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Pittsburgh— Mayor William Peduto and State Rep. Jake Wheatley announced grants totaling \$100,000 to help restore the facades of 12 houses near McKinley Park in Beltzhoover.

This initiative is sponsored by the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation (PHLF) and the Hilltop Alliance with funding from the 1772 Foundation, a national organization that supports historic preservation across the country, and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA).

This effort by PHLF and the Hilltop Alliance builds upon recent improvements to this part of Beltzhoover and McKinley Park by the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, the City of Pittsburgh, and ALCOSAN in partnership with the Beltzhoover Consensus Group.

“The work of this partnership will lead to physical improvements and restoration of the houses in this neighborhood, which will complement the investments already being made by the City and others,” said Mayor Peduto.

The program, which is funded by two \$50,000 grants from PHFA and the 1772 Foundation, will help longtime area residents, who qualified for assistance under federal Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines, renovate the facades of houses

“I am pleased to support this community partnership and the residents in continuing to help improve the quality of life in this neighborhood,” said State Rep. Wheatley.

The façade restorations will start this month with six houses around McKinley Park on Eldora, Michigan, and Delmont Streets through work funded in the first phase by PHFA. The second phase of house facades to be restored will include six houses on adjacent streets and is funded by the 1772 Foundation.

“The 1772 Foundation, based in Providence, RI, is the only national foundation focused on the revitalization of historic neighborhoods through revolving fund programs. We have looked to PHLF as a national leader in this field for many years and we are pleased to award \$50,000 in support of this effort to improve the McKinley Park area,” said Danforth Ely, president of the 1772 Foundation

“We are pleased to support this innovative affordable housing program in Beltzhoover,” said Brian Hudson, executive director of PHFA.

The program will be administered by PHLF and the Hilltop Alliance, with all construction work being completed by Beltzhoover-based contractors and with the support of the Beltzhoover Consensus Group.

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- Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation works to, **identify and save** historically significant places; **renew** historic neighborhoods, towns, and urban areas; **preserve** historic farms and historic designed landscapes; and **educate** people about the Pittsburgh region’s rich architectural heritage.
 - Hilltop Alliance is structured as a collaborative organization comprised of community-based organizations from the following eleven South Pittsburgh neighborhoods: Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Bon Air, Carrick, Knoxville, Mount Washington, Mount Oliver City, South Side Slopes, and Saint Clair, as well as Mount Oliver Borough.