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WICHITA, Kansas, April 16 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) announced today that the Wichita area has been selected to share in a \$1,016,375 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity to aid jobless veterans.

Dole, who met yesterday with OEO Director Frank Carlucci to discuss Wichita's unemployment problems, said he received word today confirming the grant funds.

The 14-month experimental program announced a week ago by President Nixon, will employ on part-time and full-time basis, recently separated ex-servicemen to work in the employment assistance program.

Dole termed it a "broad program offering a number of ways to aid jobless veterans."

Funds from the grant, which will be administered by the Mayor, might be used in the following ways, Dole said:

- to contact employers to solicit full-time and part-time jobs for unemployed ex-servicemen,
- to subsidize certain employers who will offer training programs enabling veterans to qualify for jobs in that business or industry.

Dole explained that "this program is very flexible but will require complete cooperation from state and local officials."