

Mr. Tom Kilbride  
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Dear Mr. Kilbride:

The City of Coffeyville, Kansas recently filed an application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$1,000,000 grant under the Small Cities Program. I am writing to encourage your favorable consideration of that request.

The grant will serve a number of valuable functions, including rehabilitation of single family dwellings, economic development for new business, installation of water lines, street repair and storm sewer improvements. While certain of those functions will not directly insure long-term employment, they will act to create a favorable environment in which to retain and attract new business.

Furthermore, the grant will provide a shot in the arm to a badly sagging local economy. Unemployment in Coffeyville is currently well above the national average at 15.4 percent. I hope you will give that fact serious consideration when reviewing Coffeyville's application.

The economic situation in Coffeyville is very bad and this grant is important to the future prosperity of the community. I encourage you to give it every favorable consideration. If I can be of any assistance or provide additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senate

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