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## **Governor Musgrove Awards Grant to City of Pascagoula**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded the City of Pascagoula a grant in the amount of \$100,000 through the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. The funds will be utilized to support two separate citywide shelters serving homeless families and individuals and will offer specialized services such as counseling, clothing and transportation.

“It is our responsibility to help our fellow citizens that have fallen on rough times,” said Musgrove. “In ending the cycle of homelessness and offering preventative measures, we are enabling the citizens of Pascagoula to reach their full potential, which in the end creates stronger communities and a better Mississippi.”

ESG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among ESG goals are: renovation, major rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; essential services, including services related to employment, health, substance abuse, education, or food: payment for shelter maintenance, operation, insurance, utilities, and furnishings; and payment of homeless prevention measures for the at-risk homeless population.

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