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Governor Musgrove Announces Grant Award from U.S. Department of Justice

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning in the Department of Public Safety has received a \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to continue its “Stop Violence Against Women” program.

“These funds are an important component in our ongoing work to end domestic violence and provide support to the victims of such violence,” Musgrove said. “We are committed to ending this cycle of violence against the women of Mississippi.”

The grant funds are provided by the Justice Department through the Violence Against Women Act, which was originally passed by Congress in 1994 and reauthorized in 2000.

The Division of Public Safety Planning currently has 36 programs operating in the state. Funding under this grant goes to law enforcement agencies that provide domestic violence investigators and intervention programs, prosecutorial support through local district attorney’s offices, and victim support through funding of domestic violence shelters and service providers.

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