



Rebecca Barbour  
City Clerk

*Creativity Redefined!*

City of Mt. Vernon  
1100 Main PO Box 1708  
cityclerk@mtvernon.com

618-242-6815  
FAX 618-242-6867  
www.mtvernon.com

**Public Hearing  
City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application  
Wednesday, July 8, 2026  
10:00 a.m.**

Crosswalk Community Action Housing Rehab Coordinator Jacob Wach presented the State of Illinois Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application process. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and was held at City Hall, 1100 Main Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

Present at the Public Hearing were Mayor John Lewis, Council Member Donte Moore, City Manager Nathan McKenna, Assistant to the City Manager Kendra Donoho, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk Lindsay Burris, Executive Assistant Lauren Smith, Crosswalk Community Action Agency Housing Specialist Jacob Wach and approximately 15 residents in the audience.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Wach explained that all the funding for the program comes from HUD at the federal level. The state typically picks 16 applicants to award throughout the entire city. The overall amount Crosswalk will be asking of the state this year is \$800,000. This amounts to \$70,000 per home that they are allowed to spend per the grant guidelines. Mr. Wach explained the grant's timeline and the process of applying and what to expect if one is awarded a grant. Wach stated that residents must provide photo I.D.'s of anyone in the household over the age of 18, form of income, proof of ownership of the home, mortgage paperwork and property taxes paid currently and homeowner's insurance. If selected, an inspection will be done of the home and then a contractor walk-through for the bidding process. The repairs made will be for health and safety issues, which could include bringing plumbing and electric up to code, roof repairs, HVAC and other things that would be considered health and safety related. A few cosmetic items Crosswalk provides include things such as repairs to siding and soffit. The contractors will have 90 days to complete the work from start to finish and there will be a 1-year contractor warranty for the workmanship completed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Becky Barbour*

Becky Barbour, City Clerk