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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 20, 1971 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced that Kansas has been allocated \$324,000 to be used in programs and areas determined by the Regional Manpower Administrator.

A total of \$19 million in Federal funds has been made available by Secretary of Labor J.D. Hodgson to provide additional short-term training and employment opportunities for about 20,000 disadvantaged jobless.

The Kansas Senators said the funds were going to 25 states in areas "hardest hit" by unemployment, with the disadvantaged hard-core jobless as the main target.

The new allocation of \$19 million brings to \$34.4 million the total funds provided for supplemental programs for the disadvantaged this fiscal year.

Apportionment of the funds among the states is the responsibility of the Regional Manpower Administrator in each of the Labor Department's 10 administrative regions, using the yardstick of greatest need.

The funds can be used to extend training programs slated to end no later than July 31; to extend projects funded as part of the emergency \$28 million allocated last September to states hardest hit by unemployment, or to fund new 13-week projects or enlarge current projects for 13 weeks in eligible areas of greatest need as determined by the regional administrator.