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KANSAS TO RECEIVE \$4.6 MILLION TO HELP FIGHT THE WAR ON CRIME AND DRUGS

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today that the state of Kansas will receive a \$4.6 million grant to fund state and local programs that fight the war on crime and drugs. The grant, awarded by the Department of Justice, is designed to help local governments and law enforcement programs enhance their crime prevention programs, including steps to improve the criminal justice system and enhance drug control efforts.

"The people of Kansas are demanding action on crime and drug abuse, so this funding couldn't come at a better time. After all, these aren't just big city problems. Many small cities and towns in our state have felt the sting of the national crime epidemic. I am pleased that President Bush is committed to helping our local enforcement fight the war on crime and drugs," said Dole. "This federal assistance is an important addition to the arsenal of our local law enforcement officials doing their best to beat the criminals and drug abusers."

Kansas will use the \$4.637 million grant to fund programs in areas such as multijurisdictional drug task forces which integrate all levels of law enforcement and prosecution. The funding will also target drug abuse, street level enforcement, domestic and family violence, community crime prevention, and the improvement of criminal justice records.

Senator Dole was a strong supporter of incorporating state and local law enforcement grants -- a provision that was included in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.