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**DOLE ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HOUSING GRANTS FOR KCK, TOPEKA, ATCHISON;
FUNDING FOR DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAMS**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today \$595,500 in federal grants to fund city programs designed to eliminate drug activity in public housing units in Kansas City, Ks., Topeka and Atchison. The grants are awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Communities must work together to help fight the war on drugs," said Dole, "and these local programs are critical to keeping drugs out of public housing. By awarding these highly competitive grants to Kansas, HUD is demonstrating its commitment to these worthwhile programs designed to help people in low-income areas in our state live drug-free lives."

The Public Housing Drug Elimination Programs Grants, awarded to local housing authorities, are:

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS - \$250,000

The funds will be used to combat drug use and drug related crimes through community police activities, heightened capacity and involvement of resident associations, and operation of the Weed and Seed Program.

TOPEKA, KANSAS - \$250,000

The funds will be used to extend community policing for residential safety, provide family development programs, and establish youth support programs involving positive role models, social recreation, and educational and economic options.

ATCHISON, KANSAS - \$95,500

The funds will be used for the Helping Overcome Personal Obstacles Effectively (HOPE) Project, a comprehensive drug prevention program designed to reduce drugs and crime in the housing complexes. Project Hope includes programs such as drug awareness, outreach, meetings, afterschool activities, summer programs, employment referral and a mentor program for those needing assistance.

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