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## **Governor Musgrove Awards Grants in Calhoun County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded grants through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to the towns of Derma and Vardaman in Calhoun County. Derma will receive \$450,000 to upgrade its sewer system, and Vardaman will receive \$450,000 to construct a new well, water tank, distribution lines and booster station.

"We are working hard to help our communities improve their infrastructure and other services," said Musgrove. "Strong communities build a strong economy and a better way of life for our citizens."

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.