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DOLE SAYS HUD LOANS \$1.6 MILLION FOR KETCH HOUSING COMPLEX

Washington, DC -- The Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped (KETCH) will receive a \$1.6 million federal loan for a new 50-unit elderly housing complex on Wichita's west side, according to Senator Bob Dole.

The facility, to consist of 38 one-bedroom and 12 efficiency apartments, will be constructed on Country Acres Street near Central and Tyler, said Dole. Construction is expected to begin in early 1987.

In announcing the funding, Sen. Dole said, "West Wichita's elderly have been needing a facility such as this - especially located and equipped to serve older senior citizens - for some time. KETCH's commitment to build these 50 units, combined with this new funding, will mean another need is met because of joint public and private sector cooperation."

Dole said the units will allow low-income elderly residents to live near convenient public transportation connections, shopping centers and medical facilities.

KETCH is a non-profit organization which serves the elderly and handicapped. It operates a vocational rehabilitation center in midtown Wichita for 140 disabled adults. It also operates group homes and apartment complexes for semi-independent adult living.

Dole said the \$1.6 million loan is being made by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).