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Governor Ronnie Musgrove Announces \$95,120 In Solid Waste Assistance Grants

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that 2 cities and 6 counties across the state have been awarded Solid Waste Assistance Grants. The grants are funded through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and awarded from the Local Government Solid Waste Assistance Fund.

“Our investments in the infrastructure of our communities are extremely important to growing Mississippi,” said Musgrove. “They are a vital factor in building good schools, good jobs, and good communities.”

Grants were awarded to the following:

- **City of Mendenhall, \$15,000**
- **City of Georgetown, \$10,320**
- **Bolivar County, \$13,700**
- **Carroll County, \$10,300**
- **Covington County, \$11,900**
- **Kemper County, \$10,600**
- **Leflore County, \$12,200**
- **Tishomingo County, \$11,100**

Cities and Counties throughout Mississippi can compete for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants could be utilized by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish collection programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

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The competitive grant applications are accepted twice annually: On the first of April and October of each year. For more information and to receive a grant application, contact Luis Murillo or Denise Wilson, MDEQ, P.O. Box 10385, Jackson, MS 39289 or (601) 961-5171.

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