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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Directors, it is an honor and a pleasure to present the 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District. This Annual Report serves as an attractive and interesting review of projects, programs, activities, and events over this past fiscal year. It should be noted that new officers for the Board of Directors were elected in June, 2016 for a two (2) year term. The new officers are as follows:

- **Honorable Cobie Collins**, President, President of the Board of Supervisors, Yazoo County
- **Honorable Les Childress**, Vice-President, Mayor, Town of Flora
- **Honorable Alton Shaw**, Secretary-Treasurer, Mayor, Town of Wesson
- **Mr. James Archer**, Immediate Past President, Madison County Business-Industry Representative

Each of these individuals are well respected in their communities and I know they will continue to provide the CMPDD Board of Directors with the exceptional leadership to which we are accustomed.

Organizationally, CMPDD is a non-profit organization created to improve the overall well-being of the seven county area by addressing problems and issues that go beyond any one political subdivision. The local cities and counties within this region are the entities this organization primarily serves. Many of our activities remain the same each year, while others greatly vary as the needs of this ever changing region vary quite a bit. Our effectiveness can rarely be measured by one fiscal year, one project, one program, or one activity. Our major strength is bringing many groups, organizations, and interests into one common element for the long term benefit of this region. We represent the only organization of this type in this area and are constantly striving to bring about better coordination, cooperation, and consistency.

Another strength CMPDD has is its ability to adapt to changing conditions for which we seemingly have little or no control. The District is extremely diverse in the types of functions and activities it provides and therefore has numerous streams of revenue. We are uniquely structured where, during difficult times, we can look for opportunities to promote a regional approach. The District and its staff are instilled with an entrepreneurial spirit and are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to address the common issues and concerns of this most important region.

Outlined below are just a few of the more notable accomplishments that were made during the past fiscal year:

- The *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Jackson Urbanized Area* was formally adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee in November, 2016. We were very pleased with the final product that consisted of six (6) volumes and includes streets and highways, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, and congestion management. The plan is already being put use by helping local governments identify potential projects for funding in the metropolitan area during the next fiscal year.
- Implementation is fully underway by our Data Users Group to move our operations toward a “paperless” office. During the past fiscal year an Employee Portal was created to provide a one-stop location for our employees to access virtually all personnel documents and resources. Since August 2016, we are now processing Purchase Requisitions, Expense Reports, and Travel Requests electronically. In addition, we have started the process of digitally scanning and archiving old files to E-File Cabinet to make retrieval more efficient.
- The staff involved in the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Waiver (Medicaid Waiver) program continue to work hard to assist an average 2,400 clients in our seven-county region. The Medicaid Waiver program is more cost effective than institutionalized care, providing an average annual savings of \$23,000 per client in Medicaid funding. The services provided by the District offer a projected cost savings of more than \$55 million per fiscal year in Federal and State tax dollars.
- After over 23 years of service to CMPDD, Mr. James McGuffee has retired as Director of Workforce Training. We are happy to announce that Ms. Mary Allen Powers has been promoted to Director, and we look forward to her leadership as we continue to implement programs and activities under the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)*.

After reviewing this document, it is our hope that you will agree that we have had a most productive and beneficial year. If you have any questions, comments, or need further information please feel free to contact the appropriate person within the organization.

ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION

The Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) is a sub-state regional planning organization serving the governments of seven adjacent counties in Central Mississippi - Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo. CMPDD is a non-profit corporation concerned with meeting the ever changing needs of its seven participating counties and thirty-four municipalities. The District promotes area-wide progress through regional planning and development concepts in such areas as local planning, governmental management, economic development financing, and human resource coordination.

CMPDD was created in 1968 through the voluntary actions of local community leadership with technical assistance provided by various local, state, and federal agencies. Many of these agencies provided financial incentives to create local regions to address multi-jurisdictional issues.

The District prides itself in effectively organizing and managing its functions and activities. Each year an overall program of work is developed, which contains all projects and activities expected to be undertaken during the upcoming fiscal year. There is a corresponding budget for each project. In addition, a Mid-Year Report is presented in the identical format of the Work Program, and shows the progress of each activity along with a year-to-date spending analysis. The District also produces a newsletter each quarter, which relates the activities that have occurred during that three month period. Finally, the District maintains an up-to-date website. Information on planning and development, grants, loans, workforce training, aging activities, as well as transportation planning is available at www.cmpdd.org.



Mike Monk



Cobie Collins

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The District is governed by a Board of Directors composed of county and municipal elected officials, representatives of business and industry, and minority leaders. The Board of Supervisors from each county appoints three members - one in each category - and the municipalities in each county select an elected official as their representative. In addition to these members, representation from the City of Jackson is composed of two elected officials, a leader in business or industry, and a minority representative

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COMMITTEES

The District is a very diverse organization concerned with many issues and opportunities. To provide the staff with adequate input and maximum policy direction, the Board of Directors has delegated much authority to its standing committee system which has proven to be an effective mechanism for providing guidance and direction in a timely manner. At each Board of Directors' meeting, reports from the committees are presented in written form, and the Board acts with recommendations from these committees. The committee members listed are those that are serving at the time this document was written.

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LOCAL PLANNING & REGIONAL ASSISTANCE

CMPDD offers comprehensive planning assistance to local governments, including preparation of comprehensive plans in accordance with State law, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, sign ordinances, and unified development codes that embrace all development-related controls. CMPDD also prepares economic development plans for municipalities and counties, and performs economic feasibility studies for local governments and private parties. During the last Fiscal Year, CMPDD' planning work was nationally recognized when the Simpson County Health Care Zone Master Plan it authored received a 2015 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation.

In addition, CMPDD is the only one of ten Mississippi Planning and Development Districts (PDD's) that has a staff of trained urban and regional planners who have been accredited by the American Institute of Certified Planners. CMPDD's certified planners receive annual continuing education to ensure that their credentials are kept current and that they can provide local governments with cutting edge expertise. Because of their abilities, CMPDD, in cooperation with the other PDD's, offers planning assistance to local governments outside of its seven-county area.

The regional governmental assistance program is CMPDD's effort to provide common services to areas that have common issues and needs, thus lowering the cost of providing services to the citizens of the respective governmental units. The purpose of this program is to better address the total needs and demands of the local governments in the seven-county area in a regional and collective manner. Over the past year, the District provided notifications and technical assistance to local governments regarding various Federal and State grant opportunities, and hosted meetings at the District's headquarters to disseminate information. In addition, District staff provided technical assistance to the Central Mississippi Mayors Association, County Administrators, and City Clerks by coordinating regular meetings at the District headquarters. Furthermore, CMPDD hosted a regional meeting for the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) to provide municipal officials with an update of ongoing legislative issues, as well as, setting future legislative priorities.

Through CMPDD's Geographic Information System (GIS) and Regional Data Center, assistance is provided on a contractual basis for mapping services and local economic studies, including feasibility studies, tax studies, and economic impact analyses.



COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, ZONING, AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TOWN OF BRAXTON

The District entered into a contract with the Town of Braxton to produce the Town's first Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. District staff have conducted an existing land use survey of the Town and developed a base map from it. The District is preparing a future land use plan map and the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan.

DESOTO COUNTY

The District was awarded a contract with DeSoto County to reorganize, consolidate, and update the County's Zoning Ordinance. By the end of September 2016, District staff had completed a draft of the first two of the ordinance's five articles. Part of this update includes adding more definitions, incorporating the recommendations from the I-269 Corridor Study, and updating other sections to make them more user-friendly and readable. Graphic illustrations and tables will be added to make the ordinance easier to use.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, ZONING, AND OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CITY OF MAGEE

The District has begun developing an update of the City of Magee's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Magee's first Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance were developed by the District and adopted in 1996, and both were updated by CMPDD in 2009.

The Plan update will include revisions to all four elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance will also incorporate recommendations found in the Living Well in Simpson County Health Care Zone Master Plan.

An important part of the planning process is to solicit citizen input. In an effort to gain input from the public, the District developed a short online survey and asked citizens of Magee to participate. In addition to the upcoming public hearings, the information collected by the survey will help guide the development of the new Comprehensive and Zoning Ordinance.

This new Plan incorporates an online version of the plan called "Story Mapping" which is an interactive digital format that is linked to a GIS map viewer. Those viewing the Plan are able to view all areas of the City and activate various map layers such as land use, zoning, infrastructure, building footprints, community services,

and ward boundaries. The user may also view aerial photography, as well as topographic and street maps. Traditionally, comprehensive plans are printed documents that may be available on

a local government's website in a viewable format or in person at the office of the local government. The interactive nature of this new format allows prospective businesses and residents to view the Comprehensive Plan and its associated maps on a parcel level and with a greater level of detail. Furthermore, it may be viewed from any computer, tablet, or phone that has internet capabilities.

With today's technology, the Comprehensive Plan can also be a valuable economic development tool. The use of online surveys, GIS map viewers and Story Maps can help local governments better collect public input into the planning process and ultimately produce a plan that engages the public and serves as a useful marketing and economic development tool.



CITY OF PORT GIBSON

The District signed a contract with the City of Port Gibson to prepare a Comprehensive Plan. The project began in July and will take approximately a year to complete, but once completed it will enable the City to engage in projects for which a plan is required.

The purpose of the Plan is to serve as a general and long-range policy guide to decision-making for the City. It includes all of the geographical areas and service functions that make up the City's physical development. The Plan is a long-range document that looks beyond the City's immediate situation and problems to a horizon date of 20 to 25 years into the future, but at the City's request will also include a near future or five-year plan.

The District has been gathering information about the City before it formulates the plan, and as part of the process, the public will be asked to provide comments about the City's vision for its future.

TOWN OF SUMMIT

The District has completed work on updates of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Summit Planning Commission held public hearings on both documents in June and listened to comments from the attendees. Afterwards, the Planning Commission recommended a few changes to the goals and objectives and the land use and zoning maps. The Mayor and Councilmen adopted both documents after making changes in both the texts and maps.

TOWN OF UTICA

CMPDD staff have prepared a draft Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Utica, which was recently presented to Mayor Kenneth Broome, board members, and several members of "Friends of Utica." Staff met with the board, Mayor, and department heads over the past few months to develop the needs and concerns of the Town. A Public Hearing is scheduled for November 1, 2016 and it is anticipated that adoption of the Plan will follow.

RANKIN COUNTY

The District has begun developing an update of the Rankin County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The plan update will include revisions to all four elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. In 2002 Rankin County began the planning process by working with the District to develop the county's first Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The result was the 2004 adoption of a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance that has been widely embraced by citizens as well as those who do business in Rankin County. The existence of zoning regulations in Rankin County provides for a stable environment for those looking to build a home and raise a family and also for those considering a major commitment such as moving their business or industry into the county.

Since the adoption of the first Rankin County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance in 2004, there has been one update of the Comprehensive Plan (2010) and several revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, such as the addition of the Reservoir Community Overlay District. The Rankin County Land Use Plan and Zoning regulations were also incorporated into the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Master Plan (2013) in an effort to better facilitate land use planning and controls



on properties under both jurisdictions.

In an effort to solicit citizen input, the District developed a short online survey and asked citizens of Rankin County to participate. The information collected by the survey will help guide the development of the new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. In addition, public hearings will be held.

