

July 24, 2003

Pete Johnson, Federal Co-Chair  
Delta Regional Authority  
236 Sharkey Avenue, Suite 400  
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We received an updated compliance report on the 2002 DRA grant program from R.L. Condra on July 15, 2003. In his letter, Mr. Condra suggests that the State of Mississippi has \$547,254 of un-obligated funds remaining from the 2001/2002 grant program. We appreciate his sharing this information with our office.

As you know, we are in the process of recommending projects for funding using our new 2003 allocation of \$897,062.73, as well as any funds remaining from previous grant program years. However, we have yet to receive your final decision on the Hinds Street Baptist Church GED Program application for \$440,750 that was submitted last year. Mr. Condra's most recent compliance report still describes the project as being "in review by board." As you are aware, Governor Musgrove has supported this project throughout this process.

Your decision on the Hinds Street Baptist Church application is necessary in order for us to make new project recommendations based on an accurate list of available funds. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Armerita Tell, Director  
Office of Citizen and Community Services

cc: Congressman Bennie Thompson  
Ms. Bennie Ruth Parks