



The Insider Update

Community Housing News

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35 Years of Housing Opportunities



**Our 2024 Annual Report
will be out in April
2025!**

A Word from our Executive Director **The Road Ahead**

On April 12, 1989, Community Housing Services Agency was founded by a visionary group of community leaders representing both public and private organizations. CHSA has come a long way since then! Our innovative partnerships and investments advance our mission: access to quality housing for all! While challenges remain, housing opportunities for households with modest

incomes are a community priority! Will you work with CHSA to continue our success?

Our 35th Anniversary reminded us that together, we can achieve our mission!

Humble, talented and visionary people came together to create homes for their neighbors! And without seeking personal glory or fame.

In the next 35 years, CHSA pledges the following recipe for success:

- * Listening to Savannah residents share their dreams for their community;
- * Cultivating the funders who share our vision;
- * Educating residents about the housing opportunities open to them;
- * Creating property renovation opportunities that match community needs;
- * Collaborating with partners to secure financing;
- * Investing in relationships with talented contractors to build our projects;
- * Coordinating with all stakeholders to complete the successful project;
- * Communicating the impact of our work to our community.

We salute our generous partners, most notably the City of Savannah, the Georgia Port Authority and Civis (formerly the Galvan Foundation). In the past five years, CHSA has invested over \$11.5M and leveraged nearly \$77M in public and private funding to create and/or renovate over 1200 affordable homes.

There have always been barriers to affordable housing, but the past 35 years have taught us that humble, talented, dedicated people can come together to overcome all the obstacles!

Won't you join us?



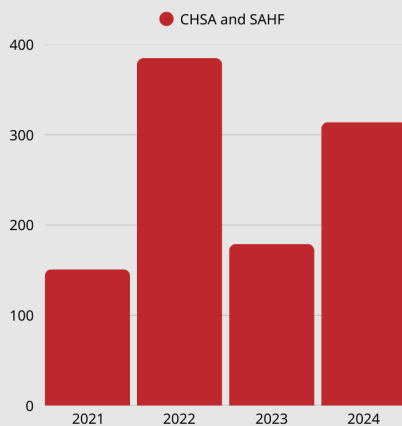
**CHSA and SAHF Exceed Expectations:
2024 Investment Data**



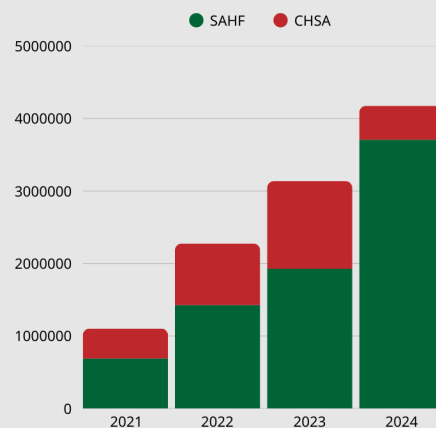
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Housing Units Created or Retained



Overall Housing Investments



**Georgia Ports Authority helps working families!
Meet the Green Family!**



Learn more about Employer Assisted Down Payments!



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Increasing Funding for Housing Trust Funds in Georgia April 17, 2025 10 am

Join us for a virtual panel discussion on increasing funding for Housing Trust Funds in Georgia!

PANELISTS:

- **Beth Stephens** - Director, State and Local Policy, Southeast Community Enterprise Partners
- **Martin Fretty** - Director, Housing Services Department, City of Savannah
- **Natalie Bouyett** - Executive Director, Macon-Bibb County Affordable Housing Fund
- **Will Tucker** - Senior Policy Analyst, City of Atlanta, Office of the Mayor

Join a virtual conversation exploring how investments in housing trust funds can enhance affordable housing initiatives that support Georgia's communities, economy, and growth.

[Register here!](#)



CDFI Fund selected for downsizing and possible elimination

President Trump directed the Office of Management and Budget to reduce personnel to the minimum needed to perform their statutory duties. CHSA received funding for capacity building from the CDFI Fund in 2023.

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Housing Savannah 2025 Housing Summit

The 2025 Housing Summit will bring together housing practitioners, planning staff, and elected officials from throughout Chatham County, its municipalities, and surrounding counties, to address the critical housing challenges facing the region. Wed., April 9, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm in Eckburg Auditorium at Savannah State University. Cost is \$10/pp.



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