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Governor Musgrove Awards \$250,000 Grant to City of Brookhaven

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has awarded a \$250,000 grant to the City of Brookhaven through the Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program on behalf of Cortez Byrd.

“Good, quality jobs are an imperative part of communities and we are dedicated to keeping those jobs so our communities can continue to grow and prosper,” said Musgrove. “The Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program is just one of the ways we are showing our support to communities across Mississippi.”

The funds are awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), which also approves grant recipients.

“MDA is pleased to support local officials and business owners in maintaining a stable and flourishing job market,” said Steve Hale, Executive Director of MDA. “The strength of our existing businesses is key to our efforts to create jobs and growth in all of our communities.”

The Mississippi Rural Impact Fund Program (RIF), administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), is designed to assist and promote businesses and economic development in rural areas by providing grants and loans to rural communities and loan guarantees to rural businesses. Governor Musgrove proposed the program during his 2003 State of the State and the State Legislature enacted it during the 2003 regular session.

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