



## University of MS Medical Center Receives Grant Award of \$10,000,000

**CMPDD assisted with grant application and will serve as Grant Administrator for site and infrastructure work**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) has received a Katrina Supplemental CDBG Economic Development fund award from the Mississippi Development Authority in the amount of \$10,000,000. The CDBG funds will be specifically used to fund site and infrastructure work necessary to support a new building to house the School of Medicine.

UMMC will invest approximately \$51 million in the new building and it will result in the creation of 200 new jobs on campus. Site work will begin in November 2013 and building construction will begin in November 2014. CMPDD assisted UMMC with the preparation and submission of the application and will serve as the grant administrator.



*The Campus of the University of Mississippi Medical Center will expand again with a new building for the School of Medicine. CDBG funds will be used for site and infrastructure work. The expansion will create 200 new jobs.*

## Southcentral MS Works Receives \$200,000 to Train Dislocated Workers

Southcentral Mississippi Works (SMW), the workforce development division of CMPDD, has received \$200,000 to train dislocated workers for future employment. The Department of Labor made funds available to the State of Mississippi through a national emergency grant. According to the Secretary of Labor “many states continue to experience a number of smaller, staggered dislocation events that occur over time. In addition, there continue to be significant numbers of long-term unemployed individuals who face barriers in returning to work, which has strained the capacity of the workforce investment system to provide the services needed to get individuals back to work.”

The funds will be used to increase the workforce

investment system’s capacity to provide critical training services that lead to employment. The program will provide work based training, including On-the-Job Training (OJT), with an emphasis on OJT opportunities that also include a formal training component that leads to a credential. A portion of the funds will be used to offer training activities that lead to credentials in high-demand occupations through an Individual Training Account system that allows participants to attend approved training programs at local community colleges and other training providers.

Employers interested in hiring workers or individuals looking for training opportunities should contact their nearest WIN Job Center for additional information.

# Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Master Plan



The District is completing work on a Master Plan for the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD), which will include all elements commonly found in a comprehensive plan, as well as an economic impact analysis and a map viewer.

CMPDD has completed the land use inventory, held a public hearing, conducted multiple surveys, calculated population and employment estimates and projections, and met with PRVWSD regarding public facility needs. The data collected was then used to prepare a Land Use Plan, Public Facilities Plan, Transportation Plan, Regional Economic Impact Analysis, Capital Improvements Plan, and GIS Web-Based Mapping Application and Viewer.

District staff will present the draft Master Plan to the PRVWSD Shoreline Committee and work with neighboring jurisdictions to coordinate implementation of the PRVWSD Land Use Plan and their respective Land Use Plans in October. A final public hearing is scheduled for November 19, 2013 at Reservoir Pointe, near the PRVWSD Main Office.

## Metropolitan Planning Organization Approves Changes

The Intermodal Technical (Technical) Committee and the Policy Planning (Policy) Committee for the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met in August to discuss proposed changes to the MPO's Prospectus, Project Submittal Guidelines, Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map, and Smooth Urban Boundary. Following recommendations from the Technical Committee, the Policy Committee unanimously approved each item during its August 14 meeting.

The Prospectus document, which provides the organizational structure for the MPO, was reformatted to give the document a new look and to allow users to more easily understand its contents. However, the overall purpose and content of the document remained the same. The only significant change included removing the project selection criteria for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding and maintaining those guidelines in a new stand alone document referred to as the MPO's Project Submittal Guidelines.

The Project Submittal Guidelines set the parameters by which the MPO evaluates request for funding and programs STP funds to locally submitted projects. The guidelines are also intended to provide information and reference material to assist local governments in completing applications for STP funding when funding is available through the Jackson MPO. The guidelines expand upon the project

selection process used in the past to include new evaluation factors such as project readiness, livability factors, local match, amount of funds being requested, multijurisdictional interconnectivity, pavement management system index ratings, and congestion management index ratings.

