

**MISSISSIPPI SMALL MUNICIPALITIES  
AND  
LIMITED POPULATION COUNTY  
GRANT PROGRAM**

**GUIDELINES  
2006**

**Applications are being accepted beginning May 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2006 COB**

**Mail to:  
Mississippi Development Authority  
Financial Resources Division  
PO Box 849  
Jackson, MS 39205**

## **SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND LIMITED POPULATION COUNTIES GRANT PROGRAM (SM)**

The Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), is designed for making grants to small municipalities and limited population counties or natural gas districts ("Local Sponsors") to finance projects to promote economic growth in the State of Mississippi ("State"). Funding for grants to Local Sponsors is derived from appropriations or funds otherwise made available by the State Legislature.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

A small municipality or a limited population county must submit an application to MDA.

An eligible municipality, county and gas district are defined as follows:

- Small Municipality – a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less, according to the most recent federal decennial census, at the time the application is submitted by the municipality.
- The county submits Limited Population County – a county with a population of 30,000 or less, according to the most recent federal decennial census, at the time the application.
- Natural Gas Districts – districts created by law and meeting the same requirements as small municipalities.

### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

- Eligible projects financed with Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program funds must be publicly owned.
- All contracts and purchases must be made in accordance with normal bid and purchase laws of a municipality or county.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Drainage systems;
- Utilities such as water supply systems and gas supply systems;
- Sewer systems (pipe treatment);
- Transportation facilities directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges, rail lines, or pipelines;
- Marine structures;
- Land purchases and improvements;
- Airfield and Airport improvements;
- Acquisition and improvements of buildings

Eligible Projects shall have a direct connection to economic development or aid in the creation of jobs.

### **KEY POINTS**

- Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program funds may not be used for working capital, for general expenditures, which would normally be covered under a local sponsor general operation budget, or for administrative expenses.
- A limited amount of funds may be used for engineering/architectural cost.

- The amount of these professional services will be limited to an amount not to exceed 10% of the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties grant award amount.
- The Small Municipality and Limited Population County Grant Program is a competitive program.
- As such, all funds awarded must be spent for improvements within the scope of the original project description as stated in the grant application.
- Additionally, if grant recipients complete their project for less than the grant amount awarded, the excess funds can be requested for additional project work as long as there is no change from the scope of the original project. (i.e. further extension of a water/sewer line into an industrial park.)
- In no case, however, will an approved applicant be allowed to use excess grant funds to pay for project costs that vary from the original project description.
- All requested changes and variances from the original application should be made in writing and will be reviewed by MDA on a case-by-case basis.

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR PROGRAM**

To apply for the Small Municipalities and Limited Population Grant Program, a completed application that is submitted by a Local Sponsor must include:

- Purpose of the proposed grant including a list of eligible items and the cost of each;
- The estimated cost of the total project, a description of the Local Sponsor's investment in the project, and all public or private sources of funding that have been secured and that will be utilized exclusively for the project;
- Time schedule for implementation and completion of the project, evidencing an expeditious completion of the project;
- A statement that the specific improvements are necessary for economic development or job creation;
- Engineering documentation;
- Current employment levels at the project site and estimated increase, if any, as a result of financing the project; and
- Copy of the Local Sponsor's resolution of authorization to apply for grant funds.
- One (1) copy of the application must be submitted to the Financial Resources Division of MDA, Small Municipality and Limited Population County Grant Program, PO BOX 849, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 or hand-delivered to the 6th floor of the Woolfolk Office Building.
- It should be noted that the Executive Director of "MDA" might in his discretion commit grant funds to projects prior to the application deadline.
- Such commits would be made only if a specific project is involved and timing of the grant award would have a direct effect on the location or expansion of the project

### **Grants (General Grant Terms)**

- The program intent is to stimulate growth and economic development in small communities in the State.
- The maximum grant amount, which may be awarded to any one Local Sponsor, will be \$150,000.
- The amount of each grant awarded will be based on population, ability of the community to participate in the project, the degree of need for the improvements, the lack of availability of other funding sources, the timeframe required to perform the improvements, the economic impact of the project on the community, and other criteria MDA develops.
- Each application will be evaluated on it's own merit to meet the intent of the program.

**Conditions for Disbursement of Funds**

- A Grant Agreement will be executed between the Local Sponsor and MDA.
- The Grant Agreement must be signed within six months of the Grant Award Date.
- The Grant Agreement cannot be executed until all required conditions in these guidelines have been met and all documentation received.

