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## **GOVERNOR MUSGROVE AWARDS COMMUNITY SELF HELP GRANT TO CITY OF INDIANOLA**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced the latest Community Self-Help Grant awarded to the City of Indianola.

“We’re pleased to offer financial support to our communities as they work to improve the quality of life for our citizens and to build a strong foundation for economic growth throughout the state,” commented Governor Musgrove.

The City of Indianola is receiving Community Self-Help funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the amount of \$100,000 to rehabilitate and renovate the B.B. King Park in South Indianola.

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.

Mississippi was listed by “Site Selection” magazine last year as one of the top ten states for new and expanded facilities. In September 2001, the state was named one of the top ten states for small business survival. Under Musgrove’s leadership, more than 2,000 new and expanded facilities have opened, creating more than 50,000 jobs and a total business investment of over \$14 billion.

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