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DOLE ANNOUNCES CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR KANSAS

Washington, DC -- Sen. Bob Dole today announced Kansas will receive a federal grant to assist state and local agencies in providing services for crime victims and their families.

In announcing the grant, Sen. Dole said, "This new program will make nearly a half-million dollars available to help victims recover from the results of a criminal act. In the past, too much time and money has been spent to make life comfortable for criminals. These funds change that and represent an effort to help the victim - not the criminal."

This is the first victim assistance grant award that Kansas will receive under the provisions of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984. The act established a crime victims fund in the U.S. Treasury that is financed with fines and penalties assessed on convicted federal defendants.

The \$467,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will go to the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Program guidelines require that the states give priority to supporting agencies that assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse, and spouse abuse.