Furthermore, the MPO approved changes to the Smooth Urbanized Boundary and the Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map. Smoothing of the urbanized boundary is a way of expanding the Census defined urbanized boundary to better reflect local conditions and to stop the boundary at defined geographies. The updated functional classification map categorizes roadways in the Jackson

Urbanized Area into five (5) categories. These categories include interstate, principal arterial, minor arterial, collectors, and local streets. Roadways were added or deleted from the system based on average daily traffic volume and their ability to provide mobility to, from, and around the urbanized area.

Finally, the MPO established an STP funding application deadline and issued a "Call for Projects" for consideration of funding for Federal STP funds available to eligible applications. Funding is available through the Jackson MPO through the recent Federal transportation bill, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 Century (MAP-21)*. Priority funding has been established for the following categories:

### PRIORITY FUNDING CATEGORIES

Capacity Deficiency Project Types	\$16,725,000
Traffic Operational Improvements	\$ 1,115,000
Pavement Management Project Types	\$ 3,791,000
Small Municipalities	\$ 669,000
Total Available Funding	\$22,300,000

All proposals must be received by CMPDD by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Following the application deadline, MPO staff will evaluate and prioritize each application based on the Project Submittal Guidelines. Once evaluated, the projects submitted will be presented to the MPO for funding consideration.

More information regarding these items and the MPO planning process can be found on the CMPDD website <http://www.cmpdd.org/transportation/>.

## District Completes Update of Pavement Management System

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The Pavement Management System is an inventory of the functionally classified, non-state maintained, principal arterial, minor arterial, and collector roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area. Each year, on a 3-year cyclical basis, District staff complete a reassessment of the pavement conditions for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties by completing roadway condition surveys for each roadway in each of the respective counties. For 2013, the District completed the reassessment for Madison County.

Data is collected for the Pavement Management System by inventorying the roadways through the use of windshield surveys. Windshield surveys are conducted by driving the entire length of the roadway and determining the level of degradation that has occurred. When collecting the survey data, the types of cracking are identified, such as alligator, edge, or longitudinal/transverse line cracking. Other surface impediments that may be present include patching, rutting,

potholes, heaves and/or swells, and poor storm water drainage issues.

Once all of the information is factored in, the Roadway Surface Management System (RSMS) software program used by the District assigns a numeric value to each road segment which is called a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). This number signifies from highest to lowest the roadway segment that is in the poorest condition and in need of repair. This data is factored along with traffic count data, to determine which roadways are in the greatest need of funding for surface repair or reconstruction.

Now that data collection for Madison County is complete, a pavement condition reassessment will be conducted in 2014 for the functionally classified roadways found in Hinds County. If you have questions concerning the Pavement Management System, please contact **Scott Burge** at **601-981-1511** or by email at [sburge@cmpdd.org](mailto:sburge@cmpdd.org).

## District Developing TAP Project Guidelines

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In August, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee requested the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee begin working with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff to develop project submittal guidelines and an application process for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The Subcommittee consists of representatives from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to the Intermodal Technical Committee, which is made up of local public agency (LPA) technical representatives as well as bicycle and pedestrian advocates.

District staff and members of the Subcommittee have been working to develop the proposed project submittal

guidelines and application process. The proposed project submittal guidelines and application process will be presented to the Intermodal Technical and Metropolitan Planning Policy Committees in November, 2013 at the regularly scheduled MPO meetings for each committee's recommendation and approval. The purpose of developing the project submittal guidelines and application process is to establish a scoring system and project selection criteria to be used to rank project applications for TAP funding. Once approved, a Call for Projects will be issued and it is estimated projects will be selected for TAP funding at the February, 2014 meeting of the MPO.

## CMPDD Planner Gives Presentation at MS College School of Law

William Peacock, Principal Planner for CMPDD, gave a presentation in September entitled "The Relationship of Planning to Zoning and Other Land Use Measures" at the Mississippi College School of Law. Mr. Peacock served as a guest lecturer for local attorney James A. Peden's class on Land Use Controls. Mr. Peacock explained to the class how zoning ordinances and other land use controls are used to implement a comprehensive plan.

