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SUBJECT: State Disaster Housing Program

(Jackson) – The State's Disaster Housing Program is available to the citizens in the affected counties of Forrest, Lamar, Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, and George as a result of the State of Emergency signed by the Governor on June 11, 2001.

People whose homes were made unlivable by the severe weather and flooding on June 10 and 11, 2001 may apply for the assistance by calling 1-800-434-4243. The application process takes about five minutes to complete. Callers should have on hand social security numbers and insurance settlement information prior to calling. Families that have insurance can also qualify.

Both homeowners and renters may apply. The Disaster Housing Program was established by the Mississippi Legislature to assist Mississippians in recovering from the effects of a disaster. **This is grant money from the State of Mississippi that is available to the public and does not have to be repaid.**

Homeowners may qualify for up to **three months** rental assistance. If they choose not apply for rental assistance, they may be eligible for minimal home repair assistance in an amount up to the amount they would have received for the rental assistance. Renters may qualify for one-month rental assistance and are not eligible to receive repair funding.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE STATE DISASTER HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS IS July 10, 2001 (Tuesday.)

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