SAN FRANCISCO (S&P Global Ratings) July 8, 2019–S&P Global Ratings raised its issuer credit rating (ICR) to 'A+' from 'A' on the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency's (DCHFA). The outlook is stable.

"The rating action reflects our view of DCHFA's five-year average financial ratios that are in line with those of higher-rated peers, its low-risk asset base, its lack of general obligation debt exposure, and its planned strategic initiatives to expand its asset base and lending programs," said S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Aulii Limtiaco.

The stable outlook reflects our view of a combination of DCHFA's high profitability and equity ratios relative to those of peers, and its relatively new but experienced management and strategic initiatives.

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