This new plan incorporates an online version of the plan called "Story Mapping" which is an interactive digital format that is linked to a GIS map viewer. Those viewing the plan are able to view all areas of the County and activate various map layers such as land use, zoning, infrastructure, building footprints, community services, and political boundaries. The user may also view aerial photography as well as topographic and street maps.

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CITY OF VICKSBURG

The District, working with the Vicksburg Community Development staff and City Attorney, prepared a first draft of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The original ordinance was adopted in 1971 with some amendments over the past 45 years, but it had never undergone a comprehensive update. District staff worked with Vicksburg's Community Development Department staff to draft an updated and reorganized zoning ordinance based upon the new Comprehensive Plan that the District prepared and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopted last year. The draft was reviewed by the Drafting Committee and changes were made to develop a second draft. The second draft was submitted to the Vicksburg Planning Commission and three public hearings in October 2016 are scheduled. The comments received at the hearings will be reviewed and appropriate changes will be made in the proposed ordinance. Further changes are expected before the Zoning Ordinance is adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

CITY OF YAZOO CITY

The District completed a proposed Sign Ordinance for the City of Yazoo City, which is an update of one originally adopted in 1985. The proposed ordinance is a stand-alone ordinance that regulates the number, size, and location of signs in the City. At their January meeting, the Yazoo City Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing on the proposed Sign Ordinance and recommended approval, and it was later adopted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The District assisted the Greater Jackson Alliance, Rankin First, and the Southwest Mississippi Partnership with various technical capacities over the past year. For the Greater Jackson Alliance, the District updated and revised their inventory of industrial sites and parks, which is over thirty sites.

In 2014, the District began working with the Southwest Mississippi Partnership in developing an online based mapping tool, as well as packaged uniform demographic data and industrial park maps. Over the past year, the District has completed its task of producing paper maps for each site and also developed an interactive computerized mapping tool. The mapping tool gives prospects the ability to look at available infrastructure, utility lines,

lot lines, existing buildings, floodways, and topography elevations. The partnership currently includes economic development organizations in Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson.

The District also continued its relationship with Rankin First by continuously updating and maintaining Rankin First's online commercial and industrial real estate database.

The online mapping tool and commercial and industrial database provides economic developers in the region with unique tools to assist them with business recruitment efforts.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI MAYORS ASSOCIATION

The Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) consists of the Mayors from the 34 municipalities within the District's seven county region of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties. The organization was established to further relationships throughout the region and provide an avenue for the exchange of ideas, coordination of activities, and to address common issues pertinent to municipal government. During this fiscal year, the CMMA met on a quarterly basis, three times at CMPDD's headquarters and once in conjunction with the Mississippi Mayors League (MML) conference, to discuss common issues such as funding programs, pending legislation affecting municipalities, and current laws. In addition to their quarterly meetings, CMMA hosted a legislative reception for House and Senate members from central Mississippi in March, 2016.

The CMMA also awarded their first, of what they plan to be many, \$1,000 scholarship intended for high school students or undergraduates entering college to help cover tuition, books, or fees. The award ceremony took place at CMPDD and the first recipient was Reed Thames of Madison, who will be using the scholarship funds toward obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. The CMMA will seek scholarship applications beginning November 1 each year and the applications will be available through each Mayor's office.



Mayors pictured at the Scholarship Presentation: (left to right) Les Childress, Flora; Diane Delaware, Yazoo City; Henry Banks, Hazlehurst; Todd Booth, Mendenhall; Susan Thames, Mother of Recipient; Kenneth Broome, Utica; Reed Thames, Recipient; Marcus Wallace, Edwards; Jimmy Clyde, Magee; Pam Clark, Florence; Isla Tullos, Raymond; Linda Harris, Beauregard; Sally Garland, Crystal Springs; Russ Espiritu, Puckett; Joseph Kendrick, Terry; Lekisha Hogan, Eden; Alton Shaw, Wesson.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CITY CLERKS

The District hosts quarterly meetings of the City Clerks representing the thirty-four cities within its region. These meetings provide the Clerks with the opportunity to discuss common goals, issues, and concerns, as well as share best practices with each other. At each meeting, CMPDD highlights specific programs and services that are available through the District. During this fiscal year, invited speakers included Johnathan Simmons with the CMPDD GIS/Mapping Division and Patrick Miller with the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association. Mr. Simmons presented the CMPDD website and provided an overview of how the District's website can be useful to them. Mr. Miller discussed proposed bylaw changes and answered questions during and after his presentation.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS

The District hosted an annual meeting of the County Administrators representing the District's seven county region of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties. This meeting provides them with the opportunity to discuss common goals, is-

sues, and concerns, as well as share best practices with each other. At each meeting, CMPDD highlights specific programs and services that are available through the District.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

Over the past year, CMPDD has worked with several local communities to develop updated Hazard Mitigation Plans. In order for communities to maintain grant eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to have an approved plan in place. In addition, communities are required to update their plan every five-years to track progress implementing mitigation policies and to evaluate any changes that might have occurred, which could result in an increased or decreased risk for the community to a particular hazard. Over the past year, CMPDD has developed plans for Copiah County, Georgetown, Wesson, Brandon, Florence, Ridgeland, Pelahatchie, Vicksburg, Jackson, Flora, and Rankin County. Each plan has been approved by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Furthermore, draft documents for Madison County, Richland, Hazlehurst, and Flowood are currently under review by FEMA to assure compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Each plan developed examines all natural hazards and a select few man-made hazards



that can impact each community. Each plan was developed to meet all of the Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations and recognizes the unique characteristics of each jurisdiction.

Hazards identified as a potential risk to the region include:

- Earthquakes
- Expansive Soil (Yazoo Clay)
- Dam or Levee Failure
- Flooding
- Drought/Heat Wave
- Tropical Storms
- Wildfires
- Severe Storms (hail & lightning)
- Tornadoes
- Winter Storms
- Transportation Accidents with Hazardous Materials
- Nuclear Power Plant Accidents

Over the next year, CMPDD will continue working with jurisdictions in our area to complete the 5-year update cycle of all mitigation plans in the District's area including: the Counties of Madison and Warren, and the Cities of Flowood, Hazlehurst, and Richland. Also, the District anticipates working with Jackson State University to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. For more information concerning the District's hazard mitigation planning efforts, visit the District's mitigation planning website page, www.cmpdd.org/mitigation-planning/.

REGIONAL DATA CENTER

During the past year, the Regional Data Center maintained by the District continued to provide valuable demographic and geographic information to our clients and constituents in an easy to access, easy to use online format on the CMPDD website. This information system incorporates Geographic Information System (GIS) technology and web-server hardware/software upgrades to allow map based retrieval of numerous data sets at completely customizable scales and complexities. As always, CMPDD strives to provide current and comprehensive information to businesses, industries, and other potential economic development prospects in order to assist them in expanding or relocating their business activities to this area. This type of information is user driven and continuous adjustments are made to the system so that persons and groups needing the information will have instant access whenever possible. The Regional Data Center provides a comprehensive approach to business and industrial development and uses both local and regional data in this effort.

The District also stays current on Census training and data offerings by sending appropriate staff members to annual Census training sessions which are usually held at various institutions such as the University of Mississippi or Jackson State University. Occasionally the District will host Census training at its main office as it did in October 2015, bringing in representatives from the Census Bureau to provide an overview of their data products to a packed room of Planning and Development District staff from all of the ten districts across the state. Staying current with Census trends and data offerings is critical to being able to serve local governments, economic developers, and business leaders.

One of the District's most popular data products is the Radial Demographic Profile, which utilizes geo-referenced data and can provide a wide range of demographic and business profile information for a given

radius or drive-time polygon around a specified point. Radial Profiles are critical components of market research for business location analysis and are utilized by entrepreneurs, businesses looking to expand or locate, and economic developers looking to attract new business and industry to the area. A sample 5-mile radial demographic profile of CMPDD, with the District's office as the center point of the radial, is displayed on the District's website. CMPDD also has at its disposal numerous other data reporting tools that enable it to provide targeted research for those needing those services. These tools include Esri's Business Analyst product and Hoover's Online business prospecting database and they are critical to delivering targeted information based on requested geographic parameters.

In addition, the Regional Data Center has access to current economic information at numerous geographic levels, which offers a single integrated data source specifically designed to meet the needs of higher education, workforce development, economic development, government, and private industry. District staff are experts in geo-profiling and take pride in helping to attract economic development projects to central Mississippi using demographic data and GIS tools.

During 2016, the District began using Efile Cabinet software as a document management tool for archiving purposes. This system was researched and recommended by Regional Data staff, who also serve as the primary operation instructors to CMPDD's staff. So far the system has worked very well for archiving and cataloging completed works and records of the District. It is anticipated that in the coming year, more and more content will be added to the system. The resulting benefits are the reduced physical storage needs, reduced hard copy storage, and better cataloging of archived material making it easier to access when needed.

CENTCOM

CentCom is a web and email hosting service that CMPDD provides to its local governments. Communication and marketing through email and websites have become important tools for local governments to reach out to their citizens and the world. Developing a website can also improve day-to-day operations by making available general information, permit applications, registration forms, regulations and ordinances, and other applications to improve access to local government by its citizens. The goal of CentCom is to provide a cost

efficient service for the District's member governments that address all of their email and web hosting needs.

Throughout this fiscal year the District has continually updated and maintained websites and email accounts for CentCom customers, which include several not-for-profit organizations and local governments. The District also provides technical support, along with Venture Technologies, that may arise for any and all of the services provided to CentCom clients.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) ACTIVITIES

Geographic Information System (GIS) design, maintenance, and upgrades continue to be a major area of emphasis in the GIS Department at CMPDD. During this past year, CMPDD GIS staff assisted the planning staff with numerous ongoing and special projects using GIS technology aimed at information management and increasing public access/availability. GIS technology was used extensively in data gathering and analysis for the MPO transportation planning process, developing Hazard Mitigation Plans, and in assisting land use planners with mapping assistance on various land use planning studies. Specifically, GIS technology was used to collect, analyze, and display data for the Rankin County Comprehensive Plan, the City of Magee Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Braxton Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Utica Comprehensive Plan, and the Town of Summit Comprehensive Plan. In addition, GIS technology was used to develop map viewers for the Cities of Brandon, Pearl, and Yazoo City.

