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### **MDEQ Awards Solid Waste Assistance Grant to Marshall County**

(Jackson, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) awarded Marshall County a solid waste assistance grant of \$18,060 that will be used by the county to clean up illegal dump sites.

“The Solid Waste Assistance Grants support a variety of useful solid waste management activities for cities and counties, and this grant will assist Marshall County’s efforts in improving their management of solid waste,” said Gary Rikard, MDEQ Executive Director.

Cities and counties may apply for Solid Waste Assistance Grants through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. These grants are used by local communities for programs to prevent and clean up unauthorized dumps; to aid in hiring local solid waste enforcement officers; for public education efforts on solid waste disposal and recycling; and to establish programs for the collection of white goods, bulky wastes and recyclables.

Information about this grant program and other initiatives is available at [www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste).

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