

By: Representative Mims

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 996

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SCENIC RIVERS  
 2 DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR  
 3 NECESSARY WATER, SEWER, TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
 4 IN PIKE, AMITE, WALTHALL, WILKINSON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES TO  
 5 FURTHER UPGRADE THE RECREATIONAL AND TOURISM RELATED ASSETS THAT  
 6 PROMOTE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWEST  
 7 MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
 10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus  
 11 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the  
 12 Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for the purpose of providing  
 13 funding for necessary water, sewer, tourism and economic  
 14 development projects to further upgrade the recreational and  
 15 tourism related assets that promote economic benefits to the  
 16 residents of Southwest Mississippi, as provided in Section 2 of  
 17 this act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
 18 June 30, 2023.....\$ 11,010,000.00.

19 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated in Section 1 of this act  
 20 shall be expended by the alliance for the following projects:



21 (a) Pike County:  
22 (i) \$1,500,000.00 for Quail Hollow Golf Course  
23 water improvements; and  
24 (ii) \$1,900,000.00 for Bogue Chitto Water Park  
25 water and sewer improvements.  
26 (b) Amite County:  
27 (i) \$900,000.00 for Ethel Vance Park water and  
28 sewer improvements; and  
29 (ii) \$240,000.00 for Liberty Ballfield Complex  
30 infrastructure repair and improvements.  
31 (c) Walthall County:  
32 (i) \$60,000.00 for Walkers Bridge Water Park  
33 infrastructure repair and improvements;  
34 (ii) \$165,000.00 for County Range infrastructure  
35 repair and improvements; and  
36 (iii) \$225,000.00 for Lake Walthall bank  
37 restoration and infrastructure improvements.  
38 (d) Wilkinson County:  
39 (i) \$420,000.00 for Wilkinson County Park  
40 infrastructure improvements; and  
41 (ii) \$2,900,000.00 for Lake Mary Road  
42 improvements.  
43 (e) Franklin County: \$2,700,000.00 for recreation sites  
44 associated with Okhissa Lake project.



45           **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of  
46 this act, the term "alliance" means the Department of Scenic  
47 Rivers Development Alliance.

48           (2) The alliance shall not disburse any funds appropriated  
49 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an  
50 individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in  
51 the alliance's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures  
52 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as  
53 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
54 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,  
55 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or  
56 supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of  
57 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not  
58 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in  
59 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,  
60 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal  
61 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In  
62 addition, the alliance shall ensure that all funds appropriated  
63 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit  
64 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the  
65 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal  
66 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient  
67 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit  
68 requirements.



69           **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending  
70 the funds appropriated to the alliance under this act, the  
71 alliance shall certify to the Department of Finance and  
72 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to  
73 the alliance under this act complies with the guidelines,  
74 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be  
75 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the  
76 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State  
77 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

78           (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States  
79 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of  
80 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies  
81 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by  
82 ARPA (a) determines that the alliance or recipient has expended or  
83 otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the alliance under  
84 this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the  
85 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as  
86 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department  
87 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus  
88 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State  
89 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any  
90 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined  
91 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the alliance or  
92 recipient, then the alliance or recipient that expended or  
93 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the



94 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to  
95 the federal government.

96       **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
97 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State  
98 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants  
99 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer  
100 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
101 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

102       **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
103 and after July 1, 2022.

