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Governor Musgrove Awards Solid Waste Assistance Grant to Hancock County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$11,600 grant to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to continue the local waste tire collection program for small quantity generators of waste tires within its jurisdiction. The grant was awarded from the Local Government Solid Waste Assistance Fund administered by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

“The investments we make in our environment are a major part of our economic growth as a state,” Musgrove said. “These funds will enable communities across the state to have healthier and cleaner communities.”

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.

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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