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### **Governor Musgrove Awards Nearly \$500,000 in Grants to Oktibbeha County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded two grants to Oktibbeha County totaling nearly \$500,000 through the HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. A grant in the amount of \$416,000 will be utilized for a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project, which will allow Life Renewal Ministries to construct 12 new multi-family rental units that will benefit 58 people. A grant in the amount of \$33,372 will be utilized for a Homeowner Rehabilitation project, which will allow the Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors to reconstruct six homes that will benefit 14 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 is 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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