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

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$250,000 grant to Union County through the Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program on behalf of the Pontotoc, Union and Lee (PUL) Alliance Super Site Development Study.

“The Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program is one of the ways we are able to assist our communities and their leaders in their economic development and community improvement projects,” said Musgrove.

The funds are awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), which also approves grant recipients.

“The Mississippi Development Authority is pleased to support local officials and business owners in maintaining a stable and flourishing environment,” said Steve Hale, Executive Director of MDA.

The Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program (RIF), administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), is designed to assist and promote businesses and economic development in rural areas by providing grants and loans to rural communities and loan guarantees to rural businesses. Governor Musgrove proposed the program during his 2003 State of the State and the State Legislature enacted it during the 2003 regular session.

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