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## DOLE ANNOUNCES 11 KANSAS MUSEUMS TO RECEIVE \$458,524

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that 11 museums in Kansas will receive a total of \$458,524 in General Operating Support grants. The highly competitive grants were awarded by the Institute of Museum Services. The Kansas museums were chosen based on their excellence in museum operations.

"Museums are a tremendous community resource, offering educational and cultural benefits to the young and old. congratulate these Kansas institutions that will receive these grants to enhance their excellent operations. Whether it be in the field of art, history, anthropology or even a zoo, these Kansas attractions rank with the best.

The museums to receive the funding are:

Mulvane Art Center, Topeka	\$15,633
Salina Art Center, Inc., Salina	\$22,000
Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence	\$75,000
Kauffman Museum, North Newton	\$20,600
Leavenworth County Historical Society Museum	\$ 5,000
Johnson County Museum System, Shawnee	\$30,533
Fort Hays State Museums, Hays	\$27,198
Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas	\$75,000
Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City	\$75,000
Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita	\$75,000
Sunset Zoological Garden, Manhattan	\$37,560

General Operating Support grants constitute 10% of a museum's operating budget or up to \$75,000. The are a supplement to each museum's operating budget. Each institution submitted an application which included evaluations of operations ranging from collections care and maintenance to educational programs and exhibits. 30% of a total of 1428 applicants will receive the grants nationwide.