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MARION COUNTY AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$520,160 awarded to Marion County.

“Local communities are at the heart of building a strong economy. The CDBG program enriches the partnership between the state and the communities that will be most impacted by business and industrial development,” commented Governor Musgrove.

The funds, received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized for public facilities improvements on behalf of Bonus Stores, Inc., dba Bill’s Dollar Store.

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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