MISSISSIPPI SMALL MUNICIPAL

AND

LIMITED POPULATION COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM

2010

GUIDELINES

SMALL MUNICIPAL AND LIMITED POPULATION COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM (SMLPC)

The Mississippi Small Municipal and Limited Population County Grant Program (SMLPC), administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), is designed for making grants to small municipalities and limited population counties or natural gas districts ("Local Sponsors") to finance projects to promote economic growth in the State of Mississippi ("State"). Funding for grants to Local Sponsors is derived from appropriations or funds otherwise made available by the State Legislature.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

A small municipality or a limited population county must submit an application to MDA. An eligible municipality, county and gas district is defined as follows:

- **Small Municipality** – a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less, according to the most recent federal decennial census, at the time the application is submitted by the municipality.

  Limited Population County – a county with a population of 30,000 or less, according to the most recent federal decennial census, at the time the application.

- **Natural Gas Districts** – districts created by law and meeting the same requirements as small municipalities.

Eligible Projects

- Eligible projects financed with Mississippi Small Municipal and Limited Population County Grant Program funds must be publicly owned.
- All contracts and purchases must be made in accordance with normal bid and purchase laws of a municipality or county.
- Eligible projects shall have a direct connection to economic development or aid in the creation of jobs.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase, construction or rehabilitation of public buildings to include:
  - Town halls
  - Libraries
  - Police Stations
  - Fire Stations
  - Community Centers

- Courthouses
- Other Publicly Owned Buildings

- Downtown Improvements to include:
  - Sidewalks
  - Streets (only for town centers)
  - Lighting
  - Façade Improvements
  - Beautification Improvements (waste receptacles, stop signs, street signs, landscaping, awnings, etc.)
  - Other downtown improvements as approved by MDA

KEY POINTS

- SMLPC funds may not be used for working capital, for general expenditures, which would normally be covered under a local sponsor's general operation budget, or for administrative expenses.
- A limited amount of funds may be used for engineering/architectural cost. The amount of these professional services will be limited to an amount not to exceed 10% of the SMLPC grant award amount.
- The SMLPC Program is a competitive program.
- As such, all funds awarded must be spent for improvements within the scope of the original project description as stated in the grant application.
- Additionally, if grant recipients complete their project for less than the grant amount awarded, the excess funds can be requested for additional project work as long as there is no change from the scope of the original project.
- In no case, however, will an approved applicant be allowed to use excess grant funds to pay for project costs that vary from the original project description.
- All requested changes and variances from the original application should be made in writing and will be reviewed by MDA on a case-by-case basis.

HOW TO APPLY FOR PROGRAM

To apply for the Small Municipal and Limited Population County Grant Program, a completed application that is submitted by a Local Sponsor must include:

- Purpose of the proposed grant including a list of eligible items and the cost of each;
- The estimated cost of the total project, a description of the Local Sponsor's investment in the project, and all public or private sources of funding that have been secured and that will be utilized exclusively for the project;
- Time schedule for implementation and completion of the project, evidencing an expeditious completion of the project;

- A statement that the specific improvements are necessary for economic development or job creation;
- Engineering documentation;
- Current employment levels at the project site and estimated increase, if any, as a result of financing the project; and
- Copy of the Local Sponsor's resolution of authorization to apply for grant funds.
- One (1) copy of the application must be submitted to the Community Services Division of MDA, Small Municipal and Limited Population County Grant Program, Post Office Box 849, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 or hand-delivered to the 5th floor of the Woolfolk Office Building.

- It should be noted that the Executive Director of "MDA" might in his discretion commit grant funds to projects prior to the application deadline. Such commitments would be made only if a specific project is involved and timing of the grant award would have a direct effect on the location or expansion of the project

GENERAL GRANT TERMS

- The program intent is to stimulate growth and economic development in small communities in the State.
- The maximum grant amount, which may be awarded to any one Local Sponsor, will be $100,000.

- The amount of each grant awarded will be based on population, ability of the community to participate in the project, the degree of need for the improvements, the lack of availability of other funding sources, the timeframe required to perform the improvements, the economic impact of the project on the community, and other criteria MDA develops.
- Each application will be evaluated on its own merit to meet the intent of the program.
- **There is a dollar for dollar match requirement.** No application will be reviewed that doesn't provide at least a 50/50 match ratio. Matching funds must be in place by the time the application is due to MDA.

