



# BEAUFORT JASPER HOUSING TRUST

The Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust (BJHT) was created in January 2023 by a coalition of 8 local governments to create and preserve affordable housing in Beaufort and Jasper Counties in South Carolina. Today BJHT is a private 501(c)(3) corporation.

**THE MISSION OF THE BEAUFORT JASPER HOUSING TRUST IS TO CREATE AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTIES.**

## **Board of Directors and Officers for BJHT**

City of Beaufort - Dick Stewart, Chair

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Town of Yemassee - Matt Garnes

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Beaufort County - Wendy Zara

Town of Hilton Head - Currently Vacant

## **A LOOK AHEAD: PROGRAM PLANNING**

During the next 18 months BJHT has four program focus areas. It is anticipated that BJHT will: provide funding to 489 affordable and work force rental homes; will provide funding to assist 60 households purchase their first home; provide funding to help 60 households make critically needed home repairs; and secure control of land that will lead to the creation of 100 affordable homes.



# Meet our Interim Executive Director

Dana Totman hails from the great state of Maine and brings with him an impressive background in affordable housing. He served for over 22 years as President and CEO of Avesta Housing. During his tenure at Avesta, he was integral in the creation of multiple statewide affordable housing bonds and the formation of the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition. Dana is a highly respected leader in the nonprofit sector and has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing for decades. He and his wife, Donna, moved part-time to the Lowcountry last year. Dana will conclude his work as Interim Executive Director on or before May 1, 2024. Through his hard work and dedication, he has received many well-deserved accolades and awards over his career.



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## Request For Proposals - Rental Home Development

**SUBMITTALS DUE MARCH 7, 2024 BY 5:00PM**

We are pleased to have recently issued a request for proposals (RFP). This RFP makes available \$1,134,102 to assist with the creation of approximately 130 new rental homes. This is the first of three anticipated rounds of funding for the development of affordable and workforce housing. The full RFP details can be provided by emailing [info@bjht.org](mailto:info@bjht.org).

Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust welcomes further circulation of this announcement to interested parties. We appreciate your interest in affordable and workforce housing!



## Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust Seeks Its First Executive Director



The Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust seeks an experienced professional to lead the organization through steady growth and increased impact. The ideal candidate will be a compelling advocate for the mission of BJHT to create and preserve affordable housing in Beaufort and Jasper Counties, and able to lead the organization's growth. The Executive Director will need to be a strategic thinker while building broad based support in the community and with legislators, real estate developers, workforce partners, community leaders, and state and local officials.

Previous experience leading affordable housing initiatives and creating key community relationships is crucial. Strong written and verbal communications skills are essential. Proficiency with databases, Microsoft Office Suite and other software is also necessary. The Executive Director must be able to manage and prioritize multiple responsibilities, meet deadlines, and possess a high level of analytic skills. Prior nonprofit experience and experience working with Boards of Directors is preferred. The Board of Directors anticipates having the new Executive Director on board by May 1, 2024. Email [info@bjht.org](mailto:info@bjht.org) for the full job description.





Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust is pleased to be partnering with Beaufort County and Coastal Community Development Corporation.

On December 11, 2023 the Beaufort County Council voted to provide \$600,000 to Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust to be allocated to Coastal Community Development Corporation in Hilton Head Island. The program will provide workforce housing within the parameters agreeable to Beaufort County.

## DID YOU KNOW? HOUSING FACTS ABOUT OUR REGION



In Beaufort Jasper Counties 26,351 of the 84,421 households are officially housing cost burdened (spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs).

The median income of rental households in Beaufort Jasper Counties is \$46,940.



The median income of owner households is \$78,702.

48% of rental households are cost burdened and 25% of owner households are cost burdened.

### Meet Our Office Manager



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Jennifer has been in Beaufort since 1996, working with SCDHEC and Beaufort County in her early career. Jennifer also brings two decades of experience working as Chief Administrative Officer for Carolina Air, Inc. Her leadership extends beyond the office, actively engaging in various organizations and nonprofit boards. She has served on numerous local and state boards and currently serves on the Technical College of the Lowcountry Foundation Board. Jennifer is also Immediate Past Chair for the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, after serving 2 terms as Board Chair for the organization. She has a passion for both business excellence and community service. Jennifer and her husband, John, live on Saint Helena Island and have 2 daughters.