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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Karl Banks, President Madison County Board of Supervisors PO 608 Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Banks:

As you may be aware, each County is annually allocated a grant amount under the Local Solid Waste Assistance Grants Fund administered by MDEQ. Based on the total available funds, your County's allocation for this State fiscal year (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) has been determined to be: **29,183.49.** Your county will have until **April 30, 2022** to submit an application to MDEQ to be awarded these funds for this state fiscal year (form enclosed).

As a reminder, the allowable uses for these grant funds include: the clean-up of unauthorized dumps on public or private property, the establishment of a collection center or program for white goods, recyclables or other bulky rubbish waste not managed by local residential solid waste collection programs; the provision of public notice and education related to the proper management and recycling of solid waste; the payment of a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the cost of employing local solid waste enforcement officer; the payment of a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of conducting household hazardous waste collection programs and the development of other local solid waste management program activities associated with the prevention, enforcement or abatement of unauthorized dumps. However, State law prevents the use of these funds for the establishment or operation of a landfill, rubbish site, or other solid waste disposal facility, the routine collection of garbage, or the collection of garbage fees.

Your county is also eligible to apply for additional competitive solid waste assistance grant funds during the fiscal year. The deadlines for the submittal of applications for competitive grant funds are **October 1**st and **April 1**st of each year. We encourage the County to consider your local solid waste management needs and use the enclosed application form to apply for your allocated grant funds to address these local needs. The Department will accept one joint application from the county for grant funds from both the non-competitive and competitive grant categories, if the county desires to submit such an application. Should you have any questions or need more information about this program, please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@mdeg.ms.gov or 601-961-5171.

Mark Williams, Division Chief MDEQ Waste Division