



Action Requested/Required:

- Vote/Action Requested
 - Discussion or Presentation Only
 - Public Hearing
- Report Date: 4/2/26
Hearing Date: _____
Voting Date: _____

Department: Housing **Presenter(s) & Title:** Ken Patton
Housing Initiatives Director

Agenda Item Title:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Submittal of an Application for the City of Canton to Participate in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Senior Program

Summary:

Staff is working on an application for the City of Canton to participate in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Senior Program. The GICH Senior Program is a new, competitive program for GICH Certified Alumni Communities with a mission to holistically invest affordable housing funds into Georgia communities based on their strategic vision. The goal for The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is to braid targeted investments in 1-2 targeted and competitively selected alumni communities. Those braided investments may include guaranteed awards or strong competitive advantage within LIHTC, CHIP, and CDBG. As an expansion of the GICH curriculum, participants will receive targeted technical assistance and education from DCA and other housing and community development experts on how to best implement their communities housing plans. Participants will also be eligible to receive select DCA funding resources that result in direct housing investments. Two awardees will be selected for the two-year cohort.

Budget Implications:

Budgeted? Yes No N/A

Total Cost of Project: Check if Estimated

Fund Source: General Fund Water & Sewer Sales Tax Other:

Staff Recommendations:

Staff recommends City Council approves the Submittal of Canton's Application to Participate on the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing.

Reviews:

Has this been reviewed by Management and Legal Counsel, if required? Yes No

Attachments: