and Core Pro Models.
- Axon Fusus Community Connect hardware for the Core Lite, Core Lite Extended, and Core Pro Models.
- Other fees specifically approved by the DDA Board related to participation in the program.

The DDA generally will not reimburse:

- Purchase or installation of cameras.
- Internet service.
- General IT expenses.
- Maintenance unrelated to participation in the Fusus program.
- Subscription fees incurred before grant approval unless specifically authorized.

Grant Conditions

Grant recipients must:

- Maintain enrollment in the Fusus Community Connect program for the funded subscription period.
- Notify the DDA if participation is discontinued.
- Cooperate with reasonable verification requests confirming enrollment.
- Allow the DDA to publicize participation statistics in aggregate without disclosing confidential security information.

The DDA reserves the right to deny applications, limit awards, or modify the program based on available funding.

Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated based on public safety benefit, camera coverage, location, participation need, and available funding. Priority may be given to businesses serving high-traffic areas or locations where camera coverage would substantially improve district-wide security.



CASCADE TOWNSHIP DDA SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION

Fusus Community Connect Program

The Cascade Township DDA's security grant program is intended to support businesses seeking to participate in the Axon Fusus Community Connect program through the Kent County Sheriff's Office (KCSO). While limited funds are available, KCSO will cover the upfront cost of the hardware. The Cascade DDA has allocated funds to help cover the annual subscription and other certain costs for businesses seeking to enroll in the program.

Prior to submission of this request, it is recommended that businesses reach out to the Kent County Sheriff's Department regarding available funds and what subscription level is most appropriate for the site. To fill out the Kent Donor Site Submission Form for enrollment in the program, please utilize the link below to access the Kent County Safety Network website, or contact the Sheriff's Office directly:

Kent County Safety Network Website: <https://kentsafetynetwork.org/camera-integration/>

Kent County Sheriff's Office: 616-632-6100 or connect@kentcountymi.gov

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following information is required to be submitted for consideration of a Cascade Township DDA Security Grant. Missing information may cause your application to be deemed incomplete and ineligible for consideration of a grant application.

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Map or description of camera coverage that will be connected
- ☐ Photograph of business exterior (optional)
- ☐ Property owner authorization (if required)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PROPERTY OWNER(S) INFORMATION *(if other than applicant)*

Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Fusus Community Connect Enrollment Status:

- ☐ Currently Enrolled
☐ Enrollment Pending (applied with Kent County Sherrif's Office)
☐ Requesting Assistance Prior to Enrolling

2. Is your business located within the Cascade Township DDA district?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Total number of exterior security cameras intended to be connected:

4. Has the Kent County Sheriff's Office agreed to provide hardware at no cost?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown (have not inquired)

5.

*Please indicate which bundle level you intend to install			
	☐ Core Lite	☐ Core Lite Ext.	☐ Core Pro
Cameras	4	4	50
Storage	512GB SD	1TB SD	4TB HDD
Days of Storage	2	4	2
Artificial Intelligence	—	—	—
Warranty Included	✓	✓	✓
*Please indicate your funding request under the selected bundle level if you are seeking reimbursement for the annual subscription only, the hardware price only, or both.			
Hardware Price	☐ \$200	☐ \$300	☐ \$600
Annual Subscription	☐ \$150	☐ \$150	☐ \$900

6. Total amount of funding assistance being requested:

\$ _____

7. Camera coverage to be connected (check all that apply):

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ Building entrances | ☐ Parking lots | ☐ Public sidewalks |
| ☐ Public streets | ☐ Shared access drives | ☐ Other: _____ |

8. Total funding received, or anticipated to be received, by the Kent County Sherriif's Office (If no funding is being provided by KCSO, write "N/A")

\$ _____

9. Provide a brief description of the camera coverage that will be connected (or provide an attachment such as a map or narrative) _____

10. Briefly describe how participation would improve security for the site and/or surrounding area:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By submittal of an application for a Site Improvement Grant, the following information is acknowledged by the owner(s) and applicant by signature below.

- I (We) will maintain enrollment in the Fusus Community Connect program for the funded subscription period.
- I (we) will notify the DDA if participation is discontinued.
- I (we) will cooperate with reasonable verification requests confirming enrollment.
- I (we) will allow the DDA to publicize participation statistics in aggregate without disclosing confidential security information.
- I (we) have read and understand the conditions of the Cascade Township DDA Security Grant Program and agree to abide by its conditions and guidelines.
- I (we) understand that an itemized receipt and/or invoice detailing the installation or subscription costs for enrollment in the Kent County Safety Network's Fusus Community Connect Program will need to be submitted to and approved by the DDA prior to the reimbursed payment of the awarded grant funds.
- I (we) understand that if this project is not completed within 1-year of approval, the DDA may withdraw its funding commitment.
- I (we) understand that I (we) can re-apply, however, the application will be subject to funding availability at the time of the application.

OWNER(S) AND APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I (we) hereby depose and state under the penalty of perjury that all statements, proposals, and information submitted with or contained in this application are true and correct and the application is complete to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date: _____