A Geographic Information System is essentially an ongoing computer-based technology process for viewing and manipulating data that can be referenced geographically. The use of GIS technology gives CMPDD staff and outside researchers the ability to analyze and visually display a host of geographically referenced information very effectively. Powerful database management and display features of today's GIS software packages allow geographic data to be merged into easily interpretable maps and graphics to aid in decision-making processes. At CMPDD, the major uses of GIS technology can be broken into the following categories:

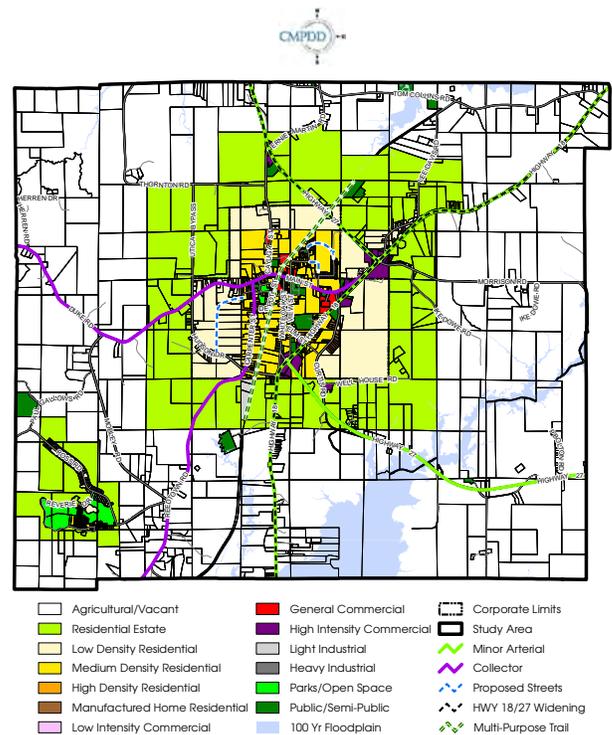
- Land use planning
- Transportation planning
- Redistricting
- Pavement management
- Demographic analysis
- Population estimates and projections
- Site selection radial searches
- Economic development mapping
- Roadway inventory
- Redevelopment
- Property management

A major portion of GIS implementation at CMPDD is associated with data collection. Planners and technicians continually take to the field to collect information on existing development patterns and roadway conditions, which is then converted to digital layer based information for analysis. Another valuable source of information has been that of local counties and cities which are acquiring or have implemented GIS at the lo-

cal level. This sharing of local data and current high resolution aerial imagery to assist in making regional plans and decisions has resulted in improved governmental management procedures at all levels of government. As GIS use becomes more widespread, the networking of GIS users allows the District to communicate more effectively with other cities, counties, external organizations, and the general public.

The GIS Department continues to receive requests for the ever popular Radial Demographic Profile, which utilizes geo-referenced data to provide demographics for a given radius or drive-time polygon around a specified point. Radial Profiles are critical components of market research for business location analysis and are utilized by entrepreneurs, businesses looking to expand or locate, and economic developers looking to attract new industry and business.

Finally, the District was able to continue to support and upgrade its internet based GIS viewing tools where users are able to pick and choose base maps and data layer(s) from a menu of available information. Staff programmers were able to redesign several of the map viewers with an updated product aimed at being more user friendly and with increased functionality. The District will continue strive to meet the demanding needs of its map viewer users to be sure their needs are being met.



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The District as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA), is responsible for directing the federally-mandated transportation planning process. Federal regulations require that all “urbanized areas” (cities with populations of 50,000 or more including the surrounding closely settled area) have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. On December 4, 2015 the *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation* bill or FAST Act was signed into law. The FAST Act authorizes \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail and research, technology, and statistics programs.

The MPO is required to produce four main documents; a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), a Long Rang Transportation Plan, a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and a Public Participation Plan (PPP). The UPWP is produced every two years, the LRTP is produced every five years, and the TIP is produced at least every four years. The PPP is a living document that is continuously evaluated to determine its effectiveness, but is formally reviewed at least every five years. Other documents developed as part of the transportation planning process include the *Prospectus* and Project Submittal Guidelines, and other documents as needed to carry out the transportation planning process.

The Jackson MPO functions under a committee structure comprised of the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee and the Intermodal Technical Committee. In addition, the MPO is served by two advocacy committees, the Stakeholders Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee of the Intermodal Technical Committee. The Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee consists of elected and appointed officials representing the county and municipal jurisdictions located in the Jackson MPO planning area boundary, a public transit representative,

as well as the Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). This committee also includes the Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Jackson, and the Regional Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), each serve as non-voting members. This committee is responsible for making all policy decisions regarding the transportation planning process in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). These decisions include approving numerous transportation related documents including the LRTP, the TIP, the PPP, and the UPWP.

The Intermodal Technical Committee is comprised of representatives whose skills and training are more technical in nature and necessary to undertake comprehensive transportation planning activities for the JUA. Representatives from each of the county and municipal jurisdictions located in the Jackson MPO planning area are included on this committee, as well as representatives of all transportation modes in the area, including streets/highways, public transportation, bicycling/walking, air transportation, railroad, and the trucking industry. This committee reviews and makes recommendations on the documents mentioned above and makes additional recommendations on other transportation related matters to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee as they arise.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Subcommittee of the Intermodal Technical Committee is comprised of individuals who serve on the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee and Intermodal Technical Committee, and who are also representatives of Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Groups. This committee is responsible for providing input into the transportation planning process as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian planning, reviewing proposed and existing bicycle and pedestrian documentation, and making recommendations to the Intermodal Technical Committee concerning all matters related to bicycle and pedestrian planning activities.



LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

The *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* for the Jackson Urbanized Area was adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee on November 19, 2016. The adopted Plan was unveiled during a press conference held December 15th at CMPDD's office. The press conference included remarks from Mike Monk, CEO of CMPDD; Dick Hall, Central District Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Transportation; and Mayor Knox Ross, Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* serves as the long range plan for the metro Jackson area by identifying transportation needs for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. The Plan, which is updated every 5 years, identifies anticipated transportation needs in the metro-area over a 25-year period by considering:

- The current population and its projected growth;
- Where people are traveling to work and shop;
- Where future development is likely to occur creating traffic demand for residential, commercial or industrial developments;
- Where people travel to attend school; and
- The current conditions and capacity of the transportation system and how it will be impacted by the projected growth.

The *2040 Plan* was approved by the MPO in November following an extensive public involvement campaign which included:

- A 45-day public comment period held September 28, 2015 through November 12, 2015;
- A series of public meetings held in the evening in each of the metro-area counties
- Hinds County - October 20, 2015; Madison County - October 21, 2015; Rankin County - October 22, 2015
- A Transportation Stakeholders Committee meeting held November 10, 2015; and
- Finally, a public hearing was held before the Intermodal Technical Committee on November 12, 2015.



The *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* is multi-modal in nature and examines not only potential highway improvements, but also the condition and capacity of the transportation network, the safety and efficiency of the network, ways to improve accessibility and connectivity, as well as how to improve transit services. The Plan addresses three target timeframes: Stage I - 2016 through 2020 for the short range plan; Stage II - 2021 through 2030 for the intermediate range plan; and Stage III - 2031 through 2040 for the long-range goals. One of the significant outcomes of the *2040 Plan* is the development of a phased improvement plan. The phased improvement plan is a fiscally constrained listing of transportation projects that collectively represent the best combination of transportation improvements within the constraints of the projected available funding to address identified deficiencies. Assuming future funding for transportation improvements will be consistent with historical data, an average of \$77 million per year or \$2.25 billion over the next 25-years is forecasted to be available for transportation improvements in the Jackson metropolitan area. However, the *2040 Plan* also identifies an additional \$1.4 billion in unfunded transportation improvements that are called Vision Needs. These are no less important or effective; they just cannot be accommodated for within the required financially-constrained budget.

	Stage I 2016-2020	Stage II 2021-2030	Stage III 2031-2040	Totals
Estimated Fiscally-Constrained Project Costs	\$465,398,000	\$872,024,000	\$923,924,000	\$2,261,346,000
Estimated Available Funding	\$405,637,585	\$874,405,426	\$965,887,584	\$2,245,930,598
Vision Needs				\$1,402,776,000
Total Plan Needs				\$3,571,460,000

L RTP CONTINUED

A complete copy of the *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* for the metro-area is located on CMPDD's website (<http://www.cmpdd.org/long-range-transportation-plan-lrtp/>) and includes the following six (6) volumes:

VOLUME I: METROPOLITAN PLANNING PROCESS

Provides an overview of the planning process used to develop the 2040 Plan, and explains how the public and other interested parties were involved in the planning process. This volume also outlines the setting for the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) by identifying current land use, population, economic and travel patterns, and forecast future travel demand.

VOLUME II: ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES

Addresses current and future roadway and bridge needs for the Jackson MPA by analyzing existing conditions; projecting future needs; forecasting future federal, state, and local funds anticipated to be available; prioritizing projects identified throughout the planning process; and presenting a fiscally-constrained list of projects from 2016 through 2040.

VOLUME III: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Supports and recognizes the significance of a bicycle and pedestrian network that supports the needs of the urbanized area to mitigate traffic congestion, temper excessive motorized vehicle emissions, improve safety, and promote physical fitness.

VOLUME IV: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Uses an analytical process to determine which areas experience the greatest mobility and maneuverability issues associated with traffic congestions, and identifies a wide range of congestion reduction scenarios that can aid in improving free flow traffic conditions.

VOLUME V: PUBLIC TRANSIT

Identifies existing and future demand for public transit services; evaluates current transit services provided within the Jackson MPA, and identifies transit revenues to continue maintaining the current level of service. This volume also provides a fiscally-constrained transit plan of projects, identifies long-term regional transit corridors, and provides a set of short and long range planning recommendations.

VOLUME VI: FREIGHT

Addresses current and future freight demand in the Jackson MPA, and analyzes information for the Jackson MPA contained in the State Freight Plan and national freight databases.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

On Friday, August 12, 2016, the MPO announced they are accepting applications for the next round of Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding available through the MPO. The STBG program is a federal-aid transportation program, which provides funding to local municipalities and counties for transportation improvement projects in urbanized areas. Funding is being provided through the 2015 Federal transportation legislation, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The MPO has established funding priorities and will be accepting applications for:

Eligible Project Types	Available Funding
Capacity Deficiency Projects	\$8,000,000
Pavement Management Projects	\$7,000,000
Traffic Operation Improvements	\$2,000,000
Bridge Repair Projects	\$2,000,000
Small Municipalities (set-aside for municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less)	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total Available Funding	\$20,000,000

Applications must be received by the CMPDD by October 21, 2016 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. Applications will then be reviewed and graded based upon the project evaluation criteria for each eligible category. The MPO Policy Committee anticipates announcing funding awards for the projects ranked the highest during the application evaluation process in February 2017.

The MPO's last call for applications took place in 2013 and resulted in twenty-six (26) projects in the metropolitan area receiving \$22.3 million in transportation funding.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Meetings of the Intermodal Technical Committee were held on November 12, 2015 and February 3, May 11, and August 3, 2016. During these meetings several items were presented for discussion and review including: status reports on Surface Transportation Program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Earmark projects, included in the 2015-2019 TIP to which Federal funds were committed; amendments to the *Prospectus*, and TIP were reviewed; consideration of the *Fiscal Years 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program* and *2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program* were discussed along with revisions to the Project Submittal Guidelines and issuing of a new call for projects; and various updates regarding the long range transportation planning process were presented. Meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee were held on November 19, 2015 and February 10, May 19, and August 10, 2016.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Sub-Committee held meeting on February 3 and August 3, 2016. Furthermore, meetings were held in June and July for the appointed sub-committee to the Intermodal Technical Committee, which addressed establishing funding priorities and revisions to the Project Submittal Guidelines.

