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The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation program is administered in Kansas by the State Park and Resources Authority which provides matching funds to communities interested in developing outdoor recreational facilities. Currently there are 55 Kansas applications which remain unfunded and an additional 50 applications are expected to be received next year. Dole had requested that an additional \$20 million be appropriated for this special fund ^{but} ~~by~~ only a \$4 million increase was approved by the Senate, ~~body~~. Funds for the program are non-tax revenues accumulated from lease income on outer shelf oil rights, the sale of surplus Federal property, and income from motor boat fuel taxes.