

2025 Agenda Item Summary

Requested Meeting Date: *December 11, 2025*

REQUESTED ACTION

This section will present information to Council that introduces the item, and connects the item to the Strategic Plan.

MOTION STATEMENT (*properly formatted; Authorize the City Manager to Execute...*): Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Chatham County, the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), and the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Establish and Provide First Year Funding for the New Countywide “Housing United” Initiative.

STRATEGIC OR ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENT: *Goal 3: Expand Economic Access, Opportunity & Vitality for All*

COUNCIL GOAL: *Goal 3.5 - Access to Quality Housing*

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND

Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item. This is your opportunity to tell the story to our elected leaders, as well as the public. The following questions **SHALL** be answered:

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| 1. What action is staff asking Council to take? | 5. How does this action help accomplish the City’s goals? |
| 2. Why is staff asking Council to take this action? | 6. How does this tie into the City’s bigger story? |
| 3. What will the impacts of this action be? | 7. Are there any unintended consequences? |
| 4. What is the history of this action? | 8. Are there any alternatives Council should consider? |

A resolution authorizing the City of Savannah to partner with Chatham County, the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), and the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to establish and provide first year administration and operating support for the new “Housing United” countywide affordable and workforce housing initiative. The City will provide CHSA with \$151,000 in first year administrative funding while the County and SEDA will provide CHSA with \$191,000 each in first year administrative funding. Housing United is a positive outgrowth of the Housing Savannah Action Plan’s (HSAP) call to significantly increase and expand contributions and investments in affordable and workforce housing, including the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF). All parties recognize the need to expand affordable and workforce housing funding and options countywide. The parties also recognize the benefits of capitalizing and expanding upon CHSA’s 36 years of successful experience in affordable and workforce housing fund raising, lending, and development.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION & FISCAL IMPACT

Include project cost, approved budget amount, account number and grant, if applicable, source of funds and any future funding requirements (identify all SPLOST projects, and their funding source).

Staff Recommendation: <i>Approval</i>	SPLOST Funded: <i>No</i>
Fiscal Impact: <i>\$151,000</i>	Budgeting Account Number: 101-8114-51745 Budgeting Program Number: RB9999

EXHIBITS

List all exhibits that will be included with the request.

Exhibit 1_Housing United Resolution

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