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**Governor Musgrove Awards \$250,000 Grant
to Harrison County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$250,000 grant to Harrison County through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project will allow the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency to construct 12 new single-family units that will benefit 36 people.

“We want to provide all of our citizens with decent and affordable housing, “ said Musgrove. “We are committed to making the American dream of owning a home a reality for all Mississippians.”

The purpose of the HOME grants are to assist local government and community housing development organizations in their efforts to provide decent and affordable housing. The activities undertaken by the State through the 2003 HOME program includes: Homeowner Rehabilitation, New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Assistance, CHDO Set-Aside, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Disabled Housing Initiative, Rehabilitation Set-Aside for the Elderly, and State Administration. The (CHDO) project allows locally owned housing organizations an opportunity to provide homebuyer assistance for single families and the construction of multi-family rental units or lease to purchase units.

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