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## Community Bank & Trust West Georgia Named #25 SBA Lender in the Nation by Originations

LaGrange, GA – January 6, 2025 – Community Bank & Trust proudly announces its recognition as the #25 SBA lender in the United States by loan originations for the first quarter of the fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024). This significant achievement highlights the rapid growth and impact of the bank's SBA division, which was launched just 11 months ago.

Steve Jefferies, President & CEO of Community Bank & Trust, commented on the milestone: "Becoming a top SBA lender in less than a year underscores our unwavering commitment to supporting local businesses. This achievement reflects the hard work of our Community Bank & Trust SBA team and our dedication to fostering growth and opportunity in the communities we serve."

Community Bank & Trust SBA division's success is rooted in its focus on personalized service, streamlined processes, and a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by small businesses. By working closely with entrepreneurs and business owners, Community Bank & Trust has helped clients secure vital funding to launch, expand and sustain their enterprises.

As part of its mission to empower local businesses, Community Bank & Trust encourages business owners to explore how SBA lending can unlock opportunities for growth. Whether it's financing a new location, purchasing equipment, or managing working capital, the bank's experienced team is ready to assist.

Local businesses are invited to connect with Community Bank & Trust's SBA experts to discover how we can support their financial needs. To learn more, visit Community Bank & Trust's website at <a href="https://www.redapplebank.com">www.redapplebank.com</a> or call **866-902-2265** to schedule a consultation.

Community Bank & Trust is headquartered in LaGrange, Georgia, and serves clients nationwide. With a focus on building strong relationships and delivering exceptional service, the bank continues to rise as a trusted partner for businesses seeking growth and financial stability.

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## About Community Bank & Trust:

Community Bank & Trust is a subsidiary of Community Bankshares Inc., one of the fastest-growing financial institutions in the nation. With big goals and high expectations, the bank provides innovative financial solutions to businesses and individuals, helping to strengthen the communities it serves.