

Village of Paw Paw

Housing Assistance Grant Program

In an effort to provide homeowners an incentive to invest in their homes, the Village Council approved funding a trial program. This program assists owner occupied residential property owners (existing or new owners) to improve their property, bring their property into code compliance, or increase energy efficiency.

Matching Grant: The Village will provide 50% of the funds and the property owner will provide the other half.

Maximum Grant Amount: Up to \$2,500 of Village funds matched by at least \$2,500 of property owner funds.

Minimum Grant Amount: None

Allowed Uses of Funds: The following are allowed - - -

- Expenses for the residential structure, accessory garages and fences
- Energy efficiency efforts; insulation and energy efficient windows, water heaters, furnaces
- New entrances; doors, mudrooms
- New or repaired roof
- Window replacement or repair
- Painting of exterior structures and fences (if paint is bought from within the Village limits the grant increases 15%, \$375 more)
- Additions of porches, patios, decks, or rooms
- Structural and infra-structural repairs or replacement to home, garage, fence, water/sanitary sewer laterals, and storm drainage improvements that may impact property values or the natural environment
- Asphalt or concrete paving of driveways
- Others uses as may specifically granted

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must meet all of the following - - -

- Applicant must be a current property owner or a new property owner
- Owner must be current on property taxes and utility bills
- Owners by land contract are required to provide approval from land contract holder
- Property must be in the Village limits
- Meet the household income guidelines. This varies by household size.
- Must obtain three (3) bids and have licensed Michigan Contractor perform the work; however, the owner may do their own painting.
- Work must be completed by October 30, 2008

Payment of Village Grant: The Village funds are paid after the property owner and the contractor provide signed notice to the Village that the work is complete and acceptable and after submission of actual invoices and visual inspection.

Applicants Review: Applications are reviewed by Manager, DPS Director and Clerk. Review completed within two weeks following submission of completed application.

First Come, First Serve: Applications are considered on a first come first serve basis starting with the date and time a complete application is received. 'Complete' means when all sufficient information n has been provided.

Information Needed: The Village reserves the right to request verification of the applicant's meeting of the household income guidelines. Any financial information provided or requested as part of the application is considered confidential information.

Household Income Guidelines: Household Income Guidelines are based on the number of people in the household and the combined adjusted gross incomes of all wage earners in the household. The numbers below are your household income limits to be eligible for the assistance program. To see if you are eligible, start with your adjusted gross income from your tax return, subtract all utility expenses (sewer, gas, water, and electric utilities) and all your medical expenses to arrive at your income for this program.)

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>
1 person	\$40,740	5 persons	\$62,880
2 persons	\$46,560	6 persons	\$67,440
3 persons	\$52,380	7 persons	\$72,180
4 persons	\$58,200	8 persons	\$76,800

Applications available: Applications are available at Village Hall. To have one mailed to you, please call 657-3148 and provide your name and address. To have one emailed to you, please call or email Village Manager Larry Nielsen at 657-3148 or email Larry at l.nielsen@pawpaw.net. (lower case letter L).