

Village of Pinckney

Public Hearing (**CDBG**) Grant Proposal

Community Development Block Grant

Good evening, everyone, and thank you for coming out tonight—I really appreciate you taking the time to be here and be part of this conversation.

Tonight, we're here to talk about an opportunity for the Village of Pinckney to bring in **\$1.5 million in grant funding**—money that would go directly toward improving housing and supporting residents right here in our community.

I want to start with the most important point:

This is grant funding—not a loan—and it does not increase your taxes.

This program is designed to help small communities like ours address real challenges, and for us, one of the biggest challenges right now is **housing**—both maintaining the homes we already have and creating new opportunities for people to live here.

The proposal has three parts:

First, **\$700,000 to support the development of a small, 7-unit apartment building**. This is not a large complex—it's a modest, well-planned project designed to provide quality housing for people who are already part of communities like ours: local workers, young adults, and seniors looking to downsize.

Second, **\$550,000 for a homeowner rehabilitation program**. This is direct help for residents who need it—help fixing roofs, furnaces, plumbing, and making homes safer and more livable. This keeps people in their homes and helps protect the value of our neighborhoods.

And third, **\$250,000 for administration**, which is required to manage the program properly, meet federal guidelines, and ensure everything is done transparently and correctly.

Now, I understand that whenever we talk about housing—especially anything tied to income guidelines—there are questions and concerns. That's fair, and that's exactly why we're here tonight.

But I want to be very clear about how we're approaching this:

This is a **small-scale, controlled, and community-focused investment**.

It's about **supporting the people who already live here**, strengthening our housing, and

making sure Pinckney remains a place where people can afford to stay, work, and raise their families.

At the same time, this investment helps position us for the future—bringing in outside funding, improving our housing stock, and making our community more resilient.

Tonight, is about transparency and input. We want to walk through the details, answer your questions, and hear your feedback.

At the end of the day, this is about making a smart decision for Pinckney—one that balances growth, responsibility, and taking care of our residents.

Thank you again for being here—I'm looking forward to the discussion.