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CITY OF NEWTON AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

JACKSON, Miss. – The City of Newton was recently awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$146,808 for Economic Development Public Improvements. The original application was submitted on behalf of Mississippi State Department of Mental Health.

The funds will be utilized by the city to assist in water and sewer improvements for a new Crisis Center. The Mississippi Department of Mental Health proposes to operate the new 17-bed facility as a short-term psychiatric stabilization hospital for adult men and women in Central Mississippi. The Department of Health will invest \$2,000,000 in the project.

The center will create 25 new jobs. At least 51% of these positions will be made available to persons from low- and moderate-income households.

“The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is proud that our partnership at the local level creates a foundation for economic growth,” commented J.C. Burns, Executive Director of MDA.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among the division’s goals are assisting communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations, and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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