## District Assists Rankin County with SEMS Voter Roll Updates

CMPDD's Geographic Information System (GIS) Division was instrumental in providing data for the updating of the Statewide Election Management System (SEMS) following redistricting in Rankin County. As a result of redistricting, Voter Precincts, Supervisor Districts, Judicial/Constable Districts, House Districts, and Senate Districts were all analyzed by CMPDD staff using GIS to determine areas that saw change from previous respective plans. Reports were created and provided to the Rankin County Circuit Clerk for each district detailing address ranges found in these "areas of change". These reports were then used to update SEMS by Rankin County's Circuit Clerk. As an aid for the office of the Circuit Clerk, GIS data used to create these reports was included in a GIS web viewer. This data included the previously mentioned districts, the specific "areas of change" for each, address ranges, address points, and other standard basemap data.



## District Begins Mapping for Southwest Mississippi Partnership

Professional services began at the end of September 2013 for the mapping of industrial parks for the Southwest Mississippi Partnership. The contract for professional services includes the development of uniform packages that will entail base, aerial, topography, utility, floodplain, and transportation maps and access to web-based mapping for each park.

The Southwest Mississippi Partnership is a regional economic development organization made up of 11 counties in southwest Mississippi. Those counties include Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence,

Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson. The Partnership assists companies and site selectors in their expansion and consideration of the southwest Mississippi region.

The addition of the online mapping tool will allow easy access of information pertaining to the industrial parks within the southwest Mississippi area. It will also allow the members of the Southwest Mississippi Partnership the ability to create customized reports for interested parties.

Professional services are expected to be completed by midyear 2014, with some initial mapping to be completed by December 2013.



CMPDD has released the 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Strategic Project update based on input from the CEDS survey. The updated CEDS is available on the CMPDD website ([www.cmpdd.org](http://www.cmpdd.org)) on the Economic Development Administration page. During the last year, CMPDD has been instrumental in supporting one industrial development, six commercial developments, and fourteen community development projects, which together total \$76 million in private investment, resulting in the creation of 316 new jobs.

## District Hosts MML Regional Legislative Meeting

CMPDD has once again hosted the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) Regional Legislative Meeting. The meeting was held in the conference room at CMPDD on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. During the meeting, lunch was provided and MML presented information regarding the group's legislative agenda for the upcoming year. The meeting was attended by over 30 local Mayors and Aldermen in addition to District staff and MML board and staff members.



<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
Copiah County	Water System Improvements	\$ 406,450	\$ 80,000
Town of D'Lo	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	450,000	N/A
Town of Utica	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	450,000	391,456

## MDA Conducts Site Visits for 2013 CDBG Projects

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.

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

## CAP Loan Application Approved for the Town of Utica

CMPDD recently assisted the Town of Utica in submitting a CAP loan application which was approved for \$391,456 to construct sanitary sewer improvements.

The Local Government 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. For more information or to apply for a CAP loan, please contact **Mitzi Stubbs** or **Gray Ouzts** at **601-981-1511**.

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## Magee Recreational Trails Program Application Approved



The City of Magee recently received approval of an application for Recreational Trails Program funds that was submitted by CMPDD on the City's behalf. The application will fund the construction of a 10 foot wide, ½ mile long asphalt walking/biking trail with rest areas with benches and landscaping, solar lighting, and signage. The facility, located in R. L. Everett Park, is intended for walking, running, viewing local wildlife, skateboarding, skating and bicycling. The project is supported by the citizens of Magee, the medical community, and the City of Magee Health Advisory Council and

will provide a safe place for everyone in the community to use including senior citizens, children, adults, and persons with disabilities.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an 80/20 match program for the development of substantial trail development. The 2012/2013 program was designed to encourage the construction of new trail projects that benefit the environment and the redesign, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance, or relocation of trails that mitigate and minimize the impact to the natural environment. Project sponsors are encouraged to work in partnership with trail-user groups, volunteer groups, the business community, and local, state, and federal agencies to develop projects that benefit the various modes of trail uses in a safe and satisfying manner.

