



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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START-UP BRIDGEPORT URBAN RENEWAL FUNDS ANNOUNCED, MORE EXPECTED

Washington, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole said today that Community Development officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development had informed him Monday that \$3 million was being made available to the Wichita Urban Renewal Agency at this time for the Bridgeport Development project. A decision is expected within a month on the possibility of additional funding for the project.

Dole said he and 3rd District Congressman Garner Shriver had been working closely with HUD officials over the past several months in an effort to obtain adequate funding for the project. "I am pleased to have been able to make this announcement", Dole said, "and am hopeful that additional funding for Bridgeport will be announced reasonably soon".

Dole said that HUD officials had told him they were considering supplying additional transition funding for urban renewal projects like Bridgeport, because Congressional passage of the Better Communities Act, which would reform the urban renewal programs of the Federal government and establish alternative funding procedures, is not now considered likely before the end of the current fiscal year.

"This funding announcement is being made now so local officials can go ahead with planning", Dole added. A final contract for release of these funds will be signed after local urban renewal officials meet with HUD officials in Kansas City to work out remaining details on the project.

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