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**GOVERNOR MUSGROVE AWARDS FUNDS TO MONROE COUNTY**

JACKSON, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$850,000 awarded to Monroe County.

“The state of Mississippi is working to make a tangible difference in the lives of our citizens,” said Governor Musgrove. “Through funding opportunities, like the CDBG program, we are impacting community development and building partnerships that will shape the state’s economy for years to come.”

The funds, administered by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, will be utilized for economic development on behalf of Lane Furniture/Action Industries, Inc.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority, which administers technical and financial assistance programs that help communities prepare for growth. Through its Economic Development funds, the CDBG program encourages new and existing business by providing local governments with grants for public improvements, or loans to businesses for start-up and expansion costs. Job creation is the key to CDBG-assisted economic development.

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