

Agenda

Learn about bringing Lights On! to your community



- I. Overview of Lights On!
 - I. Problem/Solution
 - II. Benefits
 - III. Key Figures
- II. Voucher & Survey
- III. Funding
- IV. Process of Joining Lights On!
- V. Next Steps



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Police-Community Relationships Need Healing

Positive interactions with law enforcement restore trust



Of Americans do not have confidence in the police

(<u>Gallup</u>, 2020)

Of people who

interact with police have a household income of \$25K or less while making up 13.7% of the population

(U.S. Department of Justice)

52% 20% 53%

involved in traffic stops are Black while making up 19.4% of the population

(US Census Bureau)



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The Downward Spiral LIGHTS ON! Equipment violation tickets inadvertently become a poor tax **Ticket Issued for Broken Car Light Lights On!** stops the downward **Inability to Pay Fines On** spiral here **Broken Car Lights** Driver has to decide between a \$175 fine or to buy groceries for the week (MNCourts.gov, 2017) **Increased Law Enforcement Interactions & Fines** More likely to be pulled over again **Potential Jail Time & Revoked** License or Vehicle \$175 ticket = \$2,500+ in late fees, Hurt Instead of Help missed work, court fees, etc. (Fines & Fees Justice Center) Proprietary & Confidential | 4

How We Heal Police-Community Relationships



A simple idea with a powerful impact



Lights On! turns dreaded traffic stops into an opportunity to create positive and restorative interactions.

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Benefits

It is a win-win-win





Law Enforcement Benefits

- Less law enforcement officer
- Law enforcement builds stronger community bonds
- A new approach to societal problems



Voucher Recipient Benefits

- Positive path for lowincome drivers
- Restorative interaction with police
- Safer car fixed at no-cost to driver





Community Benefits

- Safer cars on the road
- Local business (auto shop) promotion
- Improved police-community relations
- Better prioritized community resources

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Impact in the Numbers



Reaching the Marginalized Community with Positive Interactions

6K

Nearly 6,000 vouchers redeemed to date.

98.5%

satisfied or very satisfied with their interaction with the officer who gave them the Lights On! voucher



1 in 3

Voucher recipients have household incomes below \$30,000



35.8%

Voucher recipients identify as BIPOC

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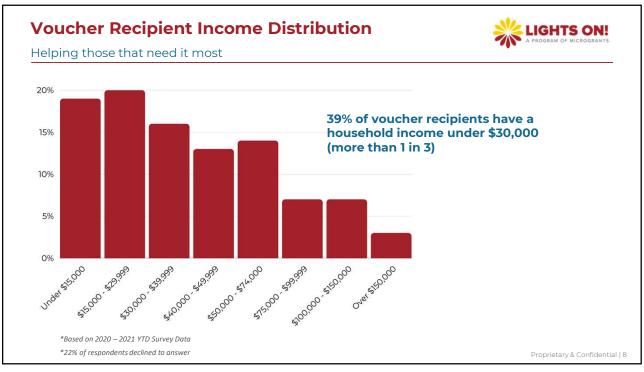
Participating law enforcement agencies to date (Feb 2022) 21%

Voucher recipients would have been unlikely or very unlikely to fix their light without the voucher

