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**DOLE ANNOUNCES GRANT TO UPGRADE PUBLIC TELEVISION SERVICE
IN WESTERN KANSAS**

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced a \$173,150 federal grant to help upgrade public television service in western Kansas. Senator Dole fought for the grant, awarded by the National Telecommunication & Information Administration (NTIA), to help Smokey Hills Public Television in Bunker Hill acquire state-of-the-art equipment to replace three obsolete studio cameras, two video tape recorders and a switcher.

"It's high time we devoted more of our public television resources to our small town public television providers, instead of the big East and West coast stations that dominate public television programming and eat up the lion's share of federal dollars," Dole said. "That's why this grant is so important -- to help upgrade locally-produced programming that serves so many in western Kansas."

The federal grant represents 50% of the total cost of the project.

Smokey Hills Public Television offers the only public television service to approximately 339,550 residents within its service area. Based at KOOD-TV in Bunker Hill, Smokey Hills Public Television operates transmitters in Hays, Lakin, Concordia, Phillipsburg, Oakley, Goodland, Oberlin, Norton, and Hoxie.

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