



State of Mississippi
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
DELBERT HOSEMANN
Lieutenant Governor

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Dear Supervisors:

In the past several weeks, I have visited with you personally about the opportunity, and enormous responsibility, we have been presented with related to the American Rescue Plan relief funds allocated to the State from the federal government.

As you know, Mississippi's 82 counties are set to receive more than \$578 million, cities will receive about \$369 million, and the State Legislature will receive \$1.8 billion. In general, the funds may be used to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and addressing its economic effects; provide government services affected by a revenue reduction from COVID-19; and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. More detailed information, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on the U.S. Department of the Treasury's website at home.treasury.gov.

Treasury's most recent guidance provides it is permissible to place the funds your county receives in an interest-bearing account until you decide how to spend them. I urge you to do this and to begin the planning process. I also urge you to reach out to the Senators and Representatives who represent your community to keep them informed of your decisions. By working together, we may be able to avoid duplication of effort and maximize the reach of these dollars. Our goal should be to invest in infrastructure and resources which will result in generational change, not just improvement over the next year. You are planning for the future of your county by where you spend these funds. Local input is critical at this time.

Thank you for all of your hard work. Please do not hesitate to contact me at dhosemann@senate.ms.gov if I can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Delbert".

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.
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