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To: Economic and Workforce
Development; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2327

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT
2 AUTHORITY (MDA) TO APPLY FOR AND DRAW DOWN AVAILABLE COMMUNITY
3 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS FUNDS AND UTILIZE SAID FUNDS
4 TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO DISADVANTAGED, LOW-MODERATE INCOME
5 COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE TO REVITALIZE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY
6 CORONAVIRUS UNDER FEDERAL GUIDELINES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The Community Development Division of the
9 Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is hereby authorized and
10 directed to apply for, transfer and deposit Community Development
11 Block Grant Coronavirus Funds (CDBG-CV-PPR) available to the State
12 of Mississippi in an amount not less than Thirty-eight Million
13 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,700,000.00) and administer
14 such funds to provide grants to disadvantaged, low-moderate income
15 communities for technical assistance, loans, and other financial
16 assistance to establish, stabilize and expand microenterprises in
17 order to revitalize communities and local economies affected by
18 coronavirus or to prepare for and prevent future outbreaks.
19 Grantees may use CDBG-CV-PPR funds for pandemic recovery if each
20 assisted activity prepares, prevents and responds to coronavirus.



21 Eligible activities include: (a) assistance to business,
22 including provision of assistance to private, for-profit entities
23 when appropriate to carry out an economic development project; (b)
24 public services, including provision of new or increased public
25 services or emergency subsistence payments; (c) housing, including
26 rehabilitation and reconstruction of privately owned properties;
27 (d) buildings and improvements, including acquisition,
28 construction, reconstruction or installation of public works,
29 facilities and site or other improvements; and (e) planning,
30 capacity building and technical assistance. Eligible expenditures
31 under this act shall be certified by the federal HUD agency.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after July 1, 2023.

