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Governor Musgrove Expands Request for Disaster Assistance

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has expanded his request for federal disaster assistance to include public assistance. The Governor today sent a letter to President George Bush asking for federal funds to assist local governments and the state in making repairs to roads, bridges, public buildings and some private, non-profit entities that received damage as a result of the April 6–7 severe storms.

“People’s lives have been seriously affected by the impact of these storms, and they need as much help as they can get and they need it now,” Musgrove said. “Our assessments show that we meet the federal eligibility requirements, and that assistance needs to come down as soon as possible.”

The Governor’s request is supported by preliminary damage assessments conducted by a joint team of local, state and federal officials that determined the state’s eligibility for public assistance. The request asks for public assistance for Clark, Hinds, Lauderdale, Lincoln, Madison, Newton, Rankin, Scott, Warren and Yazoo counties.

In a letter sent to President George Bush on Monday, April 14, Musgrove requested individual assistance, crisis counseling and Small Business Administration federal disaster loans.

Musgrove said he expects a response soon to his initial letter.

“Homes and businesses were destroyed as a result of the storms that hit Mississippi, and lives have been put on hold,” he said. “The rebuilding process has started but help is still needed.”

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