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## **Governor Musgrove Awards Grant to City of Natchez**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded the City of Natchez a grant in the amount of \$100,000 through the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. These funds will be utilized by the Guardian Shelter/Catholic Charities, Inc. to provide shelter, transitional shelter, and supportive services to homeless individuals.

“It is our responsibility to help our fellow citizens that have fallen on rough times,” said Musgrove. “In ending the cycle of homelessness and offering preventative measures, we are enabling the citizens of Natchez to reach their full potential, which in the end creates stronger communities and a better Mississippi.”

ESG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among ESG goals are: renovation, major rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; essential services, including services related to 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 homeless population.

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