

**MISSISSIPPI SMALL MUNICIPAL  
AND  
LIMITED POPULATION COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM**



**2011  
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
- Streets

- Downtown Improvements to include:
  - Sidewalks
  - 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.
- **Interested applicants who are current recipients of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding through the MDA Energy Division must meet the minimum EECBG expenditure requirements to be eligible for an award. See program guidance issued by EECBG staff for more information.**

## 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; (Must be on the engineer's letterhead, with his stamp/seal and signature)
- Current employment levels at the project site and estimated increase, if any, as a result of financing the project;
- 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; and
- 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.
- **Communities with a population of 3,500 or less, there will not be a match requirement.**
- **Communities with a population greater than 3,500, a 50/50 match is required. The 50/50 match does not have to be just cash.**
- Applications will be due by August 26, 2011, by 4:00 pm, MDA time.
- **If a community has more than one (1) Small Municipal grant open, they are not eligible to submit.**

## 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.

### Sources:

U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.  
2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1 and H1

[http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GCTTable?\\_bm=y&-ds\\_name=DEC\\_2000\\_SF1\\_U&-CONTEXT=gct&-mt\\_name=DEC\\_2000\\_SF1\\_U\\_GCTPH1\\_US9&-redoLog=false&-caller=geoselect&-geo\\_id=&-format=US-25%7CUS-25S&-lang=en](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GCTTable?_bm=y&-ds_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U&-CONTEXT=gct&-mt_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U_GCTPH1_US9&-redoLog=false&-caller=geoselect&-geo_id=&-format=US-25%7CUS-25S&-lang=en)

The Population data was revised on 7/18/2011.

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY POPULATION - 2010 CENSUS**  
**Eligibility 30,000 Population or Less**  
 (Revised 7/19/11)

**INELIGIBLE COUNTIES**

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

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<b>ELIGIBLE COUNTIES</b>		
<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POPULATION</b>
30	Copiah County	28,757
31	Neshoba County	28,684
32	Scott County	28,423
33	Yazoo County	28,149
34	Simpson County	27,639
35	Pontotoc County	26,726
36	Marion County	25,595
37	Prentiss County	25,556
38	Tate County	25,370
39	Union County	25,362
40	Grenada County	23,263
41	Itawamba County	22,770
42	Clay County	21,979
43	Newton County	21,838
44	Holmes County	21,609
45	Wayne County	21,216
46	Leake County	20,940
47	Tippah County	20,826
48	Winston County	20,160
49	Attala County	19,661
50	Chickasaw County	19,440
51	Covington County	19,407
52	Tishomingo County	19,163
53	George County	19,144
54	Jasper County	18,149
55	Clarke County	17,955
56	Smith County	16,182
57	Walthall County	15,156
58	Calhoun County	15,069
59	Tallahatchie County	14,903
60	Jefferson Davis County	13,962
61	Stone County	13,622
62	Amite County	13,599
63	Greene County	13,299
64	Lawrence County	13,258
65	Yalobusha County	13,051
66	Noxubee County	12,548
67	Montgomery County	12,189
68	Perry County	12,138
69	Claiborne County	11,831
70	Humphreys County	11,206
71	Carroll County	10,769
72	Kemper County	10,453
73	Wilkinson County	10,312
74	Webster County	10,294
75	Quitman County	10,117
76	Choctaw County	9,758
77	Jefferson County	9,740
78	Tunica County	9,227
79	Franklin County	8,448
80	Benton County	8,026
81	Sharkey County	6,580
82	Issaquena County	2,274

**SMALL MUNICIPALITIES (CITIES AND TOWNS) – 2010 CENSUS  
ELIGIBILITY 10,000 POPULATION OR LESS**

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<b>INELIGIBLE CITIES</b>		
<b>RANK</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POPULATION</b>
1	Jackson	173,514
2	Gulfport	67,793
3	Southaven	48,982
4	Hattiesburg	45,989
5	Biloxi	44,054
6	Meridian	41,148
7	Tupelo	34,546
8	Greenville	34,400
9	Olive Branch	33,484
10	Horn Lake	26,066
11	Clinton	25,216
12	Pearl	25,092
13	Madison	24,149
14	Ridgeland	24,047
15	Starkville	23,888
16	Vicksburg	23,856
17	Columbus	23,640
18	Pascagoula	22,392
19	Brandon	21,705
20	Oxford	18,916
21	Gautier	18,572
22	Laurel	18,540
23	Clarksdale	17,962
24	Ocean Springs	17,442
25	Natchez	15,792
26	Greenwood	15,205
27	Long Beach	14,792
28	Corinth	14,573
29	Hernando	14,090
30	Moss Point	13,704
31	Canton	13,189
32	Grenada	13,092
33	McComb	12,790
34	Brookhaven	12,513
35	Cleveland	12,334
36	Byram	11,489
37	Yazoo City	11,403
38	West Point	11,307
39	Picayune	10,878
40	Indianola	10,683
41	Petal	10,454

