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## KCK HOUSING AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE \$74,114 GRANT; FUNDS WILL ASSIST WITH FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority will receive a \$74,114 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funding is provided through HUD's Homeownership of Single Family Homes Program (HOPE III), which is designed to provide grant funds to public agencies, private non-profit organizations and cooperative associations to create homeownership opportunities for low-income families who are first-time homebuyers.

"The funding provided by this new program will be a muchneeded boost for residents in the heart of KCK who need a helping hand," said Dole. "As we continue to look for ways to promote affordable housing, growth and renewal in our urban areas, it's important that the cities of middle America get their share of attention."

This is the first HOPE III program grant to be awarded to the Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority (KCKHA).

The KCKHA will study the possible conversion of certain public housing units into homeownership and will work with Donnelly College to develop a mechanism to assess and select public housing residents, assess the stock of public housing authority properties, develop counseling programs and design financing mechanisms.