

City Greenwood Police Department

Shooting Tank	\$ 100,000.00
Supplies for Community Trailer	\$ 30,000.00
Covert Cameras	\$ 10,000.00
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TOTAL	\$ 140,000.00

The second area we would like to focus on is stopping kids from gun violence and joining the homegrown gangs we see pop up. We currently have a pull-behind trailer that we would like to outfit for this essential purpose. The trailer would be taken to neighborhoods and educate children and parents about the dangers of gangs and guns. It would also serve as a building block for our community members and, most notably, our children in the community to interact positively with our officers. This is just another way to stop crime before it occurs and protect the future of our community. To outfit the **community trailer** would cost approximately **\$30,000** and would be open for any agency in the Lakelands to request its use.

Covert cameras have always been used and continue to help us fight the drug wars we see daily. We currently have two covert cameras in continuous service, and we need **five additional covert cameras** at **\$2,000 each**.

All these items mentioned above are a one-time fee and would not have any reoccurring cost. Thank you for your time and attention in this manner, and I would love to meet and talk with you about these requests and how we can use these items to make our community safer. My cellphone is 864-992-7304, and is open to you anytime.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TJ Chaudoin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Sincerely, Chief TJ Chaudoin

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RE: Greenwood Police Department

My name is TJ Chaudoin, and I am the Chief of Police for the Greenwood, South Carolina, Police Department. Since 2019 our community has seen a rise in gun violence and the Fentanyl drug trade. I lead a department where we will always take a **proactive** approach to stop crime and not simply responding to crime. Because of this, I believe we are ahead of most police departments throughout our state. Over the past three years, members of the Greenwood Police Department have taken over 800 illegal guns off the streets of our community. Last year, the city of Greenwood had a total of 73 shootings, resulting in six homicides. By far, our department arrests more individuals than all other departments in the Lakelands. We have not had an unsolved homicide since 2019, before I took the reigns at the Police Department.

During the release of ARPA funds, the Greenwood Police Department made a great stride in handling some of the shortages plaguing our department for several years. We purchased a 2.1 million dollar ten-year contract with Axon to provide our department with up-to-date body cameras, in-car cameras, and tasers. We have also slotted six new officer positions, which was a dire need, and 12 new police vehicles. As great as these strides have been, we are still falling short in some significant areas, and I'm asking for your help in these matters.

This first area is the request for a purchase of a **shooting tank**. This item will be used to document every illegal handgun our officers take off the streets; this way, the spent shell casings and projectiles can be entered into NIBRS to connect these firearms to past shootings. We currently have to take all the confiscated weapons to SLED and are only allowed ten handguns, and have to make appointments. This often takes several weeks to months to try and collaborate on a time an officer may conduct this activity. With the shooting tank, we will be able to complete this ourselves with every handgun and save valuable time in efforts to help link these firearms more quickly. The equipment will be open to all Police Agencies within the Lakelands area. The quicker we get these **weapons** into NIBRS, the faster we can take the bad guys off our streets. The total cost is **\$100,000**.