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DOLE SAYS NEW FUNDS HEADING TO KANSAS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

WASHINGTON -- Efforts by state officials to find work for unemployed Kansans will soon receive a significant federal boost according to Senator Robert Dole (R.-Kan.).

The Department of Labor informed the Senator today that additional funds have been made available to employment agencies in 38 qualifying states, including Kansas. Dole says that starting Wednesday Kansas will receive \$138,346 earmarked for use by the State Employment Agency.

"This additional funding can certainly be put to good use in the continuing effort to get Kansans back to work. Because the Employment Agency is concerned with people already on unemployment insurance, any additional aid to get those Kansans back to work and off insurance is welcome news," Dole said.

According to Dole, the Labor Department funds can be used to augment job finding and placement services and beef-up agency personnel.

Last December, Congress voted to cut back funding to state employment agencies, causing many agencies to trim personnel and reduce services.

However, Congress, at the urging of President Reagan, approved a supplemental appropriations bill in February to ease Agency problems brought on by increased unemployment. The money for which Kansas has qualified is one part of the \$7.8 million appropriations bill.