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### **Governor Musgrove Awards over \$580,000 in Grants to Leflore County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded two grants totaling over \$580,000 to Leflore County through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. A grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the Town of Itta Bena will be utilized for the Homebuyer Assistance program, which will provide 10 new single-family units that will benefit 47 people. A grant in the amount of \$337,500 to the Leflore County Board of Supervisors will be utilized for the Homeowner Rehabilitation program, which will allow for the reconstruction of six homes that will benefit 18 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 Homebuyer Assistance program allows local government to provide assistance to credit worthy families in purchasing a home. The Homeowner Rehabilitation program allows local governments to assist low-income homeowners in making repairs or in the reconstruction of the homes.

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