On August 31 and September 1, 2016, representatives of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) met with staff from CMPDD, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the City of Jackson to perform a Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review. Federal regulations require FHWA and FTA, at least once every four years, to jointly certify that the regional transportation planning process complies with Federal regulations in areas with a population over 200,000. The Jackson MPO's last TMA Review was held in June, 2012. The TMA Certification Review process consisted of three main components: (1) a desk audit with CMPDD staff members, MDOT, and the City of Jackson's transit officials; (2) a public meeting to gather general feedback; and (3) a meeting with the MPO Chairman and other Intermodal Technical and Planning Policy Committee members. At the conclusion of the TMA Certification Review, FHWA and FTA stated the Jackson MPO had significantly met planning requirements, therefore, the Jackson MPO maintained the designated MPO status. A formal report from FHWA and FTA outlining the review findings will be completed early in Fiscal Year 2017. The MPO's next TMA Review should be held in 2020.

In August 2016, the Metropolitan Planning Policy



Committee approved the *2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*. The UPWP includes all transportation planning activities to be conducted by CMPDD and the City of Jackson Transit Services Division during the next two years.

The UPWP contains four (4) major program areas with associated subtasks for each area including:

Administration of the Transportation Planning Process

- Program Management
- Preparation/Revision of Prospectus and UPWP
- Amendments to the Participation Plan and all Citizen Involvement Activities

Long-Range Transportation Plan Update: Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program

- Maintenance of the Roadways and Bridges Element of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Continued Preparation of Local Plans
- Maintenance of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Element
- Transit Planning
- Transportation Safety, Security, and Environmental Mitigation Element
- Financial Plan Element
- Preparation of and Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program

Congestion Management Process

- Data Maintenance and Performance Monitoring

Transportation Planning Support Activities

- Maintenance of Transportation Database
- Metropolitan Area Traffic County Program
- Training Activities
- Regional Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity System
- Five Year Short Range Transit Planning
- JATRAM Ridership Development and Marketing

In addition, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee approved the *2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*, which takes effect in October 2016. Federal regulations require MPOs to maintain a TIP document, which is a fiscally constrained planning document. The TIP lists each project in the MPO area that have federal transportation funds committed to the project, as well, as any locally funded projects deemed regionally significant.

TRANSPORTATION DATABASE

During FY 2016, the District's GIS staff continued preparation/revision of updated base maps for the Cities of Braxton, Florence, Magee, Pelahatchie, Raymond, Utica, and Rankin County in connection with the development of Comprehensive Plans for those communities. District GIS staff also updated maps and map layers used in the development of the *2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan*. These updated maps and map layers were used in the development of the traffic demand model, which uses existing transportation corridor data for the Jackson Urbanized Area and projects future transportation demand on the overall network over the next 25 years.

GIS staff also worked jointly with the City of Jackson to update maps, map layers, and stop schedules for the JATRAN transit system. This collaboration included assisting the City in developing newly formatted stop schedules for each of the transit routes on the overall transit system network. The data collected for transit route and stop locations was used to complete a transit viewer.

**Volume I
Metropolitan Transportation
Planning Process**

**2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Jackson Urbanized Area**

November 2015

prepared by: **CMPDD** **NEEL-SCHAFFER**

In cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Federal Transit Administration



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Pavement Management System is an inventory of pavement conditions on roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) functionally classified as principal arterials, minor arterials, or collectors. This inventory is completed once each year on a three (3) year cyclical basis for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. Data is collected for the Pavement Management System by inventorying the roadways through the use of



windshield surveys. Windshield surveys are taken by driving the entire length of the roadway and determining the level of surface degradation that has occurred. The person conducting the surveys looks for the types and extent of cracking, such as alligator, edge or longitudinal/transverse lines. Other surface impediments that may be present are patching, rutting, potholes, and poor storm water drainage. This data is used, along with traffic count data, to ascertain which roadways are in the greatest need of funding for surface repair or reconstruction. The collected data is input into a software program called, Road Safety Management System (RSMS). Once the data has been analyzed the software will rank the roadways from worst to best dependent on the extent and severity of the roads surface conditions, roughness and drainage.

During this fiscal year, District staff completed a re-inventory of the functionally classified arterial and collector roadways in Madison County. Based on the aforementioned cyclical approach for inventorying roadways in the JUA, the District will complete a Pavement Management System re-inventory for Hinds County next year.

METRO AREA TRAFFIC COUNTING PROGRAM

The District's traffic counting program collects data for the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) on roadways that are part of the functional class system. These counts are collected through a collaborative process with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), which collects traffic count data throughout the state for all state, and some non-state maintained highways, arterial roads, and collector streets. Traffic count data collected by the District is used for a number of transportation planning activities, including updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Congestion Management Process, and Pavement Management System. Traffic count data collected for the JUA is collected on a three year cyclical basis for all functionally classified roadways located in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. The District collected traffic count data in Madison County this fiscal year and will collect data for Hinds County next fiscal year.

During the past year, the District updated its traffic count viewer with the most recent traffic count data available and traffic count projections for the years 2030 and 2040. In addition to the most recent traffic count data and traffic count projections, the traffic count viewer also provides historical traffic count data. The data included on the traffic count viewer for traffic projections was taken from traffic simulation modeling data developed for the *2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan*. In the coming year, the traffic count viewer will be updated to reflect recently collected traffic count data. The traffic count viewer can be found on the District's website at <http://gis.cmpdd.org/TC2016/>.

REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY PROGRAM

The *Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Maintenance and Management Plan* for the Jackson Urbanized Area was adopted by the MPO in November 2011. This plan meets the requirements established by the 1993 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act which stated: "The Secretary of Transportation shall revise the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)* to include a standard for retro-reflectivity that must be maintained for traffic signs and pavement markings which apply to all roads open to public travel." In December 2007, the Federal Highway Administration issued Final Regulations (the Final Rule) governing the MUTCD for Maintaining Traffic Sign Retro-reflectivity. The Final Rule established certain standards that must be achieved regarding sign retro-reflectivity (the ability of a material to return light to its source).

As part of CMPDD's effort to assist local governments within its district boundaries, provides access to a sign maintenance software called iTrac Signs. This software is web-based and is used as a tool to inventory the location, type and condition of all traffic signs within a local government's jurisdictional boundary. In addition, the CMPDD makes available, through a loaner program, the use of a Roadvista 922 sign retroreflectometer. A sign retroreflectometer is used to measure the retro-reflective levels of road signs.

During this fiscal year, District staff provided training assistance to local governments in the CMPDD's district boundaries as requested. Staff members met with local governments to review the Federal requirements

concerning minimum sign retroreflectivity standards and provided in-field training on using the Road Vista 922 sign retroreflectometer. District staff also provided ongoing technical assistance and additional training to the local governments as needed throughout the year on use of the sign retroreflectometer and iTrac Signs.



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The District was created in 1968 to address chronic and critical economic development problems in the central Mississippi region. To fulfill that mission, an overall economic development plan was formulated and continues to be updated. This plan is known today as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This planning process identifies the barriers which must be removed and the opportunities which can be built upon for the seven county region to prosper. The District's staff work daily to help secure federal and state grants which help provide the identified infrastructure improvements needed to attract business and industrial prospects, as well as investments to allow local businesses to expand or remain in central Mississippi.

Additionally, the District continues to provide highly trained and dedicated staff to assist local governments with staying informed and engaged in monitoring and participating in federal and state grant and loan programs. CMPDD has long recognized that one of its primary responsibilities is to improve infrastructure, living environments, and the economic well-being of the citizens of the central Mississippi region. The majority of the opportunities available to cities and counties are accessed through programs administered by the Mississippi Development Authority, the Delta Regional Authority and the Economic Development Administration. Other programs available to assist with promoting economic and community development include the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It is not uncommon for CMPDD to apply to multiple grant sources in order to maximize funding for an eligible project. Whether assisting a community with job creation, water and wastewater improvements,

industrial park enhancements, transportation infrastructure improvements, or job training and education, the District stands ready and able to provide the technical expertise required to meet the demands of competing for ever changing funding opportunities.

CMPDD's efforts in seeking and securing federal and state grants on behalf of its member governments were recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) during this fiscal year. The District was the recipient of a 2015 National Innovation Award for its assistance to the Town of Pelahatchie and a major regional employer, Multicraft International, in securing financing and additional industrial space which allowed the business to expand and remain in Mississippi. Funding from several different sources was coordinated by District staff and as a result Multicraft International will be producing a new product line and hiring 50 additional full time employees. NADO is a Washington, D.C. based association that promotes programs and policies which strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The NADO Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

The District operates a variety of federal and state loan programs to finance local businesses and industries. Whether working with local economic and community development leaders or national leaders in Washington, DC, job creation continues to be of primary importance to CMPDD.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) was established to generate jobs, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in economically distressed areas of the United States. EDA assistance is available to rural and urban areas of the nation experiencing high unemployment, low income, or other severe economic distress. EDA is guided by the basic principle that distressed communities must be empowered to develop and implement their own economic development and revitalization strategies, therefore it aids distressed communities address problems associated with long-term economic distress, as well as sudden and severe economic dislocations including recovering from the economic impacts of natural disasters, the closure of military installations and other Federal facilities, changing trade patterns, and the

depletion of natural resources.

CMPDD serves as the local arm of the EDA and assists its local governments in obtaining grant funding for local projects. These funds are in turn used to support job creation and private investment that will stimulate economic development in low income and high unemployment areas. Funds are provided to support the construction, expansion or upgrade to essential public infrastructure and facilities. The benefiting local government, university, or non-profit must partner with a private company who will benefit from the infrastructure improvements to create or retain jobs. Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis and if approved, CMPDD provides administration services for EDA grants to ensure that the recipient meets all federal requirements and guidelines.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

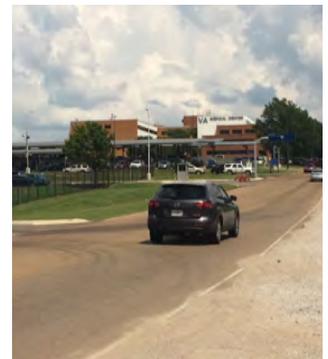
The District issued its annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) survey. For the first time, CMPDD offered the survey for virtual submission from respondents by placing it on a secure Internet site. It was also available for download on the District's website at: www.cmpdd.org. The responses were compiled and used for the 2017 update of the CEDS for FY2013 – 2018, and it has been submitted to EDA for approval.

The CEDS, through input from member governments and local economic development officials, establishes CMPDD's goals, objectives, and key economic development projects to be implemented over a five-year period. Each year, CMPDD reviews its performance in achieving its goals and objectives, and updates the CEDS as necessary based on the changing needs of its participating governments.

EDA FUNDED PROJECTS

In addition to preparing and submitting EDA grant applications, CMPDD also serves as grant administrator for projects that receive approval. Over the past fiscal year, CMPDD in its role as grant administrator, has closed out two EDA Public Works grants. The first was the Copiah Water Association's EDA Public Works Grant in the amount of \$399,405. The funds were used to construct a new water main to serve the relocation of Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital, and the Copiah Water Association is committing \$266,270 to the project. The Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital, whose current building must be replaced to continue its vital operations, has committed to a \$16 million investment while creating 29 new jobs.

