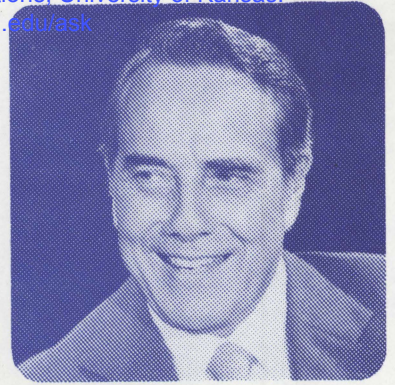


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DOLE ANNOUNCES HOUSING GRANTS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY AND TOPEKA

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that Johnson County and Topeka have been awarded grants totalling \$980,000 and \$150,000 respectively by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Ten different communities in Johnson County will receive the Community Development Block Grants. "The CDBG grants will be used to fund capital improvements in a variety of areas, including upgraded facilities for the elderly and handicapped," said Dole. "The result will be improved services for residents of these communities."

The Topeka grant was awarded under the Urban Homesteading Program and will be used to acquire up to 10 properties in an area of the city targeted for homesteading. Under the program, federally-owned properties are transferred to local governments. The homesteader agrees to make the necessary repairs to bring the property up to local standards and is given full title after five consecutive years of occupancy.

Communities in Johnson County receiving grants:

Prairie Village - Community Center improvements

DeSoto - water district improvements

Merriam - Community Center improvements

Spring Hill - water and sewer improvements

Roeland Park - Community Center improvements

Lenexa - storm drainage

Shawnee - Community Center improvements

Mission - storm drainage

Gardner - sidewalk construction

Olathe - elimination of slum and blight conditions, code enforcement, and street paving.