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Governor Musgrove Awards nearly \$1,000,000 in Grants to Washington County

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded four grants totaling nearly \$1,000,000 to Washington County through HOME funds from the Mississippi Development Authority. A grant in the amount of \$151,774 to the North Greenville Community Development Corporation will be utilized for a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which will allow Southeastern Development Opportunities, Inc. to construct 10 new multi-family rental units that will benefit 48 people. A grant in the amount of \$350,000 to the Town of Isola will be utilized for Homeowner Rehabilitation projects that will allow for the reconstruction of five homes that will benefit 16 people. A grant in the amount of \$350,000 to the Town of Louise will be utilized for Homeowner Rehabilitation projects that will allow for the reconstruction of five homes that will benefit 17 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 (CHDO) project allows locally owned housing organizations an opportunity to provide homebuyer assistance for single families and the construction of multi-family rental units or lease to purchase units.

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