The second EDA grant project closed belonged to the University of Mississippi Medical Center's (UMMC). The two phase \$1.5 million grant was used to partially fund the construction of East University Drive, which inter-



sects with Lakeland Drive on the north and Woodrow Wilson Drive on the south. The road is now fully operational and has eased congestion on UMMC's campus. The project also included the relocation and expansion of vital infrastructure along the roadway to allow for future growth on campus.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Community development in most Mississippi communities is an integral part of improving the overall economy. Strong, viable communities with adequate infrastructure and public facilities are critical to meet the needs of the public, as well as to support improved growth development. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is designed to aid in the development of viable communities which provide for their residents decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities. The CDBG program utilizes federal funds which are administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). The District provides local governments with technical assistance in all aspects of application preparation, including public hearings and site visits by MDA. Upon approval of a project, CMPDD also provides the needed administration expertise required to meet federal guidelines.



GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

For many years CMPDD was not actively involved in grant administration services, but in recent years local governments have relied upon the District's expertise in writing grant applications, as well as conducting the administration services necessary to complete the project. As a result CMPDD has established a strong track record in ensuring that all grant guidelines and requirements are met.

The largest grant amount that the District has been charged with administering is a \$10 million award of CDBG Katrina funds given to the University of Mississippi Medical Center to provide the site and infrastructure work necessary to construct a new building to house the School of Medicine, which is scheduled to open in July 2017. Other ongoing grant administration services are being provided to the Cities of Hazlehurst, Puckett, Vicksburg, and Yazoo City, as well as Hinds County. During this fiscal year, two projects which CMPDD administered for the City of Madison and the Town of Utica were completed and their grants were closed. The City of Madison has constructed an inclusive design playground at Liberty Village Park and made Americans with Disabilities Act playground improvements to Strawberry Patch Park with CDBG funds. The Town of Utica has completed a major wastewater treatment system renovation with a project cost of over \$1 Million, which now

meets all regulations and will allow the Town to avoid penalties from regulatory agencies.

Although many of the projects administered by the District are funded with CDBG funds, the District also administers all Delta Regional Authority (DRA) funded projects in the region, as well as projects funded through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). One such multi-faceted project that CMPDD has administered, after receiving approval of grants it prepared and submitted, is the utility construction necessary to serve the new location of the Copiah County Medical Center, formally the Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital, in Hazlehurst. Almost \$400,000 of EDA funding was utilized to provide water infrastructure to the site, and a new sewer main was constructed utilizing \$570,000 of CDBG funds and \$204,000 of DRA funds. Another CMPDD administered project which utilized \$1.5 Million in EDA funds to construct East University Drive at the University of Mississippi Medical Center was closed out this fiscal year.

During the past fiscal year, CMPDD has expanded its staff to meet the administrative needs of grant recipients. Administrative services are conducted with the highest level of professionalism and attention to detail, which guarantees the grant recipient a successful conclusion to their project.

CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM

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 and moderate income families and areas. Special priority is given to water and sanitary sewer projects that eliminate existing health and safety hazards.

During this fiscal year, the following applications, prepared and submitted by the District, were approved by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for funding:

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Mendenhall	Unserved sewer	\$450,000.00	N/A
Hinds County	Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements to Raymond Courthouse	242,444.50	\$243,000.00
Town of Pelahatchie	Unserved Sewer and Sewer Improvements	521,100.00	702,900.00
Yazoo City	Americans with Disabilities Act Improvements to City Hall	277,874.00	277,874.00

Also during this fiscal year, the District assisted six local governments with the preparation of applications. The applications below have been submitted to MDA for review.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
Village of Beauregard	Unserved Sewer	\$449,991.80	N/A
Town of Braxton	Water System Improvements	450,000.00	\$309,671.86
City of Canton	Water System Improvements	600,000.00	600,000.00
Village of Eden	Unserved Sewer	450,000.00	N/A
Town of Edwards	Unserved Sewer and Sewer Improvements	450,000.00	N/A
Village of Satartia	New Well	450,000.00	N/A

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is a federal-state partnership created by Congress through the "Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000". DRA serves a 240 county/parish area in an eight-state region. In Mississippi, 45 counties (including the seven counties in CMPDD's area) are eligible for funding under DRA. The purpose of DRA is to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development partnerships that will have a positive impact on the region's economy. Priority for funding is given to four types of projects: basic public infrastructure; transportation infrastructure; business development; and job training and employment-related education. Also, DRA funds may be used to leverage other federal and state programs. Under federal law, 75 percent of funds are targeted to distressed counties and pockets of poverty, and 50 percent of dollars are earmarked for transportation and basic public infrastructure.

In central Mississippi, the Delta Regional Authority's (DRA) States Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) is only open to public and non-profit entities in the DRA-designated counties, which are all seven of the counties represented by CMPDD. CMPDD has a Certified DRA Project Specialist staff member who is

a graduate of the professional development academy sponsored by DRA and CMPDD has again been designated as a Certified Strategic Partner with DRA.

During this fiscal year, CMPDD was honored to host Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Federal Co-Chairman Chris Masingill and Governor Phil Bryant on the grounds of the Farmer's Market of University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) to announce the 2015 DRA SEDAP grant awards for Mississippi.

UMMC and Soul City Hospitality were awarded \$315,080 to complete renovations to a building on the Farmer's Market grounds to house Up In Arms Food Hub. This regional food collection, warehouse, packaging, and distribution center will be operated by Soul City Hospitality and will help to bring fresh produce in from the fields of Mississippi and transfer it to households and tables in the state. The Food Hub will employ five new employees when operational and will create significant economic opportunities for local small farmers, who otherwise would not be able to connect to the distribution network. CMPDD assisted UMMC and Soul City with the application and will continue to assist with the administration of the grant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

The District approved five loans (5) for a total of \$2,048,450 in its Economic Development Financing Programs during this fiscal year. These loans leveraged \$3,159,825 in private capital resulting in total projects of \$5,208,275 and forty-three (43) new jobs. In addition, the District continued to assist many small businesses with information, referral, debt restructuring, loan payment deferments, liquidations, and technical assistance.

The overall impact of the District's Economic Development Financing activities included the creation and retention of jobs and the expansion of local tax bases for member governments. The following text, charts, and photographs present details and highlights on each of the District's economic development financing programs

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

The Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. is certified as a Certified Development Company (CDC) under the U. S. Small Business Administration's 504 Certified Development Company Program. It provides loans to small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment. These loans can provide up to 40% of a project's cost and are financed at attractive interest rates for a term of ten or twenty years. The following loans were approved this Fiscal Year:

<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Aztecas	Harrison	\$857,600	\$2,150,000	20	Mexican Restaurant
Agricola Hardware & Building Supply Co.	George	640,000	1,600,000	4	Hardware & Building Supply
Total		\$1,497,600	\$3,750,000	24	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The EDA Revolving Loan Program received its funding from the U. S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. It provides loan funds for small businesses to use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$200,000. The District continued to service this loan program's portfolio.

FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT LOAN PROGRAM

The Farish Street Historic District Loan Program received its funding from the State of Mississippi. It provides loans for eligible small businesses located in the Farish Street Historic District in Jackson, Mississippi. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 per entity or borrower. Loan proceeds are limited to the development of commercial and culturally significant properties located in the District, to include new building construction and or the rehabilitation of historic buildings. The District continued to service this loan program's portfolio.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM (MSBELP)

The Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP) received its funding from the State of Mississippi. It provides loans to eligible, certified, minority-owned businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets, which include land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. These loans can provide up to the lesser of one-half of the total debt financing or \$250,000. During this fiscal year the following loans were approved:

<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Darwin Entities, Inc.	Rankin	\$ 50,000	\$ 279,960	5	Sports Pub
Premier Tumble and Cheer, LLC	Madison	250,000	652,000	4	Exercise & Fitness
Integrated Management Systems, LLC	Hinds	250,000	526,315	10	Consulting/Engineering
Total		\$550,850	\$1,458,275	19	

MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

The Mississippi Small Business Assistance Loan Program (MSBALP) received its funding from the State of Mississippi. It provides loans to eligible small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. These loans can provide up to the lesser of one-half of the total debt financing or \$250,000. The District continued to service this loan program's portfolio.

RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Rural Business Enterprise Grant Loan Program received its funding from the U. S. Rural Development Administration. It provides loan funds for small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The District continued to service this loan program's portfolio.



DRA Federal Co-Chairman, Chris Masingill (fifth from left) and Governor Phil Bryant (second from left) announce awards of DRA SEDEP to grant recipients. Included in the picture is Jeff Good (far right), President of Soul City Hospitality and a member of the CMPDD Board of Directors.

ADDITIONAL GRANT AND LOAN ACTIVITIES

CMPDD grant writers know that each project is unique and they are familiar with many different funding opportunities that could allow a project to be completed successfully. Often, it is a combination of grant awards that make a project possible.

One such project was completed this year and a ribbon cutting was held for McNeely Plastic Products. The company's expansion required a new building as their current location lacked space to expand and accommodate an in-house printing operation for the plastic bags it used. CMPDD coordinated meetings to discuss McNeely's needs with different funding sources. As a result of these meetings, CMPDD completed and received approval of grants to partially fund this needed expansion and keep this industry in Mississippi. By securing a \$4 million CAP loan for Copiah County, the County was able to purchase a building in their Industrial Park and construct an access road to it for the company's use. CMPDD's grant writers secured \$375,000 in Development Infrastructure Program (DIP) funds from the Mississippi Development Authority to expand the building purchased by the County. McNeely Plastics made a \$5 million investment and now Copiah County has a new industry that is committed to providing 25 new full time jobs.

Listed in this section are several funding options that CMPDD utilized over the past year to move projects forward.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM LOANS (CAP)

The Local Government Capital Improvements Program (CAP) was enacted by the State Legislature and is designed for making loans to counties or municipalities to finance capital improvements in Mississippi. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to use these loans in connection with state and federal programs, and the funds for loans are derived from the issuance of state bonds. Eligible projects include the following:

- Construction or repair of water and sewer facilities
- Construction or repair of drainage systems for industrial development
- Improvements in fire protection
- Construction of new buildings for economic development
- Renovation or repair of existing buildings for economic development purposes
- Purchase of buildings for economic development purposes
- Construction of any county or municipally-owned health care facilities, excluding any county health departments
- Construction, purchase, renovation, or repair of any building to be utilized as an auditorium or convention center
- Construction of multipurpose facilities for tourism development

- Construction or repair of access roads for industrial development
- Construction or repair of railroad spurs for industrial development
- Construction, repair and renovation of parks, swimming pools, and recreational and athletic facilities
- Remediation of brownfield agreement sites in accordance with Sections 49-35-1 through 47-35-25

The cumulative maximum loan amount for any eligible local unit of government during a calendar year is \$1,000,000 for tax-exempt and taxable loans. The minimum loan amount allowed per project is \$30,000. The maximum CAP loan indebtedness allowed per applicant is \$2,500,000 outstanding principal balance.

During this Fiscal Year, CMPDD has been notified that the following CAP loan applications, which it prepared and submitted, have received approval:

- The City of Brandon received \$250,091 in CAP loan funds to purchase two new fire trucks, and the City provided \$515, 229 towards the purchase of the trucks.
- Copiah County received \$164,468 in CAP loan funds to partially fund the purchase of a fire truck.
- The City of Mendenhall received \$80,000 in CAP loan fund to purchase one fast attack brush fire truck bed unit.

SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND LIMITED POPULATION COUNTIES GRANT PROGRAM

The Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program (SMLPC) is designed for making grants to small municipalities and limited population counties, or natural gas districts to finance projects which promote economic growth in the state. Grants are available to municipalities with a population of 10,000 or less, and counties with a population of 30,000 or less.

