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# Lights On! Vouchers Being Issued to Motorists by San Diego, Chula Vista, National City Police

## PROGRAM HELPS DRIVERS FIX BURNED OUT LIGHTS INSTEAD OF RECEIVING CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS

**San Diego** – Following [the March announcement of the Lights On! Program](#) coming to the San Diego region, San Diego, Chula Vista and National City Police Department officers are now issuing Lights On! vouchers to motorists in lieu of citations for lighting equipment violations.

San Diego, Chula Vista and National City join agencies nationwide implementing the Lights On! program that aims to improve police-community relations and lessen the burden of certain traffic tickets.

The vouchers are provided to motorists during routine traffic stops for lighting equipment violations in lieu of a citation or “fix-it ticket.” Vouchers are only given following a traffic stop and are not available upon request. Officers began issuing vouchers over the past several weeks.

Officers are still able to act on other violations that may be present during the stop. The program does not prohibit them from requesting the person’s identification or checking police databases for any outstanding warrants.

Vouchers can be [redeemed at participating locations](#) for up to \$250 for burned-out headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals. If the repairs total more than \$250, the remaining amount is the sole responsibility of the driver. If the participating auto service provider cannot complete the repairs due to another issue with the vehicle, the repairs will be the responsibility of the driver. The voucher cannot be redeemed for cash value.

The agencies have partnered with the San Diego Padres Foundation and Scripps Health to fund the initiative, and all donations made to Lights On! are matched by MicroGrants. The Padres and Scripps' donations will allow all three agencies to operate the program for approximately three years, depending on the cost of repairs and redemption of vouchers.

### **ABOUT LIGHTS ON!**

Lights On! is an innovative community-driven program that partners with law enforcement and auto service providers to replace tickets with repair vouchers. We believe that police-community relationships need healing, and that positive interactions with police can restore trust and solve problems. Through the Lights On! vouchers, we create thousands of opportunities for people with authority to foster healing in the community.

### **ABOUT MICROGRANTS: THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF LIGHTS ON!**

MicroGrants' mission is to give a boost to motivated people on their journey to economic self-sufficiency. Our innovative approach provides cash, not loans, to meet the immediate needs of low-income individuals on their quest to start a business, finish their education, or acquire transportation for their job. We work with over 50 Partner Agencies that refer low-income, high-potential individuals prevented from advancing their careers due to a specific financial barrier. MicroGrants helps grantees overcome that barrier and continue on their path to financial independence.

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