



SC Housing Names Its Lender and Loan Officer of the Year Ameris Bank is recognized in both Categories

Columbia, SC--April 23, 2018--The South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority (SC Housing) has named Ameris Bank as its Lender of the Year in recognition of their quality and production level during the past year.

Ameris produced total home mortgage lending of nearly \$12 million (using SC Housing funds), creating homeownership for 96 families in the state.

SC Housing partners with a network of more than 67 participating lenders to provide down payment assistance and competitive, fixed interest rates to potential homebuyers throughout the state.

In addition, Teri Smith, loan officer with Ameris Bank, was named loan officer of the year.

Awards are given based on overall loan production, as well as loan and underwriting quality. The award will be presented at the upcoming Palmetto Affordable Housing Forum, April 18, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Since the Mortgage Bond Program's inception, SC Housing has made almost 42,000 first mortgages, for a total investment of nearly \$2.7 billion. "We could not operate our first-time homebuyer program without the help we receive from private sector lenders like Ameris Bank said Robert Wilson, SC Housing's Interim Executive Director. "We want homebuyers in all parts of the state to have convenient access to affordable homeownership."

SC Housing is widely recognized as the premier source of capital for single-family home loans to first-time homebuyers in the state.

For more information on SC Housing's home buyer program, call 803-896-2211, or visit the website: schousing.com.

About SC Housing

For more than forty years, SC Housing has created quality affordable housing opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina. The agency's vision is that all residents have the opportunity to live in safe, decent and affordable housing. SC Housing administers a number of federal and state programs directed at low- and low-to-moderate income South Carolinians. For more information, visit SCHousing.com.

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