HOUSE BILL NO. 1809

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO
ADMINISTER THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN
HOUSE BILL NO. 1810, 2020 REGULAR SESSION; AND FOR RELATED
PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be
necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Rental
Assistance Grant Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
Mississippi Development Authority for purposes of administering
the Rental Assistance Grant Program established in House Bill No.
1810, 2020 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon passage
of this act and ending December 30, 2020

$  20,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
this act, the term "agency" means the Mississippi Development
Authority.

(2) The agency shall not disburse any funds appropriated
under this act to any recipient without first:  (a) making an
individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in
the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to
COVID-19 as provided under Section 601(d) of the federal Social
Security Act as added by Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus
Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and its
implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other
criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by
the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining
that the recipient has not received and will not receive
reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of
funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds
provided under Section 601 of the federal Social Security Act as
added by Section 5001 of the CARES Act. In addition, the agency
shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are
disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections
7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2
CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330
through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management,
and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
the funds appropriated to the agency under this act, the agency
shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that
each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the agency under
this act is in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules,
regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to
time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding
the use of monies from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by
the CARES Act.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established by the CARES Act (a)
determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise
used any of the funds appropriated to the agency under this act
for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines,
guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus Relief
Fund established by the CARES Act, and (b) the State of
Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of
those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined
were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or
recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise
used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of
those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the
federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Rental Assistance
Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.