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\$ 13.1 million F H A Loan for Kansas

LYONS, Kan. (Special)--A \$13.1 million allocation for community development loans and grants and business and industrial loan guarantees from the Farmers Home Administration for the state of Kansas was announced here today by U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R.-Kan.).

The Fm. H.A. community development loans and grants and business and industrial loan guarantees will cover Kansas' anticipated needs for fiscal 1975, the senator said.

Sen. Dole explained rural community development and "providing farmers with an adequate supply of water" rank as two of the United States' highest priorities. "Rural water districts have been the greatest boost to the farmers of Kansas who are without since since the coming of rural electrification," Sen. Dole said.

In his appearance in Rice County, Sen. Dole said the \$13.1 million includes \$9.4 million for rural water district loans and grants, \$3.01 million for business and industrial loan guarantees, \$620,000 for essential community facility loans and another \$155,000 for industrial development grants.

"I've supported federal funds for rural water districts and other rural economic development projects since my early days in the Congress--14 years ago," Sen. Dole said in Lyons. "Rural water districts were pioneered in Kansas and now serve over 50,000 Kansas families every day.

"The progress of the past needs to be continued until all rural Kansans have access to an adequate supply of good water," he continued.

"I will continue to work to see that additional funds are allocated to Kansas for these important projects," Sen. Dole said.

"Construction costs have doubled for rural water districts in the past eight months," he noted, "and additional funds are needed to continue to fund the same number of districts as in the past."

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