**Reimbursement Process**

- MDA will release Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program funds for services rendered, or on a reimbursement basis, for approved eligible costs of the project as incurred.
- The Local Sponsor shall certify to MDA during construction that the expenses were incurred and were in accordance with the plans and application approved by MDA.
- Funds will be released upon receipt of the Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program Form of Requisition and supporting documentation from the Local Sponsor.
- Funds may not be drawn down more frequently than monthly.
- Local Sponsors have one year from the date of the Grant Agreement to request reimbursement for Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program project costs.

**STATUTE**

The Small Municipalities and Limited Population Grant is authorized under Section 57-1-18 et seq., MS Code, Annotated.

**SMALL MUNICIPALITIES (CITIES AND TOWNS) - 2000 CENSUS**  
**Eligibility 10,000 Population or Less**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>INELIGIBLE CITIES</b>		
1	<i>Jackson</i>	184,255
2	<i>Gulfport</i>	71,127
3	<i>Biloxi</i>	50,644
4	<i>Hattiesburg</i>	44,779
5	<i>Greenville</i>	41,633
6	<i>Meridian</i>	39,968
7	<i>Tupelo</i>	34,211
8	<i>Southaven</i>	28,977
9	<i>Vicksburg</i>	26,407
10	<i>Pascagoula</i>	26,200
11	<i>Columbus</i>	25,944
12	<i>Clinton</i>	23,348
13	<i>Pearl</i>	21,961
14	<i>Starkville</i>	21,869
15	<i>Olive Branch</i>	21,054
16	<i>Clarksdale</i>	20,645
17	<i>Ridgeland</i>	20,173
18	<i>Natchez</i>	18,464
19	<i>Greenwood</i>	18,425
20	<i>Laurel</i>	18,393
21	<i>Long Beach</i>	17,320
22	<i>Ocean Springs</i>	17,224
23	<i>Brandon</i>	16,436
24	<i>Moss Point</i>	15,851
25	<i>Grenada</i>	14,879
26	<i>Madison</i>	14,692
27	<i>Yazoo</i>	14,550
28	<i>Horn Lake</i>	14,099
29	<i>Corinth</i>	14,054
30	<i>Cleveland</i>	13,841
31	<i>McComb</i>	13,337
32	<i>Canton</i>	12,911
33	<i>West Point</i>	12,145
34	<i>Indianola</i>	12,066
35	<i>Oxford</i>	11,756
36	<i>Gautier</i>	11,681
37	<i>Picayune</i>	10,535

**SMALL MUNICIPALITIES (CITIES AND TOWNS) - 2000 CENSUS**  
**Eligibility 10,000 Population or Less**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
38	Brookhaven	9,860
39	Booneville	8,624
40	Bay St. Louis	8,209
41	Holly Springs	7,957
42	D'Iberville	7,608
43	New Albany	7,607
44	Petal	7,579
45	Byram CDP	7,386
46	Kosciusko	7,372
47	Philadelphia	7,303
48	Batesville	7,113
49	Louisville	7,004
50	Amory	6,956
51	Hernando	6,811
52	Senatobia	6,683
53	St. Martin CDP	6,676
54	Waveland	6,674
55	Columbia	6,603
56	Pass Christian	6,579
57	Aberdeen	6,415
58	West Hattiesburg CDP	6,305
59	Richland	6,027
60	Forest	5,987
61	Diamondhead CDP	5,912
62	Gulf Hills CDP	5,900
63	Crystal Springs	5,873
64	Leland	5,502
65	Winona	5,482
66	Ripley	5,478
67	Pontotoc	5,253
68	Waynesboro	5,197
69	Vancleave CDP	4,910
70	Flowood	4,750
71	Carthage	4,637
72	Hazlehurst	4,400
73	Latimer CDP	4,288
74	Gulf Park Estates CDP	4,272
75	Magee	4,199
76	Houston	4,079
77	Shoreline Park CDP	4,058
78	Fulton	3,882
79	Wiggins	3,849
80	Newton	3,699
81	Water Valley	3,677
82	Escatawpa CDP	3,566
83	Morton	3,482

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<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
84	Ellisville	3,465
85	Hollandale	3,437
86	Saltillo	3,393
87	Verona	3,334
88	Baldwyn	3,321
89	Ruleville	3,234
90	Pearl River CDP	3,156
91	Iuka	3,059
92	Okolona	3,056
93	Hickory Hills CDP	3,046
94	Lynchburg CDP	2,959
95	Durant	2,932
96	Shelby	2,926
97	Collins	2,683
98	Belzoni	2,663
99	Poplarville	2,601
100	Moorhead	2,573
101	Mendenhall	2,555
102	Rolling Fork	2,486
103	Quitman	2,463
104	Macon	2,461
105	Lucedale	2,458
106	Drew	2,434
107	Rosedale	2,414
108	Florence	2,396
109	Tchula	2,332
110	Eupora	2,326
111	Shaw	2,312
112	Fayette	2,242
113	Lumberton	2,228
114	Itta Bena	2,208
115	Charleston	2,198
116	Purvis	2,164
117	Mound Bayou	2,102
118	Bruce	2,097
119	Bay Springs	2,097
120	Magnolia	2,071
121	Columbus AFB CDP	2,060
122	Kiln CDP	2,040
123	Sardis	2,038
124	Lexington	2,025
125	Union	2,021
126	Lambert	1,967
127	New Hope CDP	1,964
128	Belmont	1,961
129	Nettleton	1,932

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<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
130	Tyler	1,910
131	Calhoun	1,872
132	Meridian Station CDP	1,849
133	Port Gibson	1,840
134	Collinsville CDP	1,823
135	Farmington	1,810
136	Monticello	1,726
137	Jones	1,701
138	Ackerman	1,696
139	Wesson	1,693
140	Pearlington CDP	1,684
141	Centreville	1,680
142	Coldwater	1,674
143	Raymond	1,664
144	Shannon	1,657
145	Marks	1,551
146	Flora	1,546
147	Friars Point	1,480
148	Pelahatchie	1,461
149	North Tunica CDP	1,450
150	Summit	1,428
151	Decatur	1,426
152	Tutwiler	1,364
153	Nellieburg CDP	1,354
154	Edwards	1,347
155	Taylorville	1,341
156	Pickens	1,325
157	Como	1,310
158	Marion	1,305
159	Saucier CDP	1,303
160	Raleigh	1,255
161	Goodman	1,252
162	Woodville	1,192
163	Gun	1,183
164	Brooksville	1,182
165	Prentiss	1,158
166	Inverness	1,153
167	Stonewall	1,149
168	Plantersville	1,144
169	Tunica	1,132
170	Metcalfe	1,109
171	Mantachie	1,107
172	Lyman CDP	1,081
173	Gloster	1,073
174	Vardaman	1,065
175	Richton	1,038

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<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
176	Bude	1,037
177	Burnsville	1,034
178	Leakesville	1,026
179	Derma	1,023
180	Caledonia	1,015
181	Sumrall	1,005
182	Conehatta CDP	997
183	Hurley CDP	985
184	Beaumont	977
185	De Kalb	972
186	Utica	966
187	Ecru	947
188	Coffeerville	930
189	Crenshaw	916
190	Anguilla	907
191	Mount Olive	893
192	Smithville	882
193	Vaiden	840
194	Heidelberg	840
195	Kilmichael	830
196	Maben	803
197	Mayersville	795
198	Sandersville	789
199	Helena CDP	778
200	Isola	768
201	Crowder	766
202	Walnut	754
203	Duck Hill	746
204	Mathiston	720
205	Boyle	720
206	New Augusta	715
207	New Houlika	710
208	Byhalia	706
209	Sunflower	696
210	Sidon	672
211	Blue Mountain	670
212	Terry	664
213	Merigold	664
214	Crawford	655
215	Shubuta	651
216	Liberty	633
217	Gunnison	633
218	Scooba	632
219	Bolton	629
220	Renova	623
221	Benoit	611

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<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
222	McLain	603
223	Webb	587
224	Oakland	586
225	Duncan	578
226	Ashland	577
227	Roxie	569
228	Hickory Flat	565
229	Arcola	563
230	Shuqualak	562
231	State Line	555
232	Weir	553
233	Sherman	548
234	Tucker CDP	534
235	Bogue Chitto CDP	533
236	Sledge	529
237	Meadville	519
238	Thaxton	513
239	Standing Pine CDP	509
240	Algoma	508
241	Bentonia	500
242	North Carrollton	499
243	Hickory	499
244	Artesia	498
245	Potts Camp	494
246	Wade CDP	491
247	Walnut Grove	488
248	Osyka	481
249	Hatley	476
250	Enterprise	474
251	Beulah	473
252	Courtland	460
253	Ethel	452
254	Dumas	452
255	Cruger	449
256	New Hebron	447
257	Cary	427
258	Abbeville	423
259	Noxapater	419
260	Lyon	418
261	Redwater CDP	409
262	Lake	408
263	Carrollton	408
264	Sumner	407
265	Myrtle	407
266	Jumper	404
267	D'Lo	394

