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Governor Musgrove Awards Over \$650,000 in Grants to Scott County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded over \$650,000 in grants to Scott County through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. A grant in the amount of \$406,400 will be utilized for the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project, which will allow Crudup-Ward Activity Center to construct 12 new multi-family rental units that will benefit 58 people. A grant in the amount of \$250,000 will be utilized for the Homebuyer Assistance program, which will provide 23 credit worthy families who wish to buy a home with down payment assistance.

“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. The Homebuyer Assistance program allows local government to provide assistance to credit worthy families in purchasing a home.

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