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## **DCA Announces CHIP Listening Sessions**

*Goal is to get public input from local leaders on the single family home development and owner-occupied home repair program*

Atlanta, GA (July 5, 2018) – The Georgia Department of Community Affairs is hosting three (3) listening sessions around the state to answer questions about the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) program and to get input on how well the CHIP program is working in local communities.

Each year the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) awards between \$4-\$6 million in CHIP grants to local governments, nonprofits and public housing authorities in Georgia to build new single family homes and help homeowners rehabilitate their homes. Grant amounts range from \$300,000 to \$600,000. Funds may be used to repair the homes of income eligible homeowners and to build/renovate single family homes for sale to income eligible homebuyers. The goal of the program is to expand the supply of, and access to, safe and affordable housing in Georgia's communities.

### **CHIP Listening Sessions**

Who should attend: Local government officials, public housing authorities, nonprofit housing organizations, and citizens interested in housing policy

**RSVP by emailing [samanta.carvalho@dca.ga.gov](mailto:samanta.carvalho@dca.ga.gov) by July 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Southeast Georgia: CHIP Listening Session and Rural Zone Designation Application**

Monday, July 23<sup>th</sup>

1:00-3:00pm

Carnegie Library

311 Academy Ave

Dublin, GA 31021

*In addition to the CHIP Listening Session, Cherie Bennett, Rural Zone Program Manager, will present information about the Rural Zone Designation application. Up to ten rural zones will be designated each year to enable businesses and investors to obtain tax credits for job creation activities, investment in downtown properties, and property renovations.*

### **North Georgia: CHIP Listening Session**

Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

2:00-4:00pm

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

60 Executive Park South, NE

Board Room 302

Atlanta, GA 30329

### **Southwest Georgia: CHIP Listening Session**

Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

1:00-3:00 pm

River Valley Regional Commission

710 Front Avenue

Suite A

Columbus, GA 31901

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*The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) partners with communities to create a climate of success for Georgia's families and businesses through community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing. Using state and federal resources, DCA helps communities spur private job creation, implement planning, develop downtowns, generate affordable housing solutions, and promote volunteerism. DCA also helps qualified low- and moderate-income Georgians buy homes, rent housing, and prevent foreclosure and homelessness. For more information, visit [www.dca.ga.gov](http://www.dca.ga.gov).*

