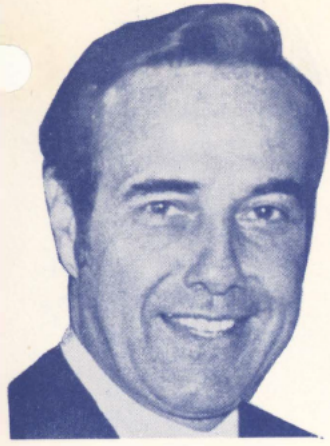


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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF BRIDGEPORT FUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today made public a letter he received from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development confirming formal action of funding the Bridgeport Development project with a \$3million federal grant. On April 1, Senator Dole had announced the action and also the possibility of additional funding before the end of this fiscal year.

Following is the text of the letter which was sent to Dole and 4th District Congressman Garner Shriver:

This will confirm our recent discussion with respect to the proposed Urban Renewal Undertakings in the Bridgeport Area of Wichita, Kansas (R-21).

The enclosed waiver authorizes the approval of an amendatory application incorporating the Bridgeport Area into the Kansas R-21 conventional project, with a Federal grant increase of \$3,000,000.

It is our understanding that the City wishes to utilize approximately \$750,000 of its Neighborhood Development (A-5) funds to supplement activities in the Bridgeport Area. The \$3,000,000 which the Department will provide, along with approximately \$750,000 which the City intends to program from funds already assigned to it, will permit the City to undertake activities financially at a \$3.75 million level.

We further recognize that it may be necessary to provide additional transitional funding for certain essential project activities that merit continued support. In this regard, the Secretary has directed me to determine what further transition needs might be. Although it is too early to tell what new amounts will be necessary and for what purposes they will be available, you may be assured that the Department will continue its past policy of assisting cities during the transitional period to the BCA.

We will advise you when our analysis has been completed and a determination made.

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