

HB1029 Remarks

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- 1. Origins and Philosophy of Lights On!:** After the tragic death of Philando Castile, the MicroGrants Board of Directors discussed ways that they could prevent such a terrible event from happening again. MicroGrants already had connections to low-income drivers, auto repair shops, and law enforcement. MicroGrants CEO Don Samuels, former Public Safety Chair of the Minneapolis City Council, called a number of police departments to ask whether they were interested in joining the program. Since then, the program has grown dramatically as our story has spread. Lights On! continues to grow rapidly as interested law enforcement agencies, auto shops, cities, and nonprofits contact MicroGrants and ask to join.

- 2. Success Testimonials**
 - a. Police Chiefs – Lights On! currently has **141 Law Enforcement Partners**
 - b. Drivers – To date, over **8,000 Lights On! vouchers** have been redeemed
 - c. Auto Shop Owners – Lights On! currently has **283 auto shop partners**