For more information or to apply for a RTP grant you may contact **Mitzi Stubbs** at **601-981-1511**.

*(left): The City of Magee will use solar lighting similar to this light on the new hiking/biking trail. Since there is no need for trenching or cabling, the lights can be installed almost anywhere and operating costs will be virtually zero.*

## SMLPC Grant Program Applications Submitted

The Mississippi Small Municipal and Limited Population County Grant Program (SMLPC) is designed for making grants to small municipalities and limited population counties or natural gas districts to finance projects to 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 include, but not limited to the following items: drainage systems; utilities such as water supply systems and gas supply systems; sewer systems

(pipe treatment); transportation facilities directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges, rail lines, or pipelines; marine structures; land purchases and improvements; airfield and airport improvements; acquisition and improvements of buildings. The maximum grant award is \$150,000.

CMPDD assisted in the preparation and submitted the eleven (11) SMLPC applications listed in the chart below. If you have any questions or would like additional information concerning the SMLPC grant program, please contact **Mitzi Stubbs** at **601-981-1511**.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>SMLPC Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Crystal Springs	Library Roof Improvements	\$130,613	\$ 14,500
Town of D'Lo	Water System Improvements	130,050	
Town of Flora	Water System Improvements	150,000	
City of Florence	City Hall Expansion	150,000	427,800
City of Hazlehurst	Dam Rehabilitation	150,000	15, 000
City of Magee	Frontage Road Expansion	150,000	354,000
City of Mendenhall	Road and Downtown Improvements	150,000	11,975
Town of Pelahatchie	Track and soccer development	150,000	82,000
City of Raymond	Road and Sidewalk Improvements	150,000	
Simpson County	Road Improvements	150,000	48,000
Town of Wesson	Public Building ADA Improvements	100,000	26,887



# CMDC BULLETIN

Ms. Wanda Cowart, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced the approval of one new loan which was for **Anderson Technologies South, LLC** for \$336,985 of an \$842,462 project under the U. S. Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program. The loan proceeds will be used to purchase new injection molding equipment and will create/save approximately twenty-five (25) jobs for the company's plant located in Batesville, Mississippi.

CMDC is certified by the U. S. Small Business Administration and works in cooperation with local banks and other financial institutions in providing debt capital for small businesses. Fixed rate low interest financing for small businesses saves thousands of dollars in debt service on fixed assets, and removes the problem of variable rate financing on long term assets. Most economic forecasters are certain that interest rates will rise. These inevitable interest rate increases will not negatively impact the cash flow of those businesses that have fixed rate low interest loans through the U. S. Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program.

Also, Ms. Wanda Cowart announced that the current interest rates on business loans from the CMDC remain very low. The interest rates are as follow:

<u>TERM (YEARS)</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
10 (September 2013)	4.86%
20 (September 2013)	5.70%

In addition, the District manages a **Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP)** that is administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), who recognizes the District as a "Qualified Entity" to originate and service loans under the MBELP. The interest rate on loans made through this program cannot exceed two percentage points above or below the Federal Reserve discount rate, which is 0.75% at the present time. Hence, a minority owned business can obtain a business loan at a fixed rate of at **2.75% per annum** for term up to 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds. We specialize in structuring loans for minority owned businesses (MBE/WBE) and businesses involved in exporting. Bankers, commercial loan officers, real estate developers, contractors, and others interested in locking up extremely low fixed interest rates on business loans are encouraged to call **Larry Anderson** or **Dwayne Perkins** at **601-981-1625**.