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42	D'Iberville	9,486
43	Bay St. Louis	9,260
44	Booneville	8,743
45	Diamondhead CDP	8,425
46	Senatobia	8,165
47	New Albany	8,034
48	Flowood	7,823
49	St. Martin CDP	7,730
50	Holly Springs	7,699
51	Philadelphia	7,477
52	Batesville	7,463
53	Kosciusko	7,402
54	Amory	7,316
55	Gulf Hills CDP	7,144
56	Richland	6,912
57	Louisville	6,631
58	Columbia	6,582
59	Waveland	6,435
60	Latimer CDP	6,079
61	West Hattiesburg CDP	5,909
62	Vancleave CDP	5,886
63	Gulf Park Estates CDP	5,719
64	Forest	5,684
65	Pontotoc	5,625
66	Aberdeen	5,612
67	Ripley	5,395
68	Carthage	5,075
69	Crystal Springs	5,044
70	Waynesboro	5,043
71	Winona	5,043
72	Saltillo	4,752
73	Pass Christian	4,613
74	Leland	4,481
75	Ellisville	4,448
76	Magee	4,408
77	Wiggins	4,390
78	Florence	4,141
79	Hazlehurst	4,009
80	Mississippi State CDP	4,005
81	Fulton	3,961
82	Escatawpa CDP	3,722
83	Houston	3,623
84	Pearl River CDP	3,601
85	Tutwiler	3,550
86	Morton	3,462
87	Beechwood CDP	3,426
88	Water Valley	3,392
89	Newton	3,373
90	Baldwyn	3,297
91	New Hope CDP	3,193
92	Nicholson CDP	3,092
93	Iuka	3,028
94	Ruleville	3,007

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95	Verona	3,006
96	Lucedale	2,923
97	Poplarville	2,894
98	Macon	2,768
99	Hollandale	2,702
100	Okolona	2,692
101	Durant	2,673
102	Collins	2,586
103	Mendenhall	2,504
104	Lynchburg CDP	2,437
105	Magnolia	2,420
106	Moorhead	2,405
107	Quitman	2,323
108	Kiln CDP	2,238
109	Belzoni	2,235
110	Shelby	2,229
111	Eupora	2,197
112	Charleston	2,193
113	Farmington	2,186
114	Purvis	2,175
115	Rolling Fork	2,143
116	Tchula	2,096
117	Lumberton	2,086
118	Gun	2,083
119	Itta Bena	2,049
120	Belmont	2,021
121	Nettleton	1,992
122	Union	1,988
123	Shaw	1,952
124	Collinsville CDP	1,948
125	Bruce	1,939
126	Raymond	1,933
127	Drew	1,927
128	Wesson	1,925
129	Walnut Grove	1,911
130	Tunica Resorts CDP	1,910
131	Flora	1,886
132	Rosedale	1,873
133	Hide-A-Way Lake CDP	1,859
134	Decatur	1,841
135	Bay Springs	1,786
136	Calhoun	1,774
137	Shannon	1,753
138	Bridge CDP	1,742
139	Marks	1,735
140	Lexington	1,731
141	Arnold Line CDP	1,719
142	Summit	1,705
143	Sardis	1,703
144	Centreville	1,684
145	Coldwater	1,677

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146	Glendale CDP	1,657
147	Lambert	1,638
148	Fayette	1,614
149	Tylertown	1,609
150	Robinhood CDP	1,605
151	Monticello	1,571
152	Port Gibson	1,567
153	Hurley CDP	1,551
154	Cleary CDP	1,544
155	Mound Bayou	1,533
156	Ackerman	1,510
157	Marion	1,479
158	Raleigh	1,462
159	Sumrall	1,421
160	Nellieburg CDP	1,414
161	Morgantown CDP	1,412
162	Sharon CDP	1,406
163	Goodman	1,386
164	Columbus AFB CDP	1,373
165	Taylorsville	1,353
166	Conehatta CDP	1,342
167	Saucier CDP	1,342
168	Pelahatchie	1,334
169	Pearlington CDP	1,332
170	Vardaman	1,316
171	Byhalia	1,302
172	Jonestown	1,298
173	Como	1,279
174	Lyman CDP	1,277
175	Rawls Springs CDP	1,254
176	Brooksville	1,223
177	Friars Point	1,200
178	Helena CDP	1,184
180	De Kalb	1,164
181	Walls	1,162
182	Sunflower	1,159
183	Pickens	1,157
184	Plantersville	1,155
185	DeLisle CDP	1,147
186	Mantachie	1,144
187	Hillsboro CDP	1,130
188	Woodville	1,096
189	Meridian Station CDP	1,090
190	Stonewall	1,088
191	Prentiss	1,081
192	Wade CDP	1,074
193	Richton	1,068
194	Metcalfe	1,067
195	Bude	1,063
196	Terry	1,063
197	Kearney Park CDP	1,054

