

Commission's Grant Application Form

Shelby County Board of Commissioners

GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name of the Organization: Valleywood Homeowners' Association

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First Name Patrice J.

Last Name Robinson

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GENERAL CONTACT FOR THIS REQUEST(if other than Executive Director)

First Name *Field not completed.*

Last Name *Field not completed.*

Title: *Field not completed.*

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DESCRIPTION OF GRANT REQUEST

Program/Project Area: Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant Matching Funds

Amount Requested \$2,500.00

Total Organizational budget (for current year): 12,500.00

Total Project/Program Budget: \$5868.09

Dates covered by this budget: Jan. 2016-Dec. 2016

Project/Program Name: SkyCop Camera

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF ORGANIZATION

Please summarize in a short paragraph the purpose of your agency. Briefly explain why your agency is requesting this grant, what outcomes you hope to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if a grant is made.

The Valleywood Homeowners' Association's area includes: On the North: Butterworth, including its northeastern side, on the East: Autumnwood, including its eastern side, on the South: Haverwood, including its Southern side, on the West: Whitworth, including its western side. The residents envisioned a stable community, in which one could take pride. In 1986, residents of this meandering subdivision organized the Valleywood Homeowners' Association to address the following: 1) Maintain and improve the dignity and integrity of homes located in the area 2) Ensure orderly and compatible use of land in the area 3) Encourage homeowners living in the area to improve their homes and real estate investors with property to improve their holdings 4) Work together on problems and issues of common concern 5) Maintain a Neighborhood Watch Program The Valleywood Homeowners' Association's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant Project, Eyes in the Valley, recognizes the need to keep our neighborhoods safe in these critical times in urban communities. This grant is designed to complement the need for neighbors to know each other and to recognize the importance of their Eyes on the Ground. The Valleywood homeowners know that our neighbors are often the first eyes, yet the need for 24/7 pair of eyes takes it to a level often hidden from our residents. Eyes in the Valley crime prevention strategy through the purchase of SkyCop Surveillance Cameras will assist the Valleywood residents in scaling up its original goals to meet today's reality of criminal activity in our community.

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Narrative - Organization

Current programs and Our community has 190 homes with 61 individuals actively

accomplishments. Please emphasize the achievements of the recent past.

involved in our Neighborhood Watch Program. We have two (2) Block Captains (retired) per street to distribute information and watch out for our neighbors. The Association provides a monthly newsletter, automated calls, 3 annual events (National Night Out, Christmas Gathering, Spring Clean-Up). We adopted Holmes Road Elementary and Havenview Middle Schools. We provide Christmas gifts for at-risk families, collegiate jackets for National Honor Society students and proctor tests.

Numbers of paid full-time staff: 0

Number of paid part-time staff: 0

Number of volunteers: 20

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Narrative - Funding Request

Please describe the program/project for which you seek funding and include how it will benefit the general welfare of residents in Shelby County, TN.

The Valleywood Homeowners' Association's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant Project, Eyes in the Valley, recognizes the need to keep our neighborhoods safe in these critical times in urban communities. This grant is designed to complement the need for neighbors to know each other and to recognize the importance of their Eyes on the Ground. The Valleywood homeowners know that our neighbors are often the first eyes, yet the need for 24/7 pair of eyes takes it to a level often hidden from our residents. In the Valley crime prevention strategy through the purchase of SkyCop Surveillance Cameras will assist the Valleywood residents in scaling up its original goals to meet today's reality of criminal activity in our community. In 1986, thirty years ago, the Valleywood Homeowners' Association adopted the following goals: (1) to maintain an effective Neighborhood Watch Program; (2) to maintain and improve the dignity and integrity of homes; (3) To ensure orderly and compatible use of land (4) to encourage homeowners to improve their home; (5) to work together on problems and issues of common concern. Today these original goals are challenged by the external factors of criminal activity facing neighborhoods and communities. Valleywood, nestled in the Whitehaven community, includes Butterworth on the north, Autumnwood on the east, Haverwood on the south, and

Whitworth on the west are not exempt from the criminal activity. Although the community has been stable for more than three decades, there has been a steady increase of thefts, burglaries, gang activity, graffiti, car break-ins, drive-bys, and shots at vans parked in carports in recent years. Whitehaven has suffered a rash of crime that engulfs our neighborhood as well. To that end, the Valleywood Homeowners' Association residents decided to be proactive and respond aggressively to these encroaching criminal activities that threaten our safety. After many discussions and researching effective crime prevention programs, the Valleywood Homeowners' Association decided that the SkyCop Surveillance Cameras System would be a viable option for our residents and this community. The SkyCop strategy will provide a 24/7 technical "Eyes on the Valley" chronicling activity on the entrances into our subdivision. The cameras will provide snapshots of the traffic on our streets and thereby provide deterrence to criminal activity. It is our desire to improve the security of our neighborhood and we believe that implementing SkyCop security cameras will serve as deterrence and provide valuable evidence for detectives should criminal activity occur. Through an agreement with SkyCop, Inc., we will obtain the security system with a one-year warranty. Additionally we will donate the camera equipment to MPD through the Memphis and Shelby County Law Enforcement Foundation. We will also donate funds to cover 12 months of MPD's Verizon wireless service plan, at \$39.99 per month, for connectivity to the Real Time Crime Center. The request from the City of Memphis' Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant is \$2,500.00, and the total cost for each camera is \$5, 868.09 for Year One. We are requesting \$2,500.00 in matching funds to reduce the disparity of SkyCop cameras in our community. The total cost for the three cameras is \$17, 604.27 which includes cameras, installation, and 3 MLGW Pole Permit Fees for the one time, pole attachment fee from MLGW and MPD Verizon Wireless Cellular Service (MPD Data Plan). The Valleywood Homeowners' Association residents are aware of the financial gap between the cost of the cameras and current funding stream. However, the VHA is committed to raising additional funds through donations to procure SkyCop cameras for our neighborhood. The phase-in proposal will begin with the installation of one camera at the Whitworth/Haverwood entrance in Year One. The Valleywood Homeowners' Association will increase its membership dues and fund raising

activities over the next two years to procure the additional two SkyCop cameras for our neighborhood. The funds will be donated to the Memphis and Shelby County Law Enforcement Foundation.

