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FORREST COUNTY AWARDED COMMUNITY SELF-HELP GRANT

JACKSON, Miss. – Forrest County was recently awarded Community Self-Help funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the amount of \$10,500 for public facilities improvements.

"Through the Community Self-Help Grants program, the state of Mississippi is able to provide assistance to counties through organizations working in their own communities," commented Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

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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