

By: Representative James-Jones

To: Appropriations A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 978

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
2 SHARKEY COUNTY TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
3 IMPLEMENTING BUSINESS RECOVERY ACTIVITIES, BEGINNING SITE  
4 DEVELOPMENT FOR TWO PENDING BUSINESSES, AND ESTABLISHING BUSINESS  
5 ATTRACTION AND RETENTION STRATEGIES TO ENCOURAGE NEW BUSINESS  
6 DEVELOPMENT AND HELP EXISTING BUSINESSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be  
9 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
10 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Supervisors of  
11 Sharkey County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated  
12 with implementing business recovery activities, beginning site  
13 development for two (2) pending businesses, and establishing  
14 business attraction and retention strategies to encourage new  
15 business development and help existing businesses struggling to  
16 recover from reduced revenues and a shortage of employees  
17 resulting from the effects of the 2023 tornado for the fiscal year  
18 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026....\$ 1,000,000.00

19 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
20 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund



21 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
22 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or  
23 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,  
24 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

25       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2025.

