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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today that he has contacted the Office of Economic Opportunity requesting that Wichita be included among those cities to share in a \$1,016,375 OEO grant to aid jobless veterans.

The 14-month experimental program announced Friday by President Nixon, will employ recently separated ex-GIs attending college or taking training under the GI Bill to recruit other ex-GIs to take advantage of similar training.

The program will be cosponsored by the Urban Coalition and in cooperation with the Jobs for Veterans Program, established earlier by Nixon.

The cities already named to participate in the program are Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and Indianapolis. Five additional cities are expected to be named.

Dole said he would meet Thursday with OEO Director Frank Carlucci in Washington to emphasize his concern for Wichita's unemployment problems and stress his belief that the Kansas city is one that should share in the employment assistance program. Dole said he expects to learn of the decision soon.