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SUBJECT: Proposal for the DeKalb Green New Deal Community Investment Fund

Project Overview

In 2003, a local community group identified a need to alleviate the economic pressures on our community's elderly and thereby enable at-risk seniors to remain in their homes safely and comfortably, improving their quality of life. To achieve these goals, the MLK, Jr. Service Project was started to provide house maintenance and repair, free of charge, to Decatur senior citizen homeowners during the MLK, Jr. holiday weekend. That first year's project commenced with 100 volunteers and eight homes. At its peak, the Project engaged nearly 1000 volunteers and served 32 homes.

Each year, qualifying homeowners are invited to apply to the project. The City of Decatur reviews applications to the project, evaluating them for eligibility, including the age, income and location of the homeowner (e.g. within the city limits). The Project endeavors to serve all eligible homeowners each year and has returned to homes mid-year and in following years to complete needed repairs. Each of the project beneficiaries would most likely fall within the scope of those covered by the Justice 40 Initiative.

Project Proposal

One of the key needs we are trying to fundraise for is roof replacement on several homes. Without a sound roof, many of our other efforts will eventually succumb to the ensuing water leakage.

We have a current estimated backlog of \$20,400 for six roofs on homes we've worked on.

Additionally, we strive to weatherize the homes by blowing in insulation (another professional job) and doing air sealing (volunteers).

That runs ~\$1500 per home bringing the grand total to just under \$30K.



Project Budget

During the 2023 project, crews identified the following needs in homes we served, along with cost estimates.

House	Issue	Cost estimate
224 Driftwood Tr	Right side of duplex: Roof boot might be leaking still	\$200
226 Mead Rd	New roof, has huge holes through roof	\$15,000
251 Jefferson Pl	Flat part of roof is shot, needs some roof rafters sistered in	\$3,000
415 3rd Ave	Roof leak - see pics	\$500
1507 Oakview Rd	Ridge vent issue	\$500
242 Maxwell St	Garage roof has two or three holes from limb damage; also leak onto front porch causing structure rot where metal porch roof connects with shingled roof	\$1,200

We are basing weatherization costs on past experience, as shown below.

Date	Contractor	Weatherization Measure	Cost
2/20/2016	Green Day Energy Company	Insulation	\$1,574.40
9/11/2018	Home Ec Home Performance	Insulate 628 S. McDonough St	\$800.00
3/15/2019	Home Ec Home Performance	Insulate 224 Driftwood	\$1,350.00
2/11/2020	Home Ec Home Performance	Insulate 161 Park Dr	\$1,250.00
2/11/2020	Home Ec Home Performance	Insulate 168 Park Dr	\$1,100.00