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**CITY OF WAVELAND AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

JACKSON, Miss. – The city of Waveland was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$499,776 for Economic Development Public Improvements. The original application was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Wal-Mart plans to construct a new Supercenter on U.S. Highway 90 in Waveland. The grant funds will be utilized to provide an access road to the new facility. The proposed facility will bring 200 jobs to the area; at least 51% of those positions will be made available to low- and moderate-income persons. Wal-Mart has committed \$7,900,000 to the project while the City of Waveland has already contributed \$22,000 for water, sewer, and gas infrastructure improvements to the site.

“The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is proud that our partnership at the local level creates a foundation for economic growth,” commented J.C. Burns, Executive Director of MDA.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among the division’s goals are assisting communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations, and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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