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## **Governor Musgrove Awards Solid Waste Assistance Grant to Lowndes County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$22,635 grant to the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors to continue the Columbus/Lowndes County recycling program and to clean up unauthorized dump sites within its jurisdiction. The grant was awarded from the Local Government Solid Waste Assistance Fund administered by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

“Through our investments in a strong infrastructure in our communities, we are investing in the future of our communities,” said Musgrove. “This grant is a key component in our work to make the most of our promise and potential in Mississippi.”

Cities and counties throughout Mississippi can compete for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants could be utilized by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish collection programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

The competitive grant applications are accepted twice annually: On the first of April and October of each year. For more information and to receive a grant application, contact Luis Murillo or Denise Wilson, MDEQ, P.O. Box 10385, Jackson, MS 39289 or (601) 961-5171.

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