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CMPDD is Accepting Grant Applications for \$25.5 Million Available Through the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation Improvements

In August, CMPDD announced the availability of \$25.5 million in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds through the Jackson MPO for transportation improvements in the Jackson Urbanized Area which includes portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties.

Applications must be received by CMPDD by October 27, 2021, and must include proposed projects located on an existing or projected street functionally classified by the MPO as an urban collector, minor arterial, or principal arterial roadway. Applications will be reviewed and graded based upon the evaluation criteria for each application category. The MPO anticipates announcing funding awards for projects ranked the highest during the evaluation process in February 2022.



Local jurisdictions with applications selected for funding can receive up to 80% in federal MPO grant funds for construction costs. Local jurisdictions are required to provide a minimum 20% in local matching funds. The only exception to the 20% local match requirement is for safety improvements. Some safety improvement projects may be eligible for

100% federal grant funding.

The MPO's last call for projects took place in 2018 when the MPO awarded \$32.6 million to 31 projects across the metro area.

For more information about the Jackson MPO or the call for projects please visit www.cmpdd.org.

EDA American Rescue Plan Act Presentation

On August 24th, CMPDD hosted the District's local elected officials and economic developers for a presentation and discussion on the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) \$3 billion grant programs provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The attendees were able to attend the event in person or virtually. During the event, CMPDD staff provided information on the breakdown of grant funds between the different programs. Programs eligible for grant funds are Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation, Good Jobs Challenge, Economic Adjustment Assistance, Build Back Better Regional Challenge, and Statewide Planning, Research, and Networks.



CMPDD Contacts Directory Project

The District recently completed a project to replace our contacts directory database with a solution that's more accessible and easier to use for employees. We worked with local developer Addison Hall Designs to convert the old Microsoft Access database to a web browser-based application. This will allow CMPDD employees to access the database by computer and mobile phone. This new database will help us better serve our constituents by making contact information easy to access, maintain, and distribute.

Central Mississippi Mayors Association Meeting

CMPDD hosted a luncheon/meeting for the Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

The CMMA is made up of 35 cities, towns. The purpose of these CMMA quarterly meetings is to discuss current issues facing the municipalities and exchange ideas of improving each individual area.

District Completes Pavement Management Data Collection for Rankin County



Each year, on a three-year cyclical basis, District staff completes a reassessment of the roadway conditions for one of the three counties that makes up the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) which includes portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. For 2021, the District completed the reassessment for Rankin County.

Data is collected for the Pavement Management System by inventorying the roadways with windshield surveys. When collecting the survey data, District staff identify the various forms of cracking that have occurred to the pavement that may include alligator cracking, edge cracking, and longitudinal/transverse line cracking. Other surface impediments that District staff identify during the inventory process include patching, rutting, potholes, heaves and/or swells, and poor storm water drainage issues.

Once the data collection process is

complete, the information is analyzed using the District's Deighton Total Infrastructure Management System (dTIMS) software program. Based on the input data dTIMS assigns a numeric value, or Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating, to each road segment which indicates from highest to lowest which roadway segments in the JUA are in the poorest condition. This collected data is used by District staff to aid in determining which roadways in the JUA are in the greatest need for surface repair or total reconstruction.

With the data collection process completed for Rankin County in 2021, a pavement condition reassessment will be conducted in 2022 for the functionally classified roadways in Madison County. If you have questions concerning the Pavement Management System, please contact Scott Burge at (601) 321-2150 or by email at sburge@cmpdd.org.

City Clerks Meeting

CMPDD hosted a luncheon for the City Clerks in the District on Thursday, October 21, 2021. The Clerks shared best practices with each other and discuss issues that directly affect their jobs. Facilitating these meetings, increases efficiency and greatly benefits our participating governments and those they represent.

Governor's Discretionary Grant

CMPDD applied for and was recently awarded a Governor's Discretionary Grant. Grant funds will be used in coordination with Copiah-Lincoln Community College to train individuals in plumbing and masonry. The training is available for eligible individuals in Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Copiah, Lawrence, and Simpson counties. The Level 1 Plumbing training is a 217 hour course taught over a 16 week period. Students receive certificates at the conclusion of the training. The Level 1 Masonry training is also a 217 hour course taught over a 16 week period and those who complete the courses will receive certificates. Individuals interested in applying for either of these training courses may contact the Workforce Division of CMPDD for more information.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Updates

CMPDD has a long history of assisting member governments, universities, and the MEMA District 5 Region with Hazard Mitigation planning and is currently assisting numerous governments with updates to their Hazard Mitigation Plans. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local jurisdictions to maintain an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to maintain grant eligibility for certain pre- and post-disaster grant programs available through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, Plans are required to be reviewed and updated every five (5) years to account for any changes that might have occurred that could increase or decrease a community's risk to a particular hazard. Predicting where the next disaster will occur, and how severe its impact will be on a community is difficult. Given the right conditions natural disasters, such as tornadoes and flash floods, can occur at anytime and anyplace. Their human and financial consequences can be significant. Mitigation Planning is intended to assist communities in determining their risks to natural disasters and developing an action plan to address the known risks by lessening the impact of natural disasters when they do take place.