Eligible projects financed with SMLPC must be publicly owned and address at least one of the priorities listed below:

- Priority #1: Economic Development Improvements. Projects that lead to growth of the state and local economy through private capital investment, new and improved jobs, and trade for Mississippi made products and services. Examples: Industrial Park improvements, spec buildings, etc.
- Priority #2: Community Development Improvements. Projects that improve public infrastructure to indirectly benefit business and industry location and expansion in the local community. Examples: Main

Street Infrastructure such as water, sewer, roads and sidewalks; Tourism assets; etc.

- Priority #3: Public Improvements. Projects that improve public infrastructure that enhance the quality of life for the local community. Examples: General water, sewer, and road improvements.

The maximum grant award is \$150,000. There is a 10% match requirement for a community with a population of 3,500 or less; and a 20% match requirement for communities with a population greater than 3,500, but the match does not have to be cash only.

This fiscal year, CMPDD was notified that a grant application it prepared and submitted on behalf of the Town of Pelahatchie was approved in the amount of \$15,000 for improvements to the Town's Muscadine Park. The Town was required to match the grant with \$15,000.

Also during this fiscal year, the District submitted SMLPC applications for the following communities:

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>SMLPC Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
Village of Beauregard	Village Hall Emergency Renovations	\$150,000	\$ 18,000
City of Magee	Renovate/Repair Road	129,167	25,833
Town of Puckett	Senior Citizen Center	150,000	15,000

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

As an integral part of its overall economic development efforts, the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District is directly involved in the development of the local workforce. The District administers the federal *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) grant program to help local workers obtain the skills they need to serve as productive members of society and to achieve personal economic sufficiency. The WIOA replaced the *Workforce Investment Act of 1998*.

CMPDD serves as fiscal agent for the program and, in conjunction with Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District, administers the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) as Southcentral Mississippi Works, a seventeen county local workforce investment area.

As required by the Act, guidance and oversight is provided by a Local Workforce Investment Board and a Youth Council appointed by elected officials from the area. The Local Workforce Investment Board, with assistance from CMPDD staff, maintains a comprehensive workforce development plan which outlines workforce needs and services available to meet those needs.



PROGRAM YEAR 2015-2016 HIGHLIGHTS

CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Previously, Southcentral Mississippi Works initiated efforts to implement a nationally recognized Career Readiness Certificate program. In coordination with the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB), the workforce area contracted with ACT, Inc. and KeyTrain to enable each WIN Job Center in the area to assess job seekers on three aspects of functional skill and, through the MCCB, award Career Readiness Certificates which indicate what type jobs the individuals are able to successfully perform. The Career Readiness Certificate program provides a tool for the WIN Job Center to help clients identify the occupational areas available to them and to assure employers that referrals have been objectively assessed regarding their ability to learn and adequately perform job requirements. During PY 2015, applicants for training under the Individual Training Account (ITA) program were required to pass the Career Readiness Certificate assessment at an appropriate level prior to entering training in the occupation they selected. Obtaining the Career Readiness Certificate prior to training ensures that the participant has the requisite basic skills to be successful in training and in the occupation.

NEXTJOB

During the last program year, Southcentral Mississippi Works, continued to offer the NextJob program. This program gives participants an opportunity to utilize computer aided resources to plan, prepare for, and apply for jobs available in the area. Individuals used the program to identify available careers and occupations

and their skill requirements, develop resumes, apply for jobs for which they were qualified, practice interview techniques, learn networking skills, and obtain tips for keeping the job once they've been hired.

H-1B TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING GRANT

In April, 2012 CMPDD was awarded a Mississippi Careers of Tomorrow (MCOT) Technical Assistance Grant from the U. S. Department of Labor. This competitive grant provided \$5,000,000 over a period of four years to provide On-the-Job Training (OJT) in high skilled occupations in the Informational Technology and Advanced Manufacturing sectors. The MCOT OJT program provided financial assistance to employers who agreed to hire, train, and retain eligible individuals. This assistance was considered to be compensation for the extraordinary costs associated with training individuals and the costs associated with lower productivity of these individuals during their training period. In addition to assisting employers with training costs, the goal of OJT is the

placement and training of individuals in appropriate permanent full-time skilled employment. Other partners in this training effort included the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership, and local community colleges.

MCOT OJT training for small employers, defined as those having 50 or fewer full-time employees (not counting the OJT trainees), was limited to a maximum reimbursement of \$12,500 per trainee. MCOT OJT training for medium and large employers, defined as those having 51 or more full-time employees (not counting the OJT trainees), was limited to a maximum reimbursement of \$8,500 per trainee. The H-1 B grant ended on April 1, 2016.

LOCAL PERFORMANCE DATA

During the past program year, Mississippi's workforce programs and activities were evaluated according to the U. S. Department of Labor's "common measures" performance standards. Under WIOA, this performance measuring system is applicable to all federally funded workforce related programs operated by a variety of workforce partners and agencies. Southcentral Mississippi Works achieved the following overall performance (because the Department of Labor has not yet made the 4th quarter program year performance data available, the data shown below is as of the end of the 3rd quarter):

	ADULTS		
Performance Indicator	State Standard	State Actual	Local Actual
Entered Employment Rate	75.00%	83.20%	85.50%
Employment Retention Rate	86.00%	95.90%	93.80%
Average Earnings	\$12,372	\$14,866	\$15,003

	DISLOCATED WORKERS		
Performance Indicator	State Standard	State Actual	Local Actual
Entered Employment Rate	64.80%	75.30%	94.60%
Employment Retention Rate	83.50%	91.10%	91.70%
Average Earnings	\$13,310	\$13,738	\$15,694

	YOUTH		
Performance Indicator	State Standard	State Actual	Local Actual
Placement in Employment or Education	78.10%	77.40%	60.30%
Attainment of Degree or Certificate	94.70%	97.80%	96.30%
Average Earnings	\$12,372	\$14,866	\$15,003

Although Southcentral Mississippi Works saw a continuing reduction in federal funds allocated, emphasis continued to be placed on providing training. Under current laws, WIOA is the only program that offers training options to a broad base of workers to help them gain the skills needed to fill jobs in demand in the current economy. Southcentral MS Works is committed to utilizing WIOA funds in the most advantageous manner possible to enhance the employment opportunities of its citizens.

SERVICES TO YOUTH

WIOA offers a variety of options for helping youth prepare for future careers. Services for youth are guided by the Youth Committee. The workforce area serves out-of-school youth, defined as those not currently enrolled and attending a formal educational program.

During the past program year, Southcentral Mississippi Works offered On-the-Job Training to those youth ready to enter the labor market but who lacked a specific occupational skill. Eligible youth were also provided Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) which paid tuition and certain other allowable costs, thereby enabling them to pursue post-secondary vocational and technical training programs at area community colleges. ITAs provided these youth with recognized occupational skills which led to productive employment. Additionally, out-of-school youth who lacked labor market experience were offered limited internship opportunities designed to better prepare them for getting and keeping a job.



SOUTHCENTRAL MISSISSIPPI WORKS WIN JOB CENTER LOCATIONS

Brookhaven Brookhaven WIN Job Center
545 Brookway Boulevard
Post Office Box 790
Brookhaven, MS 39602-0790
601-833-3511

Canton Madison County WIN Job Center
152 Watford Parkway Drive
Canton, MS 39046
601-859-7609

Jackson Jackson WIN Job Center
5959 I-55 Frontage Road, Suite C
Jackson, MS 39213
601-321-7931

McComb McComb WIN Job Center
Post Office Box 1306
McComb, MS 39649-1306
601-648-4421

Natchez Natchez WIN Job Center
107 John Pitchford Parkway
Natchez, MS 39120
601-442-0243

Pearl Pearl WIN Job Center
212 St. Paul Street
Pearl, MS 39208-5134
601-321-5441

Vicksburg Vicksburg WIN Job Center
1625 Monroe Street
Post Office Box 1398
Vicksburg, MS 39181-1398
601-638-1452

Vicksburg (Specialty) Midd West (Warren Co. Association for Retarded Citizens)
100 Smokey Lane
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180
601-638-2761



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS

During this past program year, Southcentral Mississippi Works continued its commitment to providing assistance to individuals who needed some form of occupational skills training in order to be successful in the labor market. Training services were provided through either Individual Training Accounts (ITAs), formal On-the-Job Training contracts or Internships. Individual Training Accounts cover tuition and related costs of attending established occupational or career-tech training programs. On-the-Job Training allows workers to gain new skills while on the job and allows employers to reduce training costs by receiving reimbursement of a portion of the trainee's wages while they are learning. Internships allow eligible individuals the opportunity for limited work experience to assist them with connecting to permanent unsubsidized employment.

In addition to training services, Southcentral Mississippi Works assisted numerous other individuals with basic labor exchange services and helped them find suitable employment when additional skills training was not required.

Southcentral Mississippi Works provided assistance to employers as well as job seekers. Through the WIN Job Centers, employers can locate qualified employees, obtain information on the local labor market, receive assistance with training new workers, and locate other resources to assist them in meeting the needs of their business.

The workforce area partnered with the area's community colleges in their efforts to implement newly developed MI-BEST programs. These programs offer individuals the opportunity to obtain their high-school equivalency certificate while simultaneously obtaining career tech skills, putting them on a fast track to employment. Southcentral MS Works worked intensively with the Hinds Community College MI-BEST programs to fund ITAs and other supportive services for eligible individuals. MI-BEST programs have been very successful in providing individuals who might not otherwise have the opportunity to obtain these needed credentials, with the greater chance for self-sufficient employment.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

In accordance with the WIOA, the State of Mississippi developed a statewide unified workforce plan and thereafter, each of the state's local workforce development areas developed a local workforce plan. One of the main goals of WIOA is to coordinate a variety of workforce development efforts, programs, and services into a unified, comprehensive system. To accomplish this goal, Southcentral Mississippi Works, in accordance with both the state and the local workforce plans, has formed partnerships with various state and local agencies responsible for workforce related programs. These workforce program partners are committed to implement the "no wrong door" policy outlined in the state and the local plans, which means that no matter which workforce partner agency first serves a job seeker or an employer, those individuals will be provided with information and potential referral to the other workforce partners' programs and services that may benefit them. Southcentral Mississippi Works operates eight regional WIN Job Centers which provide individuals and employers with convenient access to a broad array of labor

market information and services. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES), under contract with Southcentral Mississippi Works, operates seven of these WIN Job Centers and Midd West operates a specialty WIN Job Center in Vicksburg that focuses on the employment needs of developmentally disabled individuals

Activities and services provided through these centers offer all residents of the area access to the latest labor market information, career planning tools, job search resources, and other employment related information. Employers can access a variety of services including applicant screening, interview rooms, information on labor supply, and availability of training options.



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District, serving as the Area Agency on Aging, continues to build on its strengths in its efforts to develop a comprehensive system of services for older persons. Since its designation as the Area Agency on Aging in 1973, the District continues to play a significant role in the creation of new services and the expansion of many services which are designed to promote independence for the elderly in central Mississippi. Aside from the usual supportive services, the District has advocated for other significant services, including the establishment of assisted-living facilities, adult day care services, and support for caregivers, including Alzheimer victims and their families.



