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**TOWN OF UTICA AWARDED COMMUNITY SELF-HELP GRANT**

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Community Self-Help Grant in the amount of \$68,876 awarded to the Town of Utica.

“The Community Self-Help Grant program helps communities empower themselves for economic growth. The state of Mississippi is pleased to be a part of this community building effort,” commented Governor Musgrove.

The funds, received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized to make improvements to Utica’s downtown area, including replacing sidewalks, installing new decorative streetlights and landscaping.

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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