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**SIX RURAL KANSAS HOSPITALS WIN FEDERAL FUNDING:**  
**IOLA, KINSLEY, GOODLAND, MANHATTAN,**  
**CONCORDIA & WINFIELD**

WASHINGTON -- Six Kansas hospitals have won a total of \$838,065 in federal funding for the next three years under a program designed to boost health care for patients in rural America.

Senator Bob Dole announced that hospitals in Goