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CITY OF COLUMBIA AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$650,000 awarded to the city of Columbia.

“The state of Mississippi welcomes the opportunity to support our communities in improving infrastructure and other services. Strong communities build a strong economy and a better way of life for our citizens,” commented Governor Musgrove.

The funds, received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized for public facilities improvements on behalf of Orleans Furniture, Inc.

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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