According to population projections from the District's Regional Data Center, using data collected through the U.S. Census Bureau and projections made by Esri Forecasts for the year 2016 and the Year 2021, the 60 years of age and older populations in central Mississippi will continue to grow. Estimates by county are as follows:

COUNTY	Year 2016	Year 2021	% Change
Copiah	6,563	7,548	15.01
Hinds	45,083	50,126	11.19
Madison	19,072	23,479	23.11
Rankin	28,238	32,327	14.48
Simpson	6,304	7,245	14.93
Warren	10,874	12,374	13.80
Yazoo	5,005	5,486	9.61
Total	121,139	138,585	14.41

With this continued growth in the population, it is anticipated that there will be more families in Mississippi which will need help in caring for an older adult at home. Further, it is estimated that 25 to 30 percent of all nursing home patients do not need to be institutionalized, but their families have had limited alternatives. In general, the preference for most families is to keep their older family member at home where they can live, participate, and maintain a viable presence within the family structure whenever possible.

The Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended, the primary piece of legislation which created the network of Area Agencies on Aging and its mission, has not provided adequate funding from year to year to keep pace with the growth and needs of the aging population. This has caused many of the District's services to be limited. In spite of this, the District has managed to deliver quality services through a variety of means including partnering with other agencies, selecting quality service providers, working with local elected officials, and involving and including the private sector in aging matters.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

The Boards of Supervisors in Central Mississippi continue to make a commitment to their older constituents by providing cash contributions to the District to supplement federal and state resources for aging services. These contributions are listed in the chart and without their help, there would be a loss of home-delivered meals, homemaker visits, transportation trips, and case management services.

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Copiah County Board of Supervisors	\$ 6,154
Hinds County Board of Supervisors	30,629
Madison County Board of Supervisors	8,896
Rankin County Board of Supervisors	6,143
Simpson County Board of Supervisors	6,592
Warren County Board of Supervisors	7,597
Yazoo County Board of Supervisors	11,413
Total	\$ 77,424

HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

- Prepared the Fiscal Year 2017 update to the Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging for Central Mississippi
- Maintained 34 clients with Lifeline Units, which monitor a senior's safety 24 hours a day
- Sustained an ongoing partnership with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce through the Senior Nutrition Farmers Market Program. A total of 685 vouchers were issued to eligible participants.
- Continued to market the Home-Delivered Meals (Pay As You Go) Program for seniors in the region. During this fiscal year, 677 meals were served to individuals through this program.
- Collaborated with other community representatives in transitioning two (2) nursing home/institutional residents successfully back into the community through the Bridge to Independence Program.
- Continued to serve on various committees for the purpose of providing/advocating resources to assist the elderly, including:
 - Entergy's Project Concern
 - Local TRIAD groups
 - Mississippi Department of Health, At Risk Population Task Force
 - Technical Assistance Committee for MS Association of Planning and Development Districts
 - Southeastern Association of Area Agencies Board Member
- Served on the Mississippi Planning Committee for the SE4A Conference held in Biloxi
- Mississippi State Board of Health/Metro Home Health Advisory Council
- Mississippi Transportation Coalition Committee
- MAC 2.0 Stakeholder Group
- Mississippi State Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
- Central Mississippi Transitional Care Coalition
- Trans-Con Regional Transportation Committee
- Provided training opportunities for various staff and contractors, including attendance at the following:
 - Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Training
 - Mississippi Associations of Planning and Development Districts Annual Conference
 - Other local workshops and seminars
- Participated in a collaborative partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention to expand the A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls Program.
- Conducted two (2) 8-week Matter of Balance classes at area Senior Centers. Also, staff conducted a Diabetes Self-Management class from January 5- February 8, 2016 in Pickens, Mississippi with over sixteen participants.

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 PROVIDERS OF AGING SERVICES

<u>County</u>	<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
Copiah	Copiah County Human Resource Agency	\$ 403,421
Hinds	Hinds County Human Resource Agency	259,453
	City of Jackson	756,659
	Clinton Community Christian Corporation	167,030
	Hinds County Board of Supervisors	58,758
Madison	Madison County Senior Services	180,442
Rankin	Rankin County Human Resource Agency	212,977
	City of Pearl	72,328
Simpson	South Central Community Action Agency	209,968
Warren	Community Council of Warren County, Inc.	273,059
Yazoo	Yazoo County Human Resource Agency	323,667
District-Wide	Help at Home/d.b.a. Oxford HealthCare	391,539
District-Wide	Senior Care Centers of America, Inc.	270,453
District-Wide	MS Center for Legal Services Corp.	16,667
Total		\$ 3,596,421

* includes local cash and in-kind match, and federal and state dollars

ADVOCACY SERVICES & ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION

BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

The District administered the Bridge to Independence (B2I) Program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The District also works in conjunction with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to provide these services to eligible participants. B2I is a statewide program designed to assist individuals who reside in nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and development disabilities to return to the community. The Bridge to Independence Program is built around the core principles of consumer choice and empowerment to assist individuals in facilities to identify potential living options.

The District's Community Navigator provided information, education, and referral to Medicaid beneficiaries interested in transitioning out of institutional care into the community. District staff provided assistance and collaborated with various community representatives to provide navigation to four (4) clients. The Community Navigators provided assistance to clients with different circumstances which effected their transitions. Throughout the fiscal year one client was unsuccessful in finding housing, one (1) client was discharged due to housing availability, and two (2) clients transitioned from nursing home/ institutional settings successfully back into the community. Currently, the District's Navigator is working on the initial stages of transition with a new client. Also, the Community Navigators provided twenty-nine (29) hours of telephone contact to patients and family members and have completed forty-eight (48) hours of training through classes conducted by Marc Gold & Associates, MS Division of Medicaid (B2I), SE4A Conference, and the MAPDD Conference.

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Elder Abuse Prevention Program is designed to alert the public to the critical need for individual and collective action to protect abused, neglected, and exploited older adults in the community. This program serves as an information and referral base for broadening public and private involvement in the protection of at-risk older persons.

The District provides trained speakers for professional, civic, and church groups who wish to be a part of a crusade against abuse. District staff also conducted four (4) workshops at area meetings and at in-service training sessions, as well as worked closely with the Mississippi Department of Human Services on one (1) case of suspected abuse.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The District provided legal assistance to 74 clients through a contract with the Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation. Areas of assistance included issues relating to name change, Social Security, wills and estates, Advance Directives and Powers of Attorney, and home ownership and property.

NURSING HOME OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Through contractual arrangements with local entities throughout the seven-county area, trained ombudsmen visit all nursing homes and licensed personal care homes to investigate complaints from residents and their families regarding the care they receive in these facilities. While assuming these responsibilities, they serve as companions and advocates to these individuals. In Central Mississippi, there are 34 long-term care nursing home facilities with 3,636 beds; 43 personal care homes and assisted living facilities with 1,624 beds; and 3 intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled with 447 beds. The District's Ombudsman and certified County Ombudsman conducted 512 facility visits; attended 57 resident council meetings; 6

family council meetings; 16 family care plan meetings; and participated in 18 state surveys. Complaints were investigated by county as shown in the chart.

<u>County</u>	<u>Resident Contacts</u>	<u>Contact Complaints</u>
Copiah	203	30
Hinds	4,957	68
Madison	6,184	41
Rankin	1,200	0
Simpson	362	7
Warren	3,075	8
Yazoo	518	16
Total	16,499	170

MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO CARE (MAC) CENTER

In April 2014, the District was awarded a grant through the Mississippi Department of Human Services to administer the Mississippi Access to Care Center in central and southwest Mississippi. Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Centers are one part of a larger “No Wrong Door” network in the State of Mississippi. As a part of Medicaid’s Balancing Incentive Program, there is an effort to create a fiscally responsible, person-driven system that offers a full array of choices, thereby empowering individuals to navigate through the complexities of administrative and community resource barriers and locate the appropriate services and supports through a No Wrong Door System. This program will enable individuals and their families to make informed decisions relative to long-term care options and secure needed

services or benefits by locating resources available in their communities.

The MAC Center staff have fully documented over 4,388 telephone calls; responded to over 385 email requests; presented information to service providers, consumers, and families at 89 community events/trainings; completed 1,152 follow-ups; assisted 64 individuals through office visits; completed 22 home visits; mailed out 747 information packets and brochures; and updated information about 2,867 Community Resources within the Mississippi Access to Care database system. Over the past fiscal year, several MAC Center staff have been recertified by the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems.

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

ADULT DAY CARE

The District contracted with Senior Care Centers of America, Inc. to operate adult day care centers for the metro Jackson area. The Day Centers provided 2,704 hours of care to eligible clients during this fiscal year with an average daily attendance of 35-45 persons per day. Two locations, one in Jackson and one in Clinton, offered a comprehensive array of services which were integrated with other health care delivery systems. The centers are open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and provide two snacks and lunch daily.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING’S RESOURCE CENTER

The District’s Resource Center provides assistance to consumers and their families to help prevent them from ending up confused and frustrated as they attempt to access information and support for social services. The Resource Center makes it possible for individuals to enter a “One-Stop” point of entry for all services. This project is designed to reduce or eliminate consumers from being bounced around from agency to agency, with no systematic follow-up to make sure that needs are met.

Over the past year there were 4,023 calls documented through the Center. In addition to responding to telephone inquiries, staff received training and performed numerous other tasks. Referrals to the Resource Center came primarily from self-referrals, family members, and other social service agencies. During this fiscal year, the Director of Aging Programs and the Aging Resource staff have successfully met all requirements and were awarded recertification by the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems.

CONGREGATE MEALS

Eighteen (18) nutrition sites in central Mississippi served hot, nutritionally-balanced meals, five days a week to the 60 years old and older population. These sites provide a pleasing setting for meals and an atmosphere for socialization and activities.

<u>County</u>	<u>Annual Meals</u>
Copiah (1 site)	3,225
Hinds (4 sites)	11,403
Madison (1 site)	4,822
Rankin (1 site)	3,677
Simpson (1 site)	1,476
Yazoo (1 site)	3,347
City of Jackson (9 sites)	44,121
Total	72,071



EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE

Living alone can be quite frightening to seniors who feel that if something traumatic happened in their homes that no one would be alerted. They need reassurance that help is just a button away. To address this need, the District has placed 34 Emergency Response Units in the homes of seniors living alone. The District pays \$20.00 a month per unit for these seniors to be monitored 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. These units are located in the following counties:

<u>County</u>	<u>Units</u>
Copiah	2
Hinds	18
Madison	2
Rankin	5
Simpson	2
Warren	0
Yazoo	<u>5</u>
Total	34

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Family caregivers are an essential part of any long-term care system. They maintain and coordinate care for the el-derly, chronically or terminally ill, or disabled relatives at home. The likelihood of each person becoming or needing a caregiver is rapidly increasing. Due to its pervasive quality, it is imperative to address the needs of these caregivers in continuing their care at home for their loved ones. As the health system undergoes swift and significant changes, the future will bring even greater needs and stresses.

