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WASHINGTON, D.C. FEB. 4, 1971 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson and Congressman Garner Shriver today announced the possibility of additional Federal assistance for the Wichita area.

The Inter-Agency Economic Adjustment Committee, established by President Nixon, will, upon request, assist communities overcome by serious economic problems.

Senator Dole said that discussions were held in Washington on Wednesday to plan for meetings with local leaders in Wichita in the near future.

This Federal program would expedite all or parts of the Overall Economic Development Program recently developed for Wichita and Sedgewick County.

If the Federal program is adopted, a Federal team would help community leaders organize their actions, make an assesment of the resources and liabilities of the area, develop a strategy for economic expansion and then apply Federal and non-Federal programs.

This program is tailored to individual community needs and capabilities. Both the public and private sector will be heavily involved.