The following jurisdictions have received final approval from MEMA and FEMA on their 2021-2026 Hazard Mitigation Plans:

MEMA District 5 Region including Claiborne County and Port Gibson; Hinds County, Bolton, Edwards, Raymond, and Utica; Issaquena County and Mayersville; Sharkey County, Anguilla, Cary, and Rolling Fork; Simpson County, Braxton, D'Lo, Magee, and Mendenhall; and the Cities of Canton, Crystal Springs, Madison, and Puckett.

Copiah County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan including Copiah County, Towns of Georgetown, and Wesson.

- City of Richland
- City of Ridgeland

The following jurisdictions have submitted their 2021-2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan for FEMA for approval:

- City of Florence
- City of Brandon
- Rankin County
- City of Clinton
- City of Vicksburg

The following jurisdiction are currently working with CMPDD to complete updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plans:

- Town of Pelahatchie
- City of Jackson
- City of Hazlehurst
- Warren County
- Yazoo County Multi-Jurisdiction Plan



CEO Mike Monk, congratulates Chuck Carr, Director of Planning, on his 40 year anniversary with CMPDD.

Mississippi Municipal League Summer Conference

CMPDD Planners hosted an exhibitor’s booth at the annual Mississippi Municipal League Summer Conference in July. Gray Ouzts and David Wade showcased many of CMPDD’s projects including Comprehensive Plans and Master Plans utilizing the District’s advanced technological capabilities.

CMPDD Planners Gray Ouzts and David Wade gave a presentation on Planning in the Digital Age to elected officials at the Conference. The presentation focused on how technology has changed the practice of planning and how those changes have been accelerated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



CMPDD Receives Site Visits For 2021 CDBG Public Facilities Applications

The CDBG Public Facility Program provides grant funds to local units of government for a variety of public improvement projects (e.g., water or sewer facilities, storm drainage, public buildings, street reconstruction, etc.) that benefit low to moderate income families and areas. Special priority is given to water and sanitary sewer projects that eliminate existing health and safety hazards.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) recently conducted site visits for two (2) potential CDBG Public Facilities projects in the CMPDD area. A site visit does not guarantee approval; however, it is an important step toward approval of the CDBG grant. Listed below are the proposed projects that ranked high enough to be eligible for potential funding through the CDBG Public Facilities Program.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Magee	Wastewater Improvements	\$510,263	\$300,000
Town of Utica	Wastewater Improvements	\$356,329	N/A

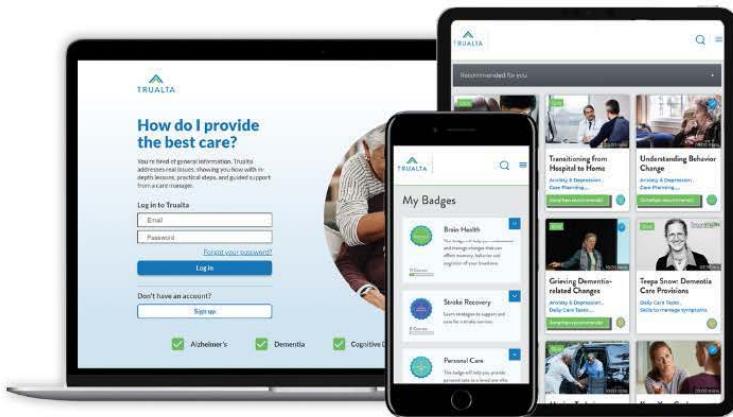
CMPDD Hosts Planning Commission Training

In September, CMPDD hosted local Planning Commissioners, Zoning Administrators, and elected officials for a training session on how to effectively administer their Zoning Ordinances. CMPDD’s Planners Gray Ouzts and David Wade, along with Craig Slay (Rankin County Board of Supervisors Attorney) taught the class. The half-day course was well attended with more than 40 people present.



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CMPDD's Medicaid Waiver Program Update

The Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Waiver (E&D Waiver) is a statewide program designed to provide in-home assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries. Beneficiaries must be 21 years of age or older. They must qualify by either SSI Medicaid or 300% of SSI Medicaid. They must require assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, eating, ambulation and/or transferring; or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) such as laundry, light housekeeping, errands, and/or assistance on community outings. Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Social Workers (LSW) work together as a team to case manage Medicaid eligible beneficiaries.

Ending September 30, 2021, the District maintained 21 full Case Management (CM) teams consisting of an RN and an LSW. The District maintained three (3) half CM teams consisting of either an RN or an LSW. Waiver teams are serving a total of 2,518 clients per month by assessing clients' needs and coordinating in-home provider services.

