



Legislatively Directed Spending Request

Requested Funding Amount:

\$2,950,000.00

Organization Name

Village of Pinckney
Pinckney Michigan, 48169

Organization Mission

The mission of the Village of Pinckney is to provide responsible and transparent local governance while strategically investing in infrastructure, public health, and community partnerships that advance economic stability, protect public safety, and improve quality of life. Through collaboration with state and regional partners, the Village works to deliver projects that produce measurable, long-term benefits for residents and the broader State of Michigan.

Project Name

Pinckney Core Infrastructure Renewal Project

Project Overview

The Village of Pinckney has historically relied on its General Fund to address critical road and utility maintenance needs. Over the past several years, the escalating cost of construction, materials, and emergency repairs has required the Village to draw down General Fund reserves, resulting in an accumulated deficit of up to \$300,000. This approach is not sustainable and limits the Village's ability to respond to future infrastructure failures or public safety needs.

State funding is necessary to allow the Village to complete a coordinated reconstruction of three priority roadways and the aging sewer and water infrastructure beneath them in a single, cost-effective project. By addressing these improvements comprehensively, the Village can avoid continued short-term repairs, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and stabilize its financial position while delivering durable infrastructure improvements that will serve the community for decades.



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Problem Statement

The Village of Pinckney is a small, landlocked community of just **2,339 residents** spread across **1.4 square miles**, with a limited and aging tax base. More than **half of all homes have a taxable value below \$89,000**, leaving the Village with little local capacity to fund major infrastructure improvements. Demographically, roughly **one in six residents is a child, one in six is a senior, and two-thirds are working-age adults**, making safe, reliable infrastructure essential for families, seniors, and the local workforce alike.

The Village's ability to raise additional revenue is severely constrained by the **Headlee Amendment**, leaving no viable local mechanism to address high-cost infrastructure needs. Yet, despite its small size, the Village is responsible for maintaining **roads, water mains, and sewer systems** that cost the same to replace as those in much larger Michigan cities.

Years of deferred investment, combined with rapidly rising construction and labor costs, have placed the Village at a tipping point. With no ability to expand its tax base through growth or annexation, Pinckney cannot meet these infrastructure challenges through local funding alone.

Without targeted state investment, continued deterioration will increase the risk of infrastructure failures, threaten public safety, and result in significantly higher costs to the State in the future. Strategic state support will protect essential services, stabilize the community, and ensure long-term infrastructure reliability for residents and the surrounding region.

Solution

The Village of Pinckney's proposed infrastructure improvement project will directly address these challenges through proactive, coordinated investment in critical road, sewer, and water systems before failures escalate into public safety emergencies or unmanageable financial burdens.

The project will achieve this by:

- **Proactive Infrastructure Replacement** – Reconstructing three priority village roadways while simultaneously replacing the aging sewer and water lines beneath them to prevent system failures, service interruptions, and emergency repairs.



- **Public Safety Improvements** – Improving roadway conditions for residents, businesses, and emergency responders while reducing risks associated with sewer collapses, water main breaks, and surface deterioration.
- **Cost-Effective Project Delivery** – Coordinating roadway and underground utility work into a single construction effort to minimize redundancy, reduce total project costs, and avoid repeated disruptions to residents.
- **Long-Term Financial Stability** – Eliminating the cycle of short-term repairs and emergency expenditures that have strained the Village’s General Fund and contributed to ongoing deficits, allowing the Village to stabilize its finances and meet future obligations.

Impact Goals

Protect Public Safety and Essential Services

Ensure reliable road access, sewer service, and clean drinking water for all Village residents, businesses, and emergency responders by addressing critical infrastructure deficiencies before failures occur.

Prevent Costly Infrastructure Failures

Eliminate the risk of emergency road closures, sewer collapses, and water main breaks that would result in significantly higher repair costs and service disruptions for residents and surrounding communities.

Demonstrate Responsible Stewardship of Public Funds

Reduce long-term infrastructure costs by completing coordinated, preventative improvements that avoid repeated short-term repairs and unplanned emergency expenditures.

Stabilize the Village’s Financial Position

Protect the Village’s ability to meet its financial obligations and avoid deeper General Fund deficits by replacing failing infrastructure before emergency conditions force unsustainable spending.

Model Proactive Leadership and Regional Partnership

Demonstrate a shared commitment by Village, County, and State leadership to invest in communities where timely intervention can prevent crisis, safeguard residents, and deliver long-term, measurable public benefit.



Funding Utilization

Street 1: Brentwood St.

- a. Road: \$500,000 Complete removal and replace with addition of curb
- b. Sewer: \$300,000 Remove and replace two segment runs of pipe.

Street 2: Unadilla St

- a. Road: \$500,000 Complete removal of approx. 250ft with mill and fill on the rest
- b. Sewer: \$300,000 Remove and replace 250ft of sewer main along with two structures being replaced.

Street 3: S. Howell

- a. Road: \$750,000 Complete removal and replace
- b. Sewer: \$600,000 Remove and replace deteriorating stone culverts under road

Conclusion

This project represents a critical investment in the safety, stability, and long-term viability of the Village of Pinckney. By funding this coordinated road, sewer, and water infrastructure improvement, the State of Michigan will enable proactive leadership that protects residents, preserves essential services, and prevents far more costly failures in the future. This investment demonstrates a shared commitment by local, county, and state partners to act where help is truly needed—before infrastructure failure becomes a public safety crisis or an unsustainable financial burden.

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