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<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
268	French Camp	393
269	Tremont	390
270	Schlater	388
271	Soso	379
272	Lula	370
273	Pace	364
274	Crosby	360
275	Puckett village	354
276	George	344
277	Chunky	344
278	Louin	339
279	Silver	337
280	Seminary	335
281	Rienzi	330
282	Coahoma	325
283	Winstonville	319
284	Falcon	317
285	Tishomingo	316
286	Louise	315
287	Bassfield	315
288	Morgan	305
289	Snow Lake Shores	300
290	Taylor village	289
291	Glen	286
292	Mize	285
293	Glendora village	285
294	Beauregard village	265
295	Marietta	248
296	Pachuta	245
297	Pope village	241
298	Sebastopol	233
299	West	220
300	Alligator	220
301	Pittsboro village	212
302	Falkner	212
303	Silver Creek	209
304	Sturgis	206
305	Golden	201
306	Toccopola	189
307	McCool	182
308	Braxton village	181
309	Walthall village	170
310	Kossuth village	170
311	Mantee village	169
312	Lena	167
313	Woodland village	159

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<b>ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS</b>		
314	Blue Springs village	144
315	Polkville village	132
316	Montrose	127
317	Big Creek village	127
318	Eden village	126
319	Tillatoba	121
320	Slate Springs village	121
321	Sylvarena village	120
322	Big Point CDP	115
323	Sallis	114
324	Gattman village	114
325	Doddsville	108
326	Paden village	106
327	Memphis village	87
328	Satartia village	68
329	Learned	50

**COUNTY POPULATION - 2000 CENSUS**  
**Eligibility 30,000 Population or Less**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Population</u>
<b>INELIGIBLE COUNTIES</b>		
1	<i>Hinds</i>	250,800
2	<i>Harrison</i>	189,601
3	<i>Jackson</i>	131,420
4	<i>Rankin</i>	115,327
5	<i>DeSoto</i>	107,199
6	<i>Lauderdale</i>	78,161
7	<i>Lee</i>	75,755
8	<i>Madison</i>	74,674
9	<i>Forrest</i>	72,604
10	<i>Jones</i>	64,958
11	<i>Washington</i>	62,977
12	<i>Lowndes</i>	61,586
13	<i>Warren</i>	49,644
14	<i>Pearl River</i>	48,621
15	<i>Hancock</i>	42,967
16	<i>Oktibbeha</i>	42,902
17	<i>Bolivar</i>	40,633
18	<i>Lamar</i>	39,070
19	<i>Pike</i>	38,940
20	<i>Lafayette</i>	38,744
21	<i>Monroe</i>	38,014
22	<i>Leflore</i>	37,947
23	<i>Marshall</i>	34,993
24	<i>Alcorn</i>	34,558
25	<i>Sunflower</i>	34,369
26	<i>Adams</i>	34,340
27	<i>Panola</i>	34,274
28	<i>Lincoln</i>	33,166
29	<i>Coahoma</i>	30,622

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<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Population</b>
<b>ELIGIBLE COUNTIES</b>		
30	Copiah	28,757
31	Neshoba	28,684
32	Scott	28,423
33	Yazoo	28,149
34	Simpson	27,639
35	Pontotoc	26,726
36	Marion	25,595
37	Prentiss	25,556
38	Tate	25,370
39	Union	25,362
40	Grenada	23,263
41	Itawamba	22,770
42	Clay	21,979
43	Newton	21,838
44	Holmes	21,609
45	Wayne	21,216
46	Leake	20,940
47	Tippah	20,826
48	Winston	20,160
49	Attala	19,661
50	Chickasaw	19,440
51	Covington	19,407
52	Tishomingo	19,163
53	George	19,144
54	Jasper	18,149
55	Clarke	17,955
56	Smith	16,182
57	Walthall	15,156
58	Calhoun	15,069
59	Tallahatchie	14,903
60	Jefferson Davis	13,962
61	Stone	13,622
62	Amite	13,599
63	Greene	13,299
64	Lawrence	13,258
65	Yalobusha	13,051
66	Noxubee	12,548
67	Montgomery	12,189
68	Perry	12,138
69	Claiborne	11,831
70	Humphreys	11,206
71	Carroll	10,769
72	Kemper	10,453
73	Wilkinson	10,312
74	Webster	10,294

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<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Population</b>
75	Quitman	10,117
76	Choctaw	9,758
77	Jefferson	9,740
78	Tunica	9,227
79	Franklin	8,448
80	Benton	8,026
81	Sharkey	6,580
82	Issaquena	2,274