

NCP Rehabilitates 102 East Side Homes

Buffalo, NY – On June 18, 2022, a month after the white supremacist terror attack at Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a significant investment of \$50 million to address the needs of Buffalo's East Side communities. Nearly \$20 million was set aside to fund the Buffalo East Home Improvement Program (BEHIP), an initiative aimed at supporting homeowners in need of serious repairs. Buffalo's East Side is known for having some of the city's oldest housing stock and high rates of deferred maintenance.

NeighborWorks Community Partners (NCP) was allocated \$3.8 million in BEHIP funds to assist homeowners with essential repairs. NCP received BEHIP funds in August 2022 and completed the first project of the program on October 19, 2022. Since then, NCP has successfully completed 102 projects, with an average cost of \$37,000 per project, providing homes with much-needed repairs including new roofing and gutters, rebuilt porches, new exterior finishes, energy conservation improvements, and more. By August 2025, NCP will have deployed all its BEHIP funds at a rate of \$1.25 million dollars a year.

In one special project, NCP was able to leverage its own funds along with BEHIP and Warm & Dry (another state program) to carry out extensive repairs. These included rebuilding a porch to support an existing wheelchair lift, replacing the roof while abating asbestos underlay, securing the front entry with a new front door and security storm door. In total NCP leveraged its own funds and others state funds to add \$250,000 worth of repairs to the home.

Governor Hochul and New York State's investment in BEHIP underscores the commitment to improving the quality of life for residents of Buffalo's East Side and ensuring safe and secure housing for all.

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