- In response to the fluctuating COVID-19 pandemic cases, the Division of Medicaid extended CM services by phone until October 31, 2021. Utilizing all COVID-19 safety precautions, face to face home visits were done for clients who were not candidates for telephone CM services.
- The Division of Medicaid has allowed the continuance of some COVID-19 flexibilities until March 31, 2022. Those flexibilities include:
 1. Allow the increase from five (5) to ten (10) home delivered meals per week for beneficiaries who demonstrate the need for the additional meals
 2. Allow 90 days per fiscal year of Institutional Respite services for those who demonstrates the need for the increase from 60 days to 90 days
 3. Allow live-in family members to be the paid provider if there are no other available providers
- Efforts to achieve a paperless system of documentation and maintenance of clients' files are ongoing. All Medicaid Waiver Case Managers will utilize the Sign-Now secure electronic completion and signature of all required forms and documents that are not currently available in LTSS.

For more information on Elderly & Disabled Waiver services, please contact CMPDD's Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center at 1-844-822-4622. Or contact Teresa Burrell-Shoto, RN, Case Management Director at 601-855-5914 or tburrell@cmpdd.org.

* Individuals who own an agency and are seeking to become a Medicaid Waiver service provider should contact the Division of Medicaid, Long-Term Care Bureau at 601-359-6141.



NADO Award

In August 2021, the District received a National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award for the Natchez Housing Assessment completed in the fall of 2020. The study of housing was limited to Wards 1, 2, and 4. The study focused on categorizing the physical condition of residential properties and gauging residential sentiment about the direction of current and future property conditions. Ultimately the study provided needed information about current conditions and broad recommendations on how the city might go about improving those conditions over time.



CMDC BULLETIN

Representative De'Keither Stamps, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced the approval of one (1) new loan.

The approval was for Trailers 4U, LLC, a semi-truck trailer retail business. The loan was for \$697,431 of a \$1,992,660 project under the United States Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program. The proceeds of this loan will finance the purchase of existing TimpTe Trailer retail business in Richland, MS. This will create two (2) new jobs in the private sector.

CMDC is a commercial lender certified by the U. S. Small Business Administration and works with local banks and other financial institutions in providing debt capital for small businesses. CMDC provides fixed rate low interest long term financing for small businesses and saves thousands of dollars in debt service on fixed assets. This type financing removes the problem of variable rate financing on long term assets. Many economic forecasters are certain that interest rates will rise. These predictable interest rate increases will not negatively impact the cash flow of those small businesses that have fixed rate low interest loans through the U. S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 Loan Program. The most recent fixed interest rates under this loan program were:

SBA 504 Loan Program Interest Rates

<u>TERM (YEARS)</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
10 (September 2021)	2.68%
20 (September 2021)	2.86%
25 (September 2021)	2.97%

Also, CMDC serves as the Loan Review Board for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District's (CMPDD's) Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP). The MBELP receives its funding from the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). The interest rate on loans made through this program to a minority owned business is currently 2.25% per annum. The term of a loan can be up to 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds (commercial buildings, equipment, inventory, working capital, etc).

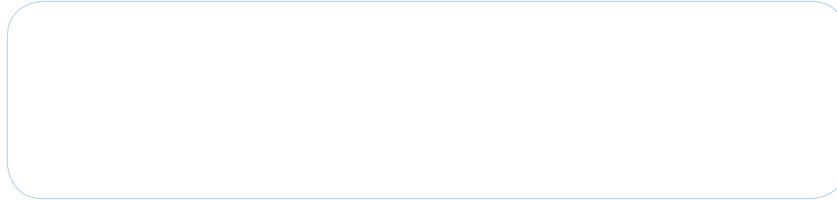
Representative De'Keither Stamps invites bankers, commercial loan officers, business owners, real estate developers, and general contractors, to contact Dwayne Perkins at 981-1625, or visit our website at cmpdd.org. See the tab labeled "Small Business Loans".

CMMA Scholarship Award Winners

The winners of the 2021 CMMA Scholarships were Sarah Patterson, Rachel Patterson, and Tiara Jackson. All are attending Hinds Jr. College this fall.

Those interested in applying for the 2022 CMMA \$1,000 scholarship may apply November 1, 2021, thru January 31, 2022. The application can be found at <http://cmpdd.org/cmma/>.





If the name and address of the recipient needs to be updated, please contact our office at 601-981-1511.

Madison County Win Job Center Moves to a New Location

The Madison County WIN Job Center, formerly located on Watford Parkway Drive in Canton has re-located to a new facility at 167 Orchard Lane, North Gluckstadt. The new location offers workforce-related services and connection to training for both job seekers and employers. Workforce partner agencies located in the Center include the MS Departments of Employment Security, Rehabilitation Services, and Human Services. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00, except on Wednesday when the Center closes at 4:00. Job Seekers can use the Center's Resource Room to update their MSWorks

profiles, job search, resume preparation, and job application. Job Seekers who need training can apply for Individual Training Account scholarships to attend career tech training in a variety of fields. Employers can use the Center to assist with locating potential employees.

Employers can also apply for the On-the-Job Training program to help offset the cost of hiring and training unskilled or under-skilled individuals. The Center can be reached by telephone at 601-859-7609.

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