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Governor Musgrove Awards Grant to Lee County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded Lee County a grant in the amount of \$159,800 through the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. The shelter and Assistance in Family Emergencies (S.A.F.E.) will receive \$59,800 and will provide comprehensive, supportive and essential services to homeless clients who are victims of family violence. The city of Tupelo will receive a \$100,000 and will provide shelter and comprehensive support services to homeless individuals at four existing shelters.

“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 Lee County 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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