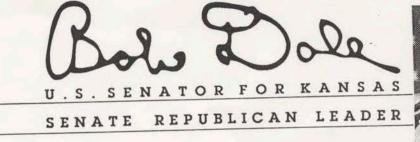
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DOLE & KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE \$6.55 MILLION IN PUBLIC HOUSING GRANTS FOR KANSAS CITY, KS., TOPEKA, WICHITA, CLAY CENTER, LAWRENCE AND MANHATTAN

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum announced today \$5,861,530 in federal grants to improve low-income public housing facilities in Kansas City, Kansas, Topeka, Wichita, and Clay Center and \$695,142 in federal grants to fund city programs designed to eliminate drug activity in public housing units in Kansas City, Ks, Topeka, Lawrence, and Manhattan. The grants are awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP)

"Maintaining the living conditions at public housing facilities in Kansas is fundamental," said Dole, "and these funds will help keep these important housing units in good shape."

The grants were awarded under the Housing Department's Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP). CIAP was established to finance the necessary repair and improvement of low-income public housing facilities constructed under authorization of the U.S. Housing between facilities constructed under authorization of the U.S. Housing Act. CIAP grants, awarded to local housing authorities, are:

Kansas City, Kansas - \$3,444,880 Topeka, Kansas - \$1,400,000 Wichita, Kansas - \$1,000,000 Clay Center, Kansas - \$15,650

DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM

"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, the government 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 Program Grants, awarded to local housing authorities, are:

KANSAS CITY, KS - \$250,000

To fund youth activities such as prevention counseling, intervention and referral services, and several cultural, sports and outdoor adventure programs.

TOPEKA - \$250,000

To fund Project DO (Drugs Out), a community policing program designed to decrease crime and illegal drug activity, and build a positive community by establishing a permanent community agency and public housing authority networking.

LAWRENCE - \$148,483

To fund additional after-hours security at Edgewood Homes, and to fund drug prevention programs including peer involvement regarding environmental and personal changes, and several family intervention counseling programs.

MANHATTAN -- \$46,629

To fund a drug elimination strategy plan including drug abuse prevention, public housing improvements, anti-drug resident groups, and increased security personnel.