



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

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Mississippi Association of Supervisors
Attn: Derrick Surrette, Executive Director
793 North President Street
Jackson, MS 39202

Dear Supervisors:

As you recall, the Mississippi Legislature allocated \$450 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to cities and counties for critical water and sewer infrastructure. The grant program—designed to provide a 1-to-1 matching grant for cities and counties receiving more than \$1 million in federal relief funds and a 2-to-1 matching grant for smaller cities receiving less than \$1 million—is administered by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Equality.

MDEQ has launched the website which will serve as the portal for cities and counties to apply for ARPA funds: <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/>. This website includes the text of Senate Bill 2822, the authorizing vehicle; regulations for the program; and a scoring summary, among other information. Our understanding is the portal should be open for applications by September.

At 10 a.m. on July 28, MDEQ will host a webinar to provide an overview of the program and answer any questions city and county officials may have. The registration link is available here: https://hornellp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PLro69bBSGebZmiNsFdknw. The department is also hosting an in-person meeting at headquarters (515 East Amite Street in Jackson) at 1:30 p.m. on August 18. Please register for the Zoom or plan to attend the in-person meeting. We expect there will be vital information shared to assist you in your application.

I encourage each of you to stay vigilant regarding deadlines and check MDEQ's website frequently as we move through the application and awarding process. Please do not hesitate to contact me at ltgov@senate.ms.gov if our office can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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

C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor
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