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Governor Musgrove Presents First Annual “Communities of Excellence Awards”

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove praised the work of the winners in the first “Governor’s Communities of Excellence Awards” presentation today. Six communities around the state were recognized for their innovative uses of CDBG and HOME funds.

“These awards illustrate just how important it is to have a shared sense of ownership in our communities,” Musgrove said. “Each of these communities being honored has shown us what it means to be a community. It’s time for us to show them our appreciation for what they mean to Mississippi.”

The winning communities are: For Best Overall Municipal Project, the City of Gautier Senior Citizens Center; Best Overall County Project, the West Holmes Water Association; Best CDBG Economic Development Project, the Noxapater / Flower Ridge Water Project; Best CDBG Public Facilities, the City of Natchez “Sprayground;” Best Homebuyer Assistance, the University of Southern Mississippi Institute of Disability Studies, Home of Your Own Program; Best Homeowner Rehabilitation, the Town of Goodman Homeowner Rehabilitation Project.

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