CONDITIONS FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

- A Grant Agreement will be executed between the Local Sponsor and MDA.
- All funds will flow through the Local Sponsor.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

- MDA will release SMLPC program funds for services rendered or on a reimbursement basis for approved eligible costs of the project as incurred.

- The Local Sponsor shall certify to MDA during construction that the expenses were incurred and were in accordance with the plans and application approved by MDA.

- Funds will be released upon receipt of the SMLPC Program Form of Requisition and supporting documentation from the Local Sponsor.

- Funds may only be drawn down once a month.

- Local Sponsors have two (2) years from the date of the Grant Agreement to request reimbursement for SMLPC project costs.

STATUTE

The Small Municipal and Limited Population County Grant Program is authorized under Section 57-1-18 et seq., MS Code, Annotated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program inquires and applications should be directed to:

Mississippi Development Authority
Community Services Division
Post Office Box 849
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
Telephone: (601) 359-3179 Fax: (601) 359-3108

These guidelines may be amended by MDA at any time. MDA, in its discretion, may temporarily waive any requirement of the guidelines to the extent that the result of such action is to promote the public purpose of the Act and is not prohibited by State Law.

SMALL MUNICIPALITIES (CITIES AND TOWNS)- 2000 CENSUS
Eligibility 10,000 Population or Less

INELGIBLE CITIES

Rank	Name	Population
1	Jackson	184,255
2	Gulfport	71,127
3	Biloxi	50,644
4	Hattiesburg	44,779
5	Greenville	41,633
6	Meridian	39,968
7	Tupelo	34,211
8	Southaven	28,977
9	Vicksburg	26,407
10	Pascagoula	26,200
11	Columbus	25,944
12	Clinton	23,348
13	Pearl	21,961
14	Starkville	21,869
15	Olive Branch	21,054
16	Clarksdale	20,645
17	Ridgeland	20,173
18	Natchez	18,464
19	Greenwood	18,425
20	Laurel	18,393
21	Long Beach	17,320
22	Ocean Springs	17,224
23	Brandon	16,436
24	Moss Point	15,851
25	Grenada	14,879
26	Madison	14,692
27	Yazoo	14,550
28	Horn Lake	14,099
29	Corinth	14,054
30	Cleveland	13,841
31	McComb	13,337
32	Canton	12,911
33	West Point	12,145
34	Indianola	12,066
35	Oxford	11,756
36	Gautier	11,681
37	Picayune	10,535

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ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS

Rank	Name	Population
38	Brookhaven	9,860
39	Booneville	8,624
40	Bay St. Louis	8,209
41	Holly Springs	7,957
42	D'Iberville	7,608
43	New Albany	7,607
44	Petal	7,579
45	Byram CDP	7,386
46	Kosciusko	7,372
47	Philadelphia	7,303
48	Batesville	7,113
49	Louisville	7,004
50	Amory	6,956
51	Hernando	6,811
52	Senatobia	6,683
53	St. Martin CDP	6,676
54	Waveland	6,674
55	Columbia	6,603
56	Pass Christian	6,579
57	Aberdeen	6,415
58	West Hattiesburg CDP	6,305
59	Richland	6,027
60	Forest	5,987
61	Diamondhead CDP	5,912
62	Gulf Hills CDP	5,900
63	Crystal Springs	5,873
64	Leland	5,502
65	Winona	5,482
66	Ripley	5,478
67	Pontotoc	5,253
68	Waynesboro	5,197
69	Vancleave CDP	4,910
70	Flowood	4,750
71	Carthage	4,637
72	Hazlehurst	4,400
73	Latimer CDP	4,288
74	Gulf Park Estates CDP	4,272
75	Magee	4,199
76	Houston	4,079
77	Shoreline Park CDP	4,058
78	Fulton	3,882
79	Wiggins	3,849
80	Newton	3,699
81	Water Valley	3,677
82	Escatawpa CDP	3,566

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ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS

