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• Consider grants for assisting historic homes with windows replacement, which is historic home rehab biggest cost
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Totals to date:
22 buildings assisted
Project totals = over $20 million