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## Steve Johnson Presented Prestigious CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award

—Distinguished Development Finance Career Recognized —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is proud to announce the recipient of the **2023 CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award**, Steve Johnson, Director, Community Development, for the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA). This year's winners will be formally awarded during a special ceremony at the 2023 CDFA National Development Finance Summit in Philadelphia, PA, on November 9.

The CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development finance industry throughout their professional careers. Winners have made innovative and lasting contributions that have greatly impacted how development finance programs are operated, managed, and administered. This award honors those individuals and their significant legislative contributions to advancing new development finance tools, strategies, and approaches.

"The CDFA team is happy to honor Steve at this year's CDFA National Development Finance Summit. He has made a lasting impact on the industry and serves his community with resilience," states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA.

Steve Johnson leads the **Colorado Housing and Finance Authority's (CHFA)** Community Development team which includes Multifamily Lending, Housing Tax Credit Allocation, and Small Business Finance. CHFA's mission is to strengthen Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development. Steve began working for CHFA in 1996 as a commercial loan officer and became a Director in 2010. Steve says what drew him to CHFA, and continues to be the most rewarding part of his job, is the opportunity to do "banking with a mission." Steve currently serves as Treasurer on the Council of Development Finance Agencies Board of Directors and is a graduate of Hillsdale College.

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