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198	Caledonia	1,041
199	North Tunica CDP	1,035
200	Edwards	1,034
201	Tunica	1,030
202	Derma	1,025
203	Inverness	1,019
204	Elliott CDP	990
205	Mount Olive	982
206	Gloster	960
207	Beaumont	951
208	Smithville	942
209	Burnsville	936
210	Blue Mountain	920
211	Coffeerville	905
212	Leakesville	898
213	Ecru	895
214	Bogue Chitto CDP (Kemper & Neshoba Counties)	887
215	Crenshaw	885
216	Maben	871
217	Polkville	833
218	Utica	820
219	Toomsuba CDP	773
220	Walnut	771
221	Vaiden	734
222	Duck Hill	732
223	Scooba	732
224	Sandersville	731
225	Liberty	728
226	Anguilla	726
227	Heidelberg	718
228	Isola	713
229	Crowder	712
230	Kilmichael	699
231	Mathiston	698
232	White Oak CDP	692
233	Renova	668
234	Tucker CDP	662
235	Boyle	650
236	Mooresville CDP	650
237	Sherman	650
238	Cloverdale CDP	645
239	New Augusta	644
240	Thaxton	643
241	Crawford	641
242	Redwater CDP	633
243	New Houlika	626
244	Big Point CDP	611
245	Foxworth CDP	603
246	Hickory Flat	601
247	Holcomb CDP	600
248	Algoma	590

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249	Ashland	569
250	Bolton	567
251	State Line	565
252	Webb	565
253	New Hamilton CDP	553
254	Mayersville	547
255	Sledge	545
256	Hickory	530
257	Oakland	527
258	Enterprise	526
259	Potts Camp	523
260	Bogue Chitto CDP (Lincoln County)	522
261	Buckatunna CDP	516
262	Falkner	514
263	Courtland	511
264	Sidon	509
265	Standing Pine CDP	504
266	Shuqualak	501
267	Roxie	497
268	Myrtle	490
269	Hatley	482
270	Jumpertown	480
271	Benoit	477
272	North Carrollton	473
273	Noxapater	472
274	Dumas	470
275	Tremont	465
276	Weir	459
277	Hamilton CDP	457
278	D'Lo	452
279	Gunnison	452
280	Meadville	449
281	New Hebron	447
282	Lauderdale CDP	442
283	McLain	441
284	Shubuta	441
285	Artesia	440
286	Bentonia	440
287	Osyka	440
288	Merigold	439
289	Duncan	423
290	Abbeville	419
291	Ethel	418
292	Glen	412
293	Clara CDP	410
294	Soso	408
295	Cruger	386
296	Coahoma	377
297	Arcola	361
298	Lyon	350
299	Beulah	348

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300	Mize	340
301	Tishomingo	339
302	Silver	337
303	Beauregard village	326
304	Chunky	326
305	Lake	324
306	Taylor village	322
307	Snow Lake Shores	319
308	Crosby	318
309	Rienzi	317
310	Puckett village	316
311	Sumner	316
312	Seminary	314
313	Cary	313
314	Schlater	310
315	Lula	298
316	Georgetown	286
317	Louin	277
318	Pace	274
319	Sebastopol	272
320	Pachuta	261
321	Marietta	256
322	Morgan City	255
323	Bassfield	254
324	Sturgis	254
325	Toccopola	246
326	Mantee village	232
327	Blue Springs village	228
328	Darling CDP	226
329	Farrell CDP	218
330	Pope village	215
331	Silver Creek	210
332	Kossuth village	209
333	Alligator	208
334	Pittsboro village	202
335	Louise	199
336	Golden	191
337	Winstonville	191
338	Carrollton	190
339	West	185
340	Braxton village	183
341	French Camp	174
342	Henderson Point CDP	170
343	Falcon	167
344	Big Creek village	154
345	Glendora village	151
346	Lena	148
347	Walthall village	144
348	Montrose	140
349	McCool	135
350	Sallis	134

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351	Woodland village	125
352	Paden village	116
353	Sylvarena village	112
354	Slate Springs village	110
355	Eden village	103
356	Doddsville	98
357	Learned	94
358	Tillatoba	91
359	Gattman village	90
360	Satartia village	55