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Governor Musgrove Awards over \$820,000 in Grants to Sunflower County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded over \$820,000 in grants to Sunflower County through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. A grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the City of Indianola will be utilized for the Homebuyer Assistance program, which will provide 16 families with down payment assistance. A grant in the amount of \$350,000 to the Town of Inverness will be utilized for the Homeowner Rehabilitation program, which will allow for the reconstruction of five homes that will benefit 10 people. A grant in the amount of \$227,239 to the Town of Doddsville will be utilized for the Homeowner Rehabilitation program

“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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