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**Governor Musgrove Awards \$350,000 Grant
to Marion County**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$350,000 grant to Marion County through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. The Homebuyer Rehabilitation program will allow for the reconstruction of five homes that will benefit 18 people.

“We want to provide all of our citizens with decent and affordable housing, “ said Musgrove. “We are committed to making the American dream of owning a home a reality for all Mississippians.”

The purpose of the HOME grants are to assist local government and community housing development organizations in their efforts to provide decent and affordable housing. The activities undertaken by the State through the 2003 HOME program includes: Homeowner Rehabilitation, New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation, Homebuyer Assistance, CHDO Set-Aside, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Disabled Housing Initiative, Rehabilitation Set-Aside for the Elderly, and State Administration. The Homeowner Rehabilitation program allows local governments to assist low-income homeowners in making repairs or in the reconstruction of the homes.

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