## CMPDD Holds Public Hearing for FY 2014 Area Plan on Aging

More than 125 individuals gathered at the Golden Key Community Center recently to hear information about the *Fiscal Year 2014 Area Plan on Aging*, which was prepared by staff at CMPDD working with its Aging Advisory Committee. This Plan is a document which outlines the programs and services to be offered to seniors throughout the seven-county area. It also identifies the needs, concerns, and priority issues which will be addressed by staff as they plan their work activities for the upcoming year, beginning October 1, 2013. In addition to continued funding for on-going programs, such as transportation, homemaker, adult day care, congregate and home-delivered meals, and similar services, CMPDD's Director of Aging Programs, Chelsea Crittle, touched on how funding reductions could minimally affect the current aging services. She also presented to the attendees an extensive overview of last year's Aging program performance and highlighted the goals and objectives accomplished throughout the seven county area.

Joining CMPDD at the public hearing was Ms. Melinda Bertucci, Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services, who spoke about the initiatives which will be undertaken for Fiscal Year 2014 by the Mississippi Department of Human

Services/Division of Aging and Adult Services (MDHS/ Division of Aging). She emphasized many of the services available through the Aging Network and discussed the Division of Aging and Adult Services' commitment to serving seniors throughout the state.

The hearing concluded with seniors expressing concerns regarding topics such as: (1) availability of prescription assistance; (2) accessibility to voter identification cards; and (3) the quality of nutritious meals. CMPDD's 2014 Area Plan was due to MDHS/Division of Aging by August 30.

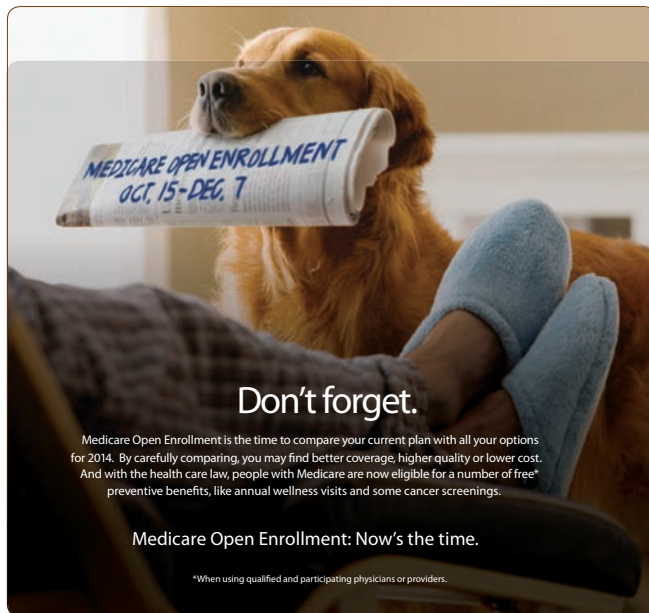


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## Medicare Counseling Available at CMPDD's Area Agency on Aging



**Don't forget.**

Medicare Open Enrollment is the time to compare your current plan with all your options for 2014. By carefully comparing, you may find better coverage, higher quality or lower cost. And with the health care law, people with Medicare are now eligible for a number of free\* preventive benefits, like annual wellness visits and some cancer screenings.

**Medicare Open Enrollment: Now's the time.**

\*When using qualified and participating physicians or providers.

Insurance counselors from the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District's Area Agency on Aging are available to answer questions regarding Medicare problems or concerns. This is a free service offered to help individuals make the best choice possible when it comes to your Medicare benefits. If a person has concerns, they should ask themselves the following questions:

- *What is the cost of my present health policies?*
- *Is this drug plan meeting my present needs?*
- *Am I satisfied with the service I receive?*

The Medicare open enrollment begins October 15, 2013 and ends December 7, 2013, and individuals need to take advantage of this time to make sure they have the best coverage available to meet their health needs.

For more information, or to arrange for a counselor to visit your area or speak to a group, contact CMPDD at 601-981-1516.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

Make plans to join us for the 2014 Annual Planning & Development District Conference, April 29 – May 2, 2014, in Biloxi, MS at the Beau Rivage Hotel.

Additional information is available at:  
[www.mspdds.com](http://www.mspdds.com)