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Governor Musgrove Awards Grant to Harrison County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded Harrison County a grant in the amount of \$257,000 through the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. The Gulf Coast Women’s Center for Nonviolence in Biloxi will receive \$57,000 and the funds will be utilized to provide shelter, food and other support services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The city of Gulfport will receive \$100,000 and in conjunction with the Salvation Army will provide services for the homeless and individuals that are at-risk of being homeless, essential services and shelter operations costs. The Gulf Coast Community Action Agency, Inc. will also receive \$100,000 to provide supportive services and transitional housing to homeless families and individuals and provide assistance with employment stability and permanent housing.

“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 Harrison County 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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