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100 Homes, 100 Days project to renovate owner-occupied Homes in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Mayor Randall Woodfin announced today, July 18, that the “100 Homes, 100 Days” project has been created to help repair owner-occupied structures in Birmingham.

The City of Birmingham, through the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund, will partner with Neighborhood Housing Services to make the renovations. All homes must be owner-occupied structures in need of significant repair. Homeowners with limited income will be eligible.

“Our plan is to bundle our work to transform entire blocks instead of renovating one home on a street surrounded by other blight,” Mayor Woodfin said. “This reaffirms our commitment to giving all 99 neighborhoods a fresh start.”

“As additional economic development projects pay off in Birmingham, resources from those projects will be identified and committed to the fund,” the mayor said.

Early in his administration, Mayor Woodfin discussed establishing a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund to help address blight and improve the quality of life in the city’s 99 neighborhoods. The first funding for the Revitalization Fund is from [Shipt](#) and [DC Blox](#). Last week, both companies announced major investments in city development. The \$1 million from Shipt is the result of the company buying a city-owned parking deck for its downtown location. The \$600,000 from DC Blox is the result of the company buying city property to build a data center in Titusville. Both of these projects made it possible for the fund to start off with \$1.6 million.

Mayor Woodfin said that \$1.4 million of the \$1.6 million will go toward renovating homes, and \$200,000 will go toward demolishing dilapidated structures.

The initial investment to NHS is \$1.4 million, which includes \$1 million for 100 homes at \$10,000 each. The remaining \$400,000 of the \$1.4 million will go to intake, applications, demolition and land bank acquisitions. The Mayor’s Office already has engaged the city council to finalize the process.

“We are very happy to partner strategically with the City of Birmingham to move forward with neighborhood revitalization,” Kelleigh Gamble of NHS said. “It’s important that the people we are helping actually own and occupy the home.”

As more economic development investments are announced, additional funding will go toward the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund. The Neighborhood Revitalization Fund was established earlier this year during passage of the city’s agreement to help fund the BJCC renovation and expansion project. An estimated \$9.9 million in new revenue is expected to go into the fund, after the BJCC project is completed, each year.

Council President Valerie Abbott and City Council members Darrell O’Quinn, Sheila Tyson and John Hilliard attended today’s press conference in the Wahouma neighborhood. “It’s a great day in the City of Birmingham. I’m very proud to be a part of this initiative: To revitalize 100 homes in 100 days,” said Councilor O’Quinn. “This program is coming to a neighborhood near you.”

Interested applicants should contact NHS at 205-328-4292 or via email at neighborhoods@birminghamal.gov. Laborers interested in working on this endeavor should also contact NHS.