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Governor Musgrove Awards Grant to Cleveland

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$650,000 Economic Development Grant to Cleveland. The funds will be used for public facilities improvements on behalf of Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

“Mississippi has a number of advantages and a wealth of resources to offer business and industry. The state gladly supports the efforts of communities striving to promote those resources to attract jobs and a higher quality of life for our citizens,” said Governor Musgrove.

The funds are administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

“We work closely with local and municipal officials to make the most of job creation opportunities, and this program is an excellent vehicle for accomplishing that goal,” said Steve Hale, executive director of the MDA.

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.

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