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**GOVERNOR MUSGROVE ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT  
AWARDEES**

JACKSON, Miss. – Today Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced the funding of fifteen Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) totaling \$1,377,500 through the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. These grants were awarded to organizations demonstrating local commitment in addressing the community development needs of Mississippi.

“With the assistance of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Mississippi Development Authority is able to provide assistance to needy individuals and families with children through organizations working in their own communities” stated Governor Musgrove.

The awarded organizations and communities include:

- Safe Haven, Inc., Columbus, MS - \$88,791
- Resource Center Network, Pearl, MS - \$90,314
- Recovery House, Columbus, MS - \$100,000
- City of Pascagoula, MS - \$100,000
- Multi-County Community Action Agency, Meridian, MS - \$100,000
- Marshall County Community Development Corporation, Holly Springs, MS - \$100,000
- Haven House Family Shelters, Inc., Vicksburg, MS - \$100,000
- Guardian Shelter, Natchez, MS - \$100,000
- Gulf Coast Women’s Center, Biloxi, MS – \$53,400
- Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter, Meridian, MS - \$80,000
- City of Gulfport, MS – \$99,995
- Gulf Coast Community Action Agency, Gulfport, MS - \$95,000
- South Central Resource Center, Mendenhall, Ms - \$70,000
- City of Tupelo, MS - \$100,000
- WWISCA, Inc., Greenville, MS - \$100,000

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The ESG program undertakes several activities to provide assistance to homeless individuals and families and in homeless prevention efforts. They include renovation, major rehabilitation or conservation of buildings for use as emergency shelters; essential services including those concerned with employment, health, substance abuse, education or food; payment for shelter maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities and furnishings; and payment of homeless prevention measures for the at-risk population.

ESG 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 community development grant and loan programs.

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