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\$244,907 TO AID KANSAS ELDERLY

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today the award of \$244,907 to the State of Kansas for the operation of training and model projects for the elderly. The funds will be awarded out of the Central Office on Aging in Washington with a May 15th deadline for the state applications.

According to Dole, \$188,602 will be available for model projects which expand or improve the delivery of social services to the elderly or improve their well being. Priority is to be given projects which address the housing, retirement, education, and information and referral needs of the elderly. Special emphasis is also to be placed on model service systems which serve the mentally and physically handicapped elderly.

\$56,365 will be available to the State for the development of training programs for those who work with the elderly. The State agencies are encouraged to make arrangements with educational institutions in the State for provision of these programs.

Dole encouraged broad involvement and a prompt response by the State Agency on Aging and other state groups which work with the elderly so that a meaningful proposal can be submitted prior to the May 15th application deadline. "These funds in addition to the \$1,176,919 made available for operation of the Elderly Nutrition program last week, will enable the State to begin meeting the needs of its elderly in a more comprehensive manner", Dole said, "Our older citizens deserve these services and the improved living conditions these services can provide."

The federal funds are made available under the Federal Older Americans Act signed into law in May of 1973.