Rank	Name	Population
83	Morton	3,482
84	Ellisville	3,465
85	Hollandale	3,437
86	Saltillo	3,393
87	Verona	3,334
88	Baldwyn	3,321
89	Ruleville	3,234
90	Pearl River CDP	3,156
91	Iuka	3,059
92	Okolona	3,056
93	Hickory Hills CDP	3,046
94	Lynchburg CDP	2,959
95	Durant	2,932
96	Shelby	2,926
97	Collins	2,683
98	Belzoni	2,663
99	Poplarville	2,601
100	Moorhead	2,573
101	Mendenhall	2,555
102	Rolling Fork	2,486
103	Quitman	2,463
104	Macon	2,461
105	Lucedale	2,458
106	Drew	2,434
107	Rosedale	2,414
108	Florence	2,396
109	Tchula	2,332
110	Eupora	2,326
111	Shaw	2,312
112	Fayette	2,242
113	Lumberton	2,228
114	Itta Bena	2,208
115	Charleston	2,198
116	Purvis	2,164
117	Mound Bayou	2,102
118	Bruce	2,097
119	Bay Springs	2,097
120	Magnolia	2,071
121	Columbus AFB CDP	2,060
122	Kiln CDP	2,040
123	Sardis	2,038
124	Lexington	2,025
125	Union	2,021
126	Lambert	1,967
127	New Hope CDP	1,964

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ELIGIBILITY CITIES/TOWNS

Rank	Name	Population
128	Belmont	1,961
129	Nettleton	1,932
130	Tyler	1,910
131	Calhoun	1,872
132	Meridian Station CDP	1,849
133	Port Gibson	1,840
134	Collinsville CDP	1,823
135	Farmington	1,810
136	Monticello	1,726
137	Jones	1,701
138	Ackerman	1,696
139	Wesson	1,693
140	Pearlington CDP	1,684
141	Centreville	1,680
142	Coldwater	1,674
143	Raymond	1,664
144	Shannon	1,657
145	Marks	1,551
146	Flora	1,546
147	Friars Point	1,480
148	Pelahatchie	1,461
149	North Tunica CDP	1,450
150	Summit	1,428
151	Decatur	1,426
152	Tutwiler	1,364
153	Nellieburg CDP	1,354
154	Edwards	1,347
155	Taylorsville	1,341
156	Pickens	1,325
157	Como	1,310
158	Marion	1,305
159	Saucier CDP	1,303
160	Raleigh	1,255
161	Goodman	1,252
162	Woodville	1,192
163	Gun	1,183
164	Brooksville	1,182
165	Prentiss	1,158
166	Inverness	1,153
167	Stonewall	1,149
168	Plantersville	1,144
169	Tunica	1,132
170	Metcalfe	1,109
171	Mantachie	1,107
172	Lyman CDP	1,081

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ELGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS

Rank	Name	Population
173	Gloster	1,073
174	Vardaman	1,065
175	Richton	1,038
176	Bude	1,037
177	Burnsville	1,034
178	Leakesville	1,026
179	Derma	1,023
180	Caledonia	1,015
181	Sumrall	1,005
182	Conehatta CDP	997
183	Hurley CDP	985
184	Beaumont	977
185	De Kalb	972
186	Utica	966
187	Ecru	947
188	Coffeeville	930
189	Crenshaw	916
190	Anguilla	907
191	Mount Olive	893
192	Smithville	882
193	Vaiden	840
194	Heidelberg	840
195	Kilmichael	830
196	Maben	803
197	Mayersville	795
198	Sandersville	789
199	Helena CDP	778
200	Isola	768
201	Crowder	766
202	Walnut	754
203	Duck Hill	746
204	Mathiston	720
205	Boyle	720
206	New Augusta	715
207	New Houlka	710
208	Byhalia	706
209	Sunflower	696
210	Sidon	672
211	Blue Mountain	670
212	Terry	664
213	Merigold	664
214	Crawford	655
215	Shubuta	651
216	Liberty	633
217	Gunnison	633

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Rank	Name	Population
218	Scooba	632
219	Bolton	629
220	Renova	623
221	Benoit	611
222	McLain	603
223	Webb	587
224	Oakland	586
225	Duncan	578
226	Ashland	577
227	Roxie	569
228	Hickory Flat	565
229	Arcola	563
230	Shuqualak	562
231	State Line	555
232	Weir	553
233	Sherman	548
234	Tucker CDP	534
235	Bogue Chitto CDP	533
236	Sledge	529
237	Meadville	519
238	Thaxton	513
239	Standing Pine CDP	509
240	Algoma	508
241	Bentonia	500
242	North Carrollton	499
243	Hickory	499
244	Artesia	498
245	Potts Camp	494
246	Wade CDP	491
247	Walnut Grove	488
248	Osyka	481
249	Hatley	476
250	Enterprise	474
251	Beulah	473
252	Courtland	460
253	Ethel	452
254	Dumas	452
255	Cruger	449
256	New Hebron	447
257	Cary	427
258	Abbeville	423
259	Noxapater	419
260	Lyon	418
261	Redwater CDP	409
262	Lake	408