With funds provided from the National Family Caregiver Support Program, authorized under the *Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000*, the District works to provide assistance to families in the following areas: Adult Day Care Respite; In-Home Respite; Information and Assistance; and Supplemental Services. During this fiscal year, 45 caregivers received 6,740.25 hours of relief time, 31 individuals received assistance with Ensure meal supplement and incontinence supplies, a total of 4,015 meals were served to care recipients, and 9 wheelchair ramps were built at homes to assist with mobility. The District also provided 120 clients with emergency service supplies.

HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

The Home-Delivered Meals program is designed to provide meals to individuals 60 years of age and older who are homebound due to failing health and/or physical limitations. This program serves these individuals a balanced meal five days a week, either frozen or hot. Hot meals are delivered daily and at least five (5) frozen meals are delivered weekly. This program receives the highest percentage of funding through the District and is the most popular program that the District operates throughout its seven-county area, with 1,130 meals being served daily.

<u>County</u>	<u>Annual Meals</u>
Copiah	23,564
Hinds	39,053
Madison	26,735
Rankin	30,915
Simpson	8,375
Warren	32,047
Yazoo	40,270
City of Jackson	70,075
Private Pay	739
National Family Caregiver Support Program	5,015
Wal-Mart Grant	<u>18,140</u>
Total	294,866



HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Many older persons are functionally impaired and experience difficulty in performing routine household tasks which they need to sustain themselves in their own homes. Priority is given to those who have been screened and classified as frail, vulnerable, lacking family and friend support systems, and are at risk of early institutionalization without some type of in-home intervention.

<u>County</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Copiah	2,799.5
Hinds	7,313.5
Madison	26.0
Rankin	5,472.0
Simpson	1,122.0
Warren	4,723.5
Yazoo	<u>2,207.0</u>
Total	23,663.5

INFORMATION, REFERRAL AND OUTREACH

The Information and Referral Office in each county serves as the focal point for information in that county. Qualified staff members were made available to inform older persons regarding the services, benefits, and resources in the community that are available to assist them with their problems. There were 23,189 contacts made by individuals requesting assistance learning about available resources or requesting needed services.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The District received \$70,402 in funding under the Title V, Senior Community Employment Program, to employ eight (8) individuals to work in community service employment in Hinds and Rankin Counties. This project promotes useful part-time employment for low income persons who are 55 years of age and older, and to the extent possible, assists and promotes the transition of program enrollees to private or other unsubsidized employment. During the past fiscal year, the District placed two (2) enrollees in unsubsidized employment.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The District contracts with several local entities to provide transportation to those seniors who no longer drive or for other reasons have no dependable transportation. Trips are provided primarily for medical appointments, shopping, or other essential services. Daily routes are established for each area, and many of the buses are equipped for the disabled.

<u>County</u>	<u>Trips</u>
Copiah	15,646
Hinds	11,071
Madison	6,008
Rankin	18,414
Simpson	4,426
Warren	3,978
Yazoo	9,675
City of Jackson	<u>30,168</u>
Total	99,386



PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE

THE SANTA FOR SENIORS PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The "Santa for Seniors" project celebrated its twenty-fifth year and was again a great success. Several other organizations also generously participated in purchasing gifts for seniors, including the Metro Jackson Chapter of the National Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Jackson Association of Health Underwriters, and Home Instead, Inc., a Clinton, MS based company. These companies joined CMPDD to provide more than 600 needy seniors in the Jackson Metro area with Christmas gifts selected from wish lists that they were asked to complete. Gifts included housecoats, pajamas, gowns, toiletries and other similar items. Before Christmas Day, District staff delivered the wrapped gifts to residents at nursing homes, personal care homes, and the District's Medicaid Waiver clients. For many seniors it was the only gift they would receive and they expressed their sincere gratitude for being remembered with needed items.



MEDICAID WAIVER

HOME & COMMUNITY BASED ELDERLY & DISABLED WAIVER PROGRAM

Medicaid, the largest public program financing long-term care, has an inherent bias toward institutionalization. In an attempt to reduce this bias, Congress established the home and community-based service waiver program in 1981. Mississippi applied for a waiver to fund Home and Community-Based Service for people who met Medicaid eligibility requirements for nursing home care and the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Service Program began shortly thereafter. According to information provided by the Division of Medicaid, the cost for nursing facility care can exceed that paid for waiver services provided in a home or community setting by an average of more than \$23,000 per beneficiary per year. Three individuals can be served through the waiver program and remain in their own home compared to the cost of one person in a nursing facility.

To qualify for participation in this program, clients must:

- Be twenty-one (21) years of age or older,
- Have an approved Level of Care or a Level of Care derived from the InterRAI Assessment,
- Qualify by either Supplemental Security Income (SSI) income eligibility or 300% of SSI Income eligibility,
- Meet all income, resources, and other Mississippi Medicaid eligibility requirements.

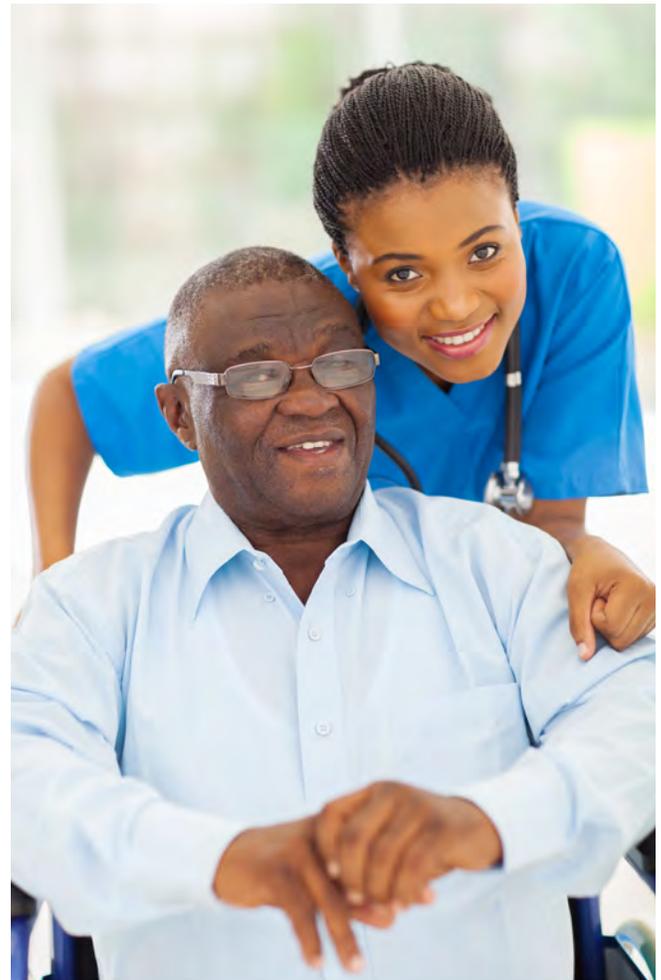
Through participation with the State of Mississippi Division of Medicaid, CMPDD provides case management services and home delivered meals to eligible participants. Also available through this waiver are personal care attendant services, in-home respite services, adult day care services, expanded home health services, institutional respite services, and transition assistance are all available through this waiver. All of the costs for these services are reimbursable to a provider by the State Division of Medicaid.

A registered nurse and a licensed social worker are defined as a team and they provide case management services on a monthly basis. Home delivered meals are prepared and delivered by a licensed and contracted meal provider. CMPDD is authorized to serve 2,400 participants on an annual basis. New measures to serve more participants and reduce the waiting list for service included hiring an additional team to serve Rankin County and providing tablet computers to each team. During this fiscal year, the District served a total

of 2,471 clients and provided 323,145 home delivered meals. The placement of teams and the clients they were serving at the end Fiscal Year 2015-2016, are listed below by county.

<u>County</u>	<u>Teams</u>		<u>Clients Served</u>
Copiah	2 full		216
Hinds	9 full	3 half	1,347
Madison	2 full		214
Rankin	2 full	1 half	225
Simpson	1 full		229
Warren	1 full		139
Yazoo	2 full		110
Total	19 full	4 half	2,471

The number of client served includes Active clients, as well as clients pending approval by the Division of Medicaid. The District also maintained an average of 1,463 applicants on waiting lists during this fiscal year. Half teams will become full teams in the next fiscal year.



MAPDD - MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

CMPDD is under contract with the other nine Planning and Development Districts (PDDs) across the state to act as their association manager. CMPDD is responsible for setting up monthly information and administrative meetings, as well as spearheading the association's annual conference, and coordinating receptions throughout the year. Working collectively, the PDDs meet monthly at CMPDD's office to discuss matters of common interests, hear federal and state officials provide updates and information on their programs, as well as conduct PDD business.

2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) held its annual conference in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage Hotel, May 2 – 6, 2016 and it was attended by over 550 participants from across the State. CMPDD staff members not only handled the pre-conference organization but the day to day operations during the conference. Featured speakers included: U.S. assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Jay Williams, Mississippi Development Authority Executive Director Glenn McCullough, and the Executive Director and CEO of the Mississippi State Port Authority Johnathan Daniels. Concurrent sessions were offered during the conference with topics ranging from diversity in end of life care, to new developments in digital mapping, to structuring success economic development projects, as well as several sessions approved for continuing education credit for licensed social workers. District staff members have already started planning for the Association's 2017 conference, which is scheduled for March 20-24, at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the annual conference, CMPDD staff coordinated a number of other MAPDD activities over the last year. In October 2015, District staff organized and hosted a Census Training workshop held in CMPDD's office in Jackson. The workshop sponsored by MAPDD and the State Data Center provided training to Planning and Development District (PDD) staff members on how to compare American Community Survey data, sources on where to find socioeconomic and health related data, and how to create custom geographies on the Census website to gather data.

District staff also coordinated the Association's activities for PDD involvement with the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) and Mississippi Municipal League's (MML) summer conferences. Staff members participated in every aspect of the conferences including attending various workshops, making presentations, participating in round table discussions, staffing the MAPDD exhibit booth, and assisting with MML conference registration. Finally, District staff worked with MML to coordinate regional legislative meetings held in each PDD's region.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash & Investments	\$12,986,587
Receivables	1,331,290
Prepaid Expenses	<u>35,667</u>
Total Current Assets	\$14,353,544

Long Term Assets:

Fixed Assets (Furniture & Fixtures, Equipment & Building)	\$1,832,346
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,148,852</u>
Total Long Term Assets	\$683,494

Total Assets **\$15,037,038**

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Current Liabilities:

Accrued Leave & Retirement on Accrued Leave	\$1,223,685
Accounts Payable (Net)	238,316
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>0</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,462,001

Long Term Liabilities \$0

Total Liabilities **\$1,462,001**

Fund Balances:

Agency Equity-General	\$7,575,037
Agency Equity - Committed	4,000,000
Agency Equity – Designated	<u>2,000,000</u>

Total Agency Equity \$13,575,037

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **\$15,037,038**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Revenues:

Interest	\$ 49,251
Lease	352,014
Federal/State	17,087,983
Assessments General and Services	309,701
Program Income	68,563
Local Contracts	776,139
Local Cash/In-Kind	1,089,024
Loan Revenue	3,851,723
Miscellaneous	<u>78,784</u>

Total Revenues **\$23,663,182**

Expenditures:

Services	\$ 10,250,182
Loans Made	50,850
Personnel	5,900,764
Overhead	1,923,022
Other	<u>0</u>

Total Expenditures **\$18,124,818**

Revenues Over Expenditures **\$5,538,364**



