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## **Governor Musgrove Awards Grants to Communities For Job Creation Opportunities**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest round of Economic Development Marketing Match Grants. Thirty-four communities were awarded funds for various projects that will promote and encourage job creation and industrial development in their respective regions.

“Mississippi has a number of advantages and a wealth of resources to offer business and industry. We will support every effort of our communities as they work to promote those resources to attract jobs and a higher quality of life for our citizens,” said Governor Musgrove.

Grant awards are as follows:

- The Alliance, Alcorn County, \$10,000
- The Area Development Partnership, Forrest County, \$10,000
- The Area Development Partnership, Forrest & Lamar Counties, \$5,589
- Community Development Partnership, Neshoba County, \$475
- East Central Mississippi Economic Council, Lowndes County, \$10,604.93
- Economic Development Partnership of Montgomery County, \$5,000
- George County Economic Development Foundation, \$3,721.25
- Golden Triangle Regional Airport, Lowndes County, \$4,000
- Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Oktibbeha County, \$1,050
- Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Harrison County, \$4,635
- Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, \$10,000
- Harrison County Development Commission, \$6,894.56
- Leake County Industrial Development Association, \$4,865
- Lowndes County Port Authority, \$1,190

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- Madison County Economic Development Authority, \$7,500
- Marion County Economic Development District, \$1,500
- MetroJackson Economic Development Alliance, Hinds County, \$5,000
- Mid-Mississippi Development District, Newton County, \$2,500
- Natchez-Adams County Chamber of Commerce, \$5,591
- North Mississippi Industrial Development Association, Clay County, \$10,000
- Noxubee County Economic Development Authority, \$4,151.50
- Okolona Area Chamber of Commerce/Main Street, Chickasaw County, \$2,861
- Oktibbeha County Economic Development Authority, \$1,325
- Port of Pascagoula, Jackson County, \$3,097
- Southwest Mississippi Economic Development Network, Multi-County, \$1,500
- Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority, Lowndes County, \$10,000
- Tippah County Development Foundation, \$4,800
- Tupelo Redevelopment Agency, Lee County, \$10,000

"Through the marketing match grant program, MDA can assist communities to market their programs and services to recruit attract better, high quality jobs throughout the state," said Steve Hale, executive director, Mississippi Development Authority.

The Economic Development Marketing Match Grants Program, administered by the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), assists nonprofit economic development entities in marketing regions of the state and communities as a site for business and industrial development. The goal is to enhance the marketing of the State of Mississippi by enabling regions and communities to market themselves.

Under Musgrove's leadership almost 54,000 jobs have been created at over 2,200 new and expanded facilities. Total capital investments over the past three years total over \$15 billion.

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