*Data taken from 2020 - 2021 Lights On! surveys

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What Healing Looks Like

How our communities are transformed

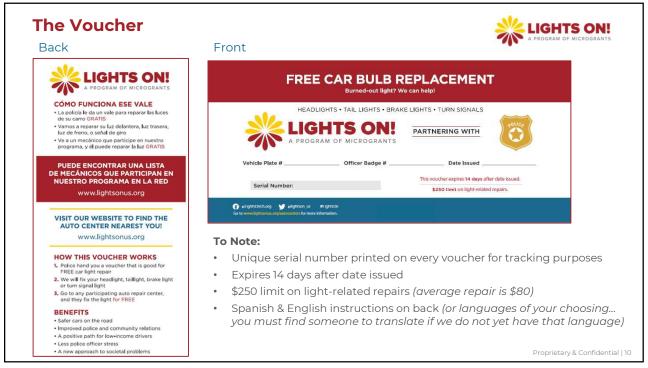


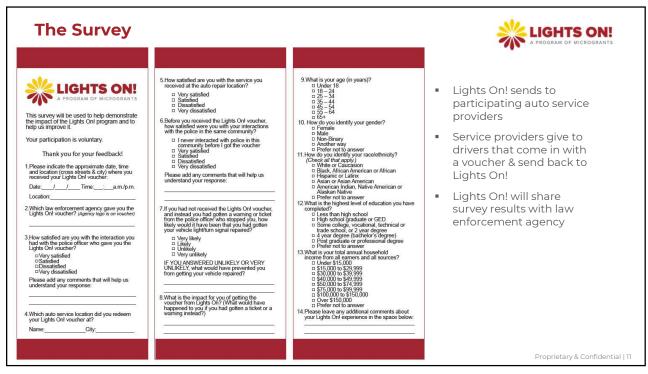
"I am a mother of three. We were without a vehicle, walking in the snow for two months after our car was totaled. I worked and saved to get a cheap car. Then I got pulled over for having my taillights out. I was so scared I would get a ticket and wouldn't be able to pay. I am so grateful."

- Ashley, Voucher Recipient

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The Program is Working

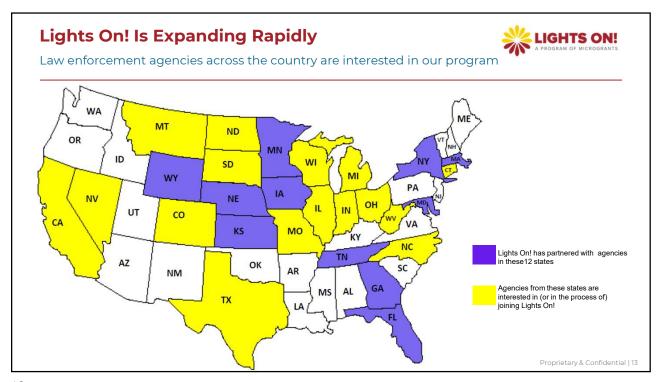
Positive Feedback from Law Enforcement



"Lights On! absolutely makes a difference. In this time, where trust and legitimacy with police departments and communities are at a tipping point, **Lights On! helps us start the dialogue and restores trust.**"

-Police Chief Medaria Arradondo, Minneapolis

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Funding Lights On! in Your Community



Each law enforcement agency, outside of MN, pays half of the cost of the program. Lights On! funds the other half.

- Annual costs are estimated on a sliding scale, based on population
- Your dollars go to printing the vouchers and paying for the repairs in your community (not to any administrative costs)
- Lights On! gives quarterly updates on the number of vouchers redeemed, use of funds, and remaining balance
- If costs increase beyond projections, agencies can reassess and increase funding accordingly; unused funds roll over to the next year
- We will review the MOU every year to adjust funding requirements
- Law enforcement agencies find various sources of funding (internal, outside foundations, sports teams, etc.)
 - We suggest not using tax-payer money



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Joining Lights On!

Bring our healing program to your community

- 1. Both parties agree to MOU
- 2. State licensing submitted by Lights On! (can take a month for approval)
- 3. Law enforcement agency secures funding & submits donation to Lights On!
- 4. Law enforcement agency orders vouchers
 - Lights On! contacts agency with needed information
 - The vouchers are mailed directly from the printer
- 5. Law enforcement agency talks to local auto service providers about joining
 - Lights On! provides agency with a flyer to help when recruiting providers
 - Agency gives Lights On! the contact info of interested providers
 - Lights On! gives the service providers more info providers confirm they want to join they are added to the website
- 6. Press release, press conference (optional)
 - Lights On! has a PR/marketing firm that can assist
- 7. Law enforcement agency begins giving vouchers!
 - Set an agency standard as to when to hand out vouchers
 - Tell Lights On! any great stories
 - Data request (Lights On! will request data on # of vouchers given, etc.)







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Next Steps

When you are ready to join!



- 1. Your law enforcement agency confirms interest in joining Lights On!
- 2. We begin MOU process
 - Lights On! will need (please email pam@microgrants.net with this information)
 - i. Name & address of law enforcement agency
 - ii. Name & contact info of a key point person
 - iii. Population of the area served by the agency
 - iv. Zip codes for the area served
- 3. You start looking for funding!

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