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Governor Musgrove Awards \$425,000 Grant to Belzoni

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded the City of Belzoni a \$425,000 grant through the Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program on behalf of Freshwater Farms.

“The Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program is one of the ways we continue to support our local communities with their community improvement and economic development projects,” said Musgrove. “We are determined to provide all of our communities with the resources they need to continue to grow and prosper.”

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

“We work closely with city leaders to make the most of their communities, and this program is an excellent way to accomplish that goal,” said Steve Hale, executive director of the MDA. “The support we are able to offer these communities is crucial step in Mississippi’s overall economic development.”

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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