

August 18, 2003

DRA Applicant

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Dear Applicant:

I am pleased to inform you that we have recommended that the Delta Regional Authority fund your project application for (description). Due to the fact that the Delta Regional Authority has deemed your project to be eligible, it is our hope that Authority staff will contact you soon to begin the process of allocating the grant funds you have requested.

As you know, the federal government dramatically reduced the Delta Regional Authority's allocation from previous years. In fact, Mississippi's allocation for the 2003 grant program was reduced by more than three million dollars to \$897,000. The Delta Regional Authority received 59 project applications for Mississippi and our office was faced with the difficult task of selecting only seven of these projects for funding out of our allocation. I am proud to announce that your project is one of the seven that was selected.

We appreciate your hard work on the application and your continued efforts on behalf of the citizens of your community and the people of the Mississippi Delta. I am confident that our combined efforts will bring great benefits to the region.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.