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HCHRA Receives \$20,000 Innovative Community Project Award

(Jackson, Miss.) – Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) was selected by the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) and the Mississippi Association of Community Action Agencies (MACAA) to receive the 2018 Innovative Community Project Award.

The Innovative Community Project Award was established by the Mississippi Department of Human Services to encourage Community Action Agencies throughout the state to accurately identify community needs, strategically develop solutions to the needs identified, and in turn, deliver high-quality services that yield measurable outcomes.

A panel made up of representatives from MDHS and MACAA reviewed the project submissions and selected HCHRA based on the merit of their application and program excellence. Candace McDermott, executive director for MACAA, says Hinds County Human Resource Agency was the clear frontrunner for the award. “They continue to show excellence in their projects and the impact they have on communities,” said McDermott. “They consistently meet organizational standards reviews, produce results and exhibit accountability. They are a good role model for other agencies.”

After going through a stringent review process which looks at total program operations, ingenuity and service delivery, HCHRA was chosen from among 18 agencies in the state of Mississippi to receive the \$20,000 Innovative Community Project Award, which will be used to support ongoing operations and expand services. HCHRA was announced as the recipient of the award at the MACAA Annual Conference held in December.

HCHRA is a public nonprofit Community Action Agency dedicated to helping families and strengthening communities. For more than 41 years, HCHRA has built its solid reputation in eradicating poverty by empowering disadvantaged Hinds County citizens to become self-reliant and realize their full potential. Through its Head Start, Early Head Start, congregate and home-delivered meals, home energy assistance, rural transportation, and case management programs, HCHRA continues to improve the conditions of children, families, single adults, the elderly and the disabled throughout Hinds County. For more information on HCHRA programs and services, visit www.hchra.org.