General Operating Support

If applying for general operating support, briefly describe how this grant will be used.

This grant is for a specific project: Purchase of three (3) SkyCop Cameras implemented over a three (3) year period.

Project Support

Please explain the specific project including a statement of its primary purpose and the need or problem that you are seeking to address.

The Whitehaven area has experienced a rapid increase in crime. Consequently, the residents of Valleywood are impacted as well by this increase in burglaries, break-ins, home invasions, thefts, drive-by shootings, etc. Last year, Valleywood residents reported burglaries and thefts/break-ins of homes, cars, stolen items from trunks, garages and carports. Break-ins have occurred during the day, at night, as well as at 3AM in the morning. Many of the residents are retired and feel that the recent surge of thefts is a precursor to accelerated criminal activities. The need to be preventive or proactive to reduce crime in our neighborhood is the catalyst for Valleywood Homeowners' Association grant proposal. Is our desire to improve the security of our neighborhood by implementing SkyCop Surveillance security cameras to serve as a deterrence and provide valuable evidence for detectives should criminal activity occur. Our senior residents will have a greater desire to reactivate their morning walks and reignite their desire to work in their gardens and flowerbeds without fear of personal attacks. Copied below is a letter to the director of police: Valleywood Homeowners' Association
www.neighborhoodlink.com/Valleywood/homeMarva Massey, 4954 Autumnwood, Memphis Tennesseecbead1@gmail.com
September 1, 2016 Director of Police Services Memphis Police Department 201 Poplar Avenue, Ste. 12-16 Memphis TN, 38103-1945 (901) 636-3700 Subject: Donation of SkyCop System Dear Director Michael W. Rallings, The residents of Valleywood appreciate the valiant officers of the Memphis Police Department and the Raines Station precinct who work diligently to protect our community every day. With high anticipation, we believe that our neighborhood will be awarded a Neighborhood Crime Prevention Grant, and we have been

working hard to raise additional funding to procure SkyCop cameras for our neighborhood. It is our desire to improve the security of our neighborhood and we believe that implementing SkyCop security cameras will serve as deterrence, and provide valuable evidence for detectives should criminal activity occur. Through an agreement with SkyCop, Inc., we will be able to obtain the security system with a one-year warranty. We will donate the camera equipment to MPD through the Memphis and Shelby County Law Enforcement Foundation. We will also donate funds from our annual dues and fund raising initiatives to cover 12 months of MPD's Verizon wireless service plan, at \$39.99 per month for connectivity to the Real Time Crime Center. We respectfully request your approval of any donation and confirmation that the system will remain in place for access by the Memphis Police Department. Respectfully, Joyce C. Mitchell C: Gardie Taylor Vice President Valleywood Homeowners' Association The Valleywood Homeowners' Association/Neighborhood Needs Assessment

How does the project contribute to your organization's overall mission?

Crime in the Valleywood subdivision and on neighboring streets has increased. The SkyCop cameras will provide a strategic and layered effect for crime prevention by providing high powered "EYES" at the three entrances, Gardenwood Drive, Butterworth Street, and Whitworth-Haverwood Roads. As a community, we attempt to watch out for each other; however, we know that this task can be insurmountable because of our routine work hours, family obligations and personal responsibilities.

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Narrative - Evaluation

Please explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities. Describe your criteria for a successful program and the results you expect to have achieved by the end of the funding period.

The Valleywood Homeowners' Association (VHA) will evaluate and measure the success by incorporating the following metrics: 1) The number of incidents of theft, burglary, and crime reported in the Valleywood community; 2) The participation rate of residents in community engagement projects, meetings; 3) An analysis of the results of Residents' Satisfaction or Opinion Survey on Safety; 4) An increased number of members paying dues over the previous year; and 5) A review of the SkyCop Surveillance Cameras' tapes. After purchasing the cameras, the VHA will continue to provide maintenance funds generated by VHA residents' membership dues and fundraising activities.

Attachments:

If your request is under \$25,000 please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
2. Most recent IRS Form 990 or Financial Statements (balance sheet and income statement) as of the most recent fiscal year end certified by Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the entity.
3. Complete Budget for grant request

If your request is \$25,000 or more please attach the following:

1. Copy of the entity's 501 (c) 3 certificate for charitable organizations or 501 (c) 4 certificate for civic organizations
2. Copy of an annual audit as of a date within 18 months of the start of the current fiscal year.
3. Complete Budget for grant request

File 1 [Valleywood Donations to MSC Law Enforcement Foundation jcm\[1280525\].docx](#)

File 2 [Shelby County Grant Items.pdf](#)

File 3 [Robinson Sig\[2\].pdf](#)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

The information provided has been submitted in good faith and as completely as

our records and recollections permit.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners.

Signature: Patrice J. Robinson

Printed Name: Patrice J. Robinson

Date 9/12/2016

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