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ELIGIBLE CITIES/TOWNS

Rank	Name	Population
263	Carrollton	408
264	Sumner	407
265	Myrtle	407
266	Jumper	404
267	D'Lo	394
268	French Camp	393
269	Tremont	390
270	Schlater	388
271	Soso	379
272	Lula	370
273	Pace	364
274	Crosby	360
275	Puckett village	354
276	George	344
277	Chunky	344
278	Louin	339
279	Silver	337
280	Seminary	335
281	Rienzi	330
282	Coahoma	325
283	Winstonville	319
284	Falcon	317
285	Tishomingo	316
286	Louise	315
287	Bassfield	315
288	Morgan	305
289	Snow Lake Shores	300
290	Taylor village	289
291	Glen	286
292	Mize	285
293	Glendora village	285
294	Beauregard village	265
295	Marietta	248
296	Pachuta	245
297	Pope village	241
298	Sebastopol	233
299	West	220
300	Alligator	220
301	Pittsboro village	212
302	Falkner	212
303	Silver Creek	209
304	Sturgis	206
305	Golden	201
306	Toccopola	189
307	McCool	182

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ELIGIBILE CITIES/TOWNS

Rank	Name	Population
308	Braxton village	181
309	Walthall village	170
310	Kossuth village	170
311	Mantee village	169
312	Lena	167
313	Woodland village	159
314	Blue Springs village	144
315	Polkville village	132
316	Montrose	127
317	Big Creek village	127
318	Eden village	126
319	Tillatoba	121
320	Slate Springs village	121
321	Sylvarena village	120
322	Big Point CDP	115
323	Sallis	114
324	Gattman village	114
325	Doddsville	108
326	Paden village	106
327	Memphis village	87
328	Satartia village	68
329	Learned	50

COUNTY POPULATION-2000 CENSUS
Eligibility 30,000 Population or Less

INELIGIBLE COUNTIES

Rank	Name	Population
1	Hinds	250,800
2	Harrison	189,601
3	Jackson	131,420
4	Rankin	115,327
5	DeSoto	107,199
6	Lauderdale	78,161
7	Lee	75,755
8	Madison	74,674
9	Forrest	72,604
10	Jones	64,958
11	Washington	62,977
12	Lowndes	61,586
13	Warren	49,644
14	Pearl River	48,621
15	Hancock	42,967
16	Oktibbeha	42,902
17	Bolivar	40,633
18	Lamar	39,070
19	Pike	38,940
20	Lafayette	38,744
21	Monroe	38,014
22	Leflore	37,947
23	Marshall	34,993
24	Alcorn	34,558
25	Sunflower	34,369
26	Adams	34,340
27	Panola	34,274
28	Lincoln	33,166
29	Coahoma	30,622

COUNTY POPULATION-2000 CENSUS
Eligibility 30,000 Population or Less

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

Rank	Name	Population
30	Copiah	28,757
31	Neshoba	28,684
32	Scott	28,423
33	Yazoo	28,149
34	Simpson	27,639
35	Pontotoc	26,726
36	Marion	25,595
37	Prentiss	25,556
38	Tate	25,370
39	Union	25,362
40	Grenada	23,263
41	Itawamba	22,770
42	Clay	21,979
43	Newton	21,838
44	Holmes	21,609
45	Wayne	21,216
46	Leake	20,940
47	Tippah	20,826
48	Winston	20,160
49	Attala	19,661
50	Chickasaw	19,440
51	Covington	19,407
52	Tishomingo	19,163
53	George	19,144
54	Jasper	18,149
55	Clarke	17,955
56	Smith	16,182
57	Walthall	15,156
58	Calhoun	15,069
59	Tallahatchie	14,903
60	Jefferson Davis	13,962
61	Stone	13,622
62	Amite	13,599
63	Greene	13,299
64	Lawrence	13,258
65	Yalobusha	13,051
66	Noxubee	12,548
67	Montgomery	12,189
68	Perry	12,138
69	Claiborne	11,831
70	Humphreys	11,206
71	Carroll	10,769
72	Kemper	10,453
73	Wilkinson	10,312
74	Webster	10,294

COUNTY POPULATION-2000 CENSUS
Eligibility 30,000 Population or Less

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

Rank	Name	Population
75	Quitman	10,117
76	Choctaw	9,758
77	Jefferson	9,740
78	Tunica	9,227
79	Franklin	8,448
80	Benton	8,026
81	Sharkey	6,580
82	Issaquena	2,274