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DOLE SUPPORTS COFFEYVILLE GRANT REQUESTS

Senator Bob Dole (R-KS), today sent letters to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Aviation Administration in support of grant applications filed by the city of Coffeyville.

In the letters Dole noted ~~the~~ meritorious objectives of the grant requests as well as the need to boost a local economy suffering from an unemployment rate ~~in excess of 15%~~. Dole ^{said} ~~noted~~ that the HUD grant would "provide a shot in the arm to a badly sagging local economy".

In announcing the letters, Dole said, "~~I am optimistic that these grants will be favorably reviewed and I believe we are on the brink of sustained economic recovery. But we are not there yet, and I will do everything I can to support these applications for grants that could help put citizens of Coffeyville back to work.~~"

The City has filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$1,000,000 grant under the Small Cities Program and has filed with the FAA for an airport improvements grant in the amount of \$1,670,300.

The text of Senator Dole's letter to HUD follows:

Mr. Tom Kilbride
Area Manager
Department of Housing and
Urban Development
7th Floor
1103 Grand
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Dear Mr. Kilbride:

The City of Coffeyville, Kansas recently filed an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$1,000,000 grant under the Small Cities Program. I am writing to encourage your favorable consideration of that request.

The grant will serve a number of valuable functions, including rehabilitation of single family dwellings, economic development for new business, installation of water lines, street repair and storm sewer improvements. While certain of those functions will not directly insure long-term employment, they will act to create a favorable environment in which to retain and attract new business.

Furthermore, the grant will provide a shot in the arm to a badly sagging local economy. Unemployment in Coffeyville is currently well above the national average at 15.4 percent. I hope you will give that fact serious consideration when reviewing Coffeyville's application.

The economic situation in Coffeyville is very bad and this grant is important to the future prosperity of the community. I encourage you to give it every favorable consideration. If I can be of any assistance or provide additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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