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## BUSINESS SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS GRANT

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The City of Bakersfield's Business Security Improvements Grants Program supports security improvements to assist small businesses and non-profits and mitigate financial hardship in disproportionately impacted areas or to impacted industries. The Business Security Improvements Grant Program uses federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to provide grants within Qualified Census Tracts in the city limits of Bakersfield.

To be eligible for a grant:

- Your organization/business must be within a Qualified Census Tract (see map in Attachment A).
- You must have a current business license with the City of Bakersfield.
- Must not have any delinquent bills or outstanding liens issued by the City.
- The business or the businesses you serve must have no more than 500 employees.

### Phase 1: Eligible Security Site Improvements

The site improvement grants are an endeavor to improve security measures in disproportionately impacted areas (Qualified Census Tracts) within the City of Bakersfield. The grants provide financial assistance for specific security improvements. *The maximum funding available for an applicant with qualified improvements within a City Qualified Census Tract is \$5,000.* Each business site can only receive one grant.

Eligible business security improvements include:

- Alarm Systems (install only, grant does not fund long-term monitoring).
- Security Cameras (including purchase, installation, and related electrical work).
- Lighting (including purchase, installation, and related electrical work).
- Smashed window repairs (need to include a copy of filed police report).

### Phase 2: Eligible Security Services

This \$50,000 grant is to assist with private security services procured by an established business district association or organization. Organizations are eligible for a one-time grant to fund private security for a period not to exceed six (6) months. All organizations will need to meet the City's [insurance requirements](#) for private security services consideration. Grants may not exceed \$50,000. The organization will be required to provide a signed agreement with a licensed security firm outlining the staffing, hours, and other pertinent information to demonstrate service area. Applicants should confer with the Bakersfield Police Department prior to selection of a security firm to ensure that the firm is acceptable. A map of the security service area will also be required.

### Phase 3: Eligible Security Site Hardening Improvements (In development)

#### Program Criteria

- Grants will be limited to only amounts appropriate to the scope of the eligible security improvements identified on your application. Any potential project that is not one of the

security site improvements identified above does not qualify for the Program.

- All site improvements shall conform to all City Codes, Zoning Ordinance, and applicable Design Guidelines and may require review and permits issued by the City’s Public Works, Planning, and/or Building Departments such as building, electrical or encroachment permits. Please make sure your contractor obtains the required permits or you will not receive your grant reimbursement.
- To ensure efficient use of program funds, you may be required to provide multiple estimates/bids for the proposed work from contractors.
- Contractors are required to have both state contractors’ licenses and City business licenses.
- Business owners who are tenants of a building must provide written consent from the building owner for all proposed improvements. In addition, the grant application must be signed by the property owner.
- Improvements cannot be started or completed before application is approved by the City.
- Program funds may not be used for insurance deductibles or in addition to and/or in place of claims paid from insurance companies, or similar duplicative funding sources.
- Grant funding assistance will be provided only once (i.e., window and other repairs will not be continuously repaired after the first instance, even if the total project is under the \$5,000 limit per business site).
- Applicants found to be funding the same improvement and/or repair from more than one source (duplicating) may be disqualified from future funding opportunities from the City of Bakersfield. Applicants may be reported for and investigated for fraud.

### Security Camera Recommendations

Per consultation with the Bakersfield Police Department, the following should be considered for choosing the most beneficial security camera system:

- Online web and phone application access ability.
- Street and/or alley viewing angles.
- A quality view of building entrances and exits for possible identification purposes.
- Recommended 3-to-4-week minimum video retention capabilities.
- 4K video quality capability (1080p recommended).
- Ability to have all cameras on one central system with clear labels.
- Ability to have video download and retrieval accessible online.

### Ineligible Activities/Costs

Any improvements not listed under Phase 1, 2 or 3 of eligible security services or site improvements and improvements that include equipment providers/manufacturers/service providers or any subsidiaries or affiliates of such entities (per H.R. 3919, the Secure Equipment Act of 2021) that include the following:

- Huawei Technologies Company
- ZTE Corporation
- Hytera Communications
- Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company
- Dahua Technology Company
- Any of (including/not limited to) the above and/or those provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

### Phase 1: Application Process

<b>Application</b>	Submit a Complete & Signed Application with all the required attachments.
<b>Award Notice</b>	Receive an Award Notice from the City ECD Department.

<b>Install Improvements</b>	Install Security Improvements (get all necessary permits from the City). City staff will inspect the work for compliance with City codes.
<b>Grant Reimbursement</b>	After work is completed submit grant reimbursement request (see Attachment B). The City shall make payment to the applicant after the City has received all proof of payment that confirms that project costs were incurred and qualify as an eligible project cost.
<b>Staff Review</b>	Staff review (20 days) of request with copies of estimates, bids, invoices, and receipts/proof of payment.
<b>Approve &amp; Disburse Funds</b>	After approved request, check is issued within 30 days.

### Phases 2 & 3: Application Process (Security Services and Site Hardening)

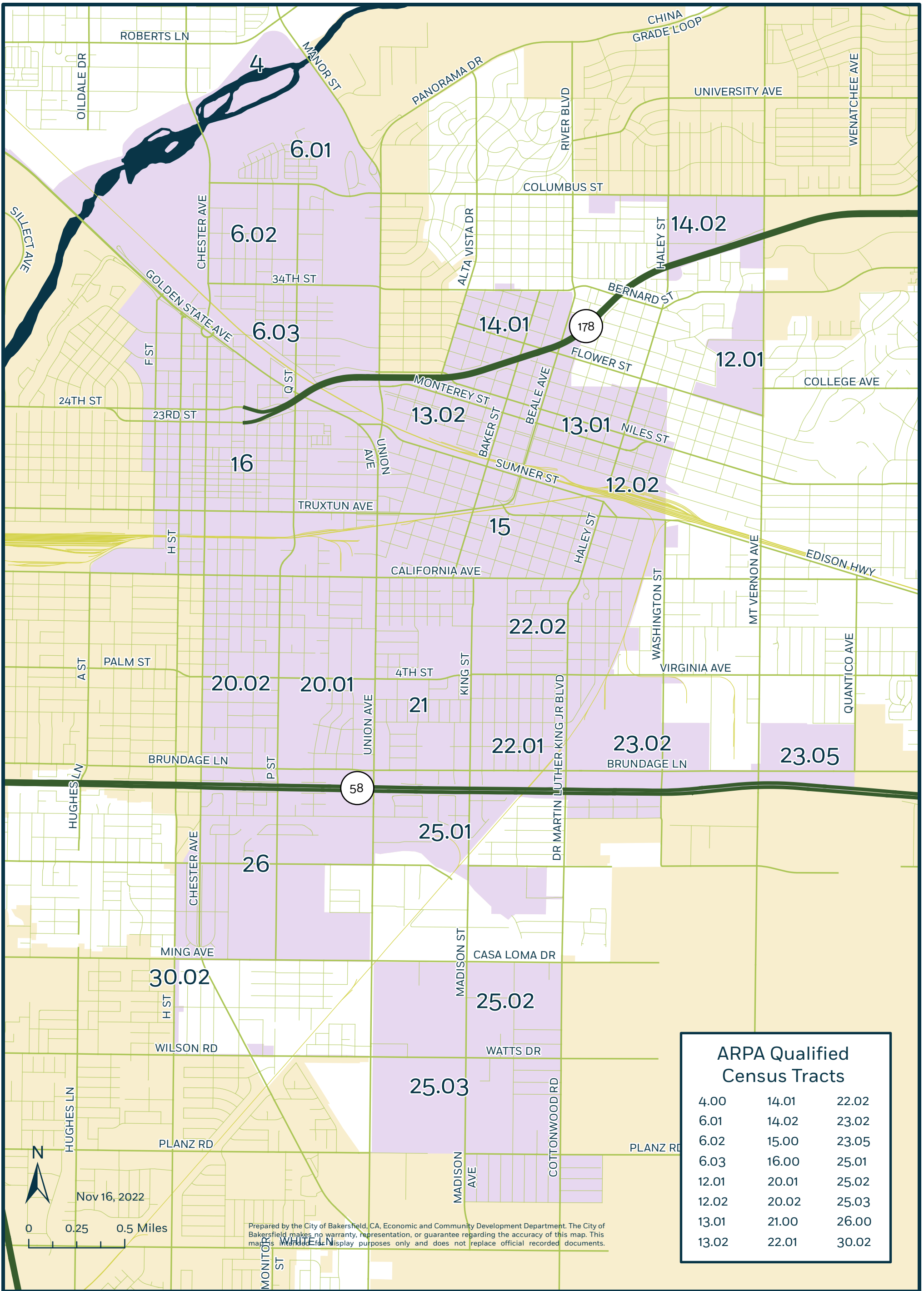
<b>Application</b>	Submit a Complete & Signed Application with all the required attachments.
<b>Grant Agreement</b>	Receive a draft grant agreement for review and signature.
<b>Award Notice</b>	Receive Award Notice from the City ECD Department after agreement is approved by City Council or ECD Director.
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#### Application Review

A completed application does not imply all activities or specific costs proposed will qualify for grant funding. Applications will be reviewed by staff for compliance with all program guidelines and ARPA final rules. Any changes to the activities funded by the grant must be approved by the City in writing.

Economic and Community Development Staff will evaluate each application and make funding recommendations to the ECD Director or City Council who will make final award decisions based upon his/her judgment of the overall quality of proposed projects and their consistency with intent of the Business Security Improvements Grant Program. The ECD Director reserves the right to some flexibility in making or recommending specific funding decisions if those decisions best serve the interest of the Business Security Improvements Grant Program and the program recipients. After receiving notice of the City Council or Director's approval of funding recommendations, all applicants will receive written notification.

The City of Bakersfield reserves the right to cancel or modify this Program at any time prior to grant approval, without notice. Continuation of the Program is subject to sufficient funding which may or may not be appropriated by the Bakersfield City Council.



# 2023 ARPA Qualified Census Tracts