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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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HUD APPROVES WICHITA PROJECT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today announced Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of a Wichita request that will permit the city to select its own project areas during the coming year. The HUD action will also permit acquisition in the Bridgeport community if the city desires.

Last June, the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency received some \$4.3 million for land acquisition but a legal technicality prevented Wichita from proceeding to acquire land in certain areas which the city was giving priority.

Today's announcement will give the city the flexibility it needs to address its most pressing Urban Renewal needs.

Dole said he and Congressman Shriver had been working for some time to gain for Wichita the exemption from standard HUD policy on these matters. "I have also requested that HUD officials review any alternative sources of funding for the Bridgeport area in particular," Dole said. The HUD announcement followed a meeting in Dole's office with top HUD officials.

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