

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2019
SAVANNAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FUND
POLICY GUIDELINES AND WORK PROGRAM
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE
COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES AGENCY, INC
TO IMPLEMENT THE 2019 WORK PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah established a local housing fund known as the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) on November 17, 2011 for the purpose of creating, repairing and retaining affordable and workforce housing in the city of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, the SAHF will now be known as the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund (SAHSF); and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF, with its ability to leverage private investment, is an integral part of the City of Savannah Strategic Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Goal 3.5, Access to Quality Housing; and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF Advisory Committee was established to provide guidance in the establishment and growth of the SAHSF; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah Housing and Neighborhood Services Department provides support to the SAHSF Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF Advisory Committee developed Policy Guidelines and a model that has led to the successful implementation of the SAHSF; and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF Advisory Committee meets throughout the year to evaluate progress, to update SAHSF Policy Guidelines when necessary, and to establish an annual Work Program that provides parameters for SAHSF investments; and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF Advisory Committee recommends that an experienced non-profit housing organization, with Housing and Neighborhood Services Department support, be contracted with annually to implement SAHSF Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF Advisory Committee has recommended that Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) be contracted with by the City of Savannah to implement the 2019 SAHSF Work Program; and

WHEREAS, CHSA has served in this role in previous years and has agreed to do so again in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the SAHSF is not used to pay for administrative or implementation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah adopt the 2019 SAHSF Policy Guidelines and Work Program, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. to implement the 2019 SAHSF Work Program. Said contract shall be approved by the City Attorney and will not be used to pay administrative costs associated with the implementation of the 2019 SAHSF Work Program.

Adopted this 20th day of December 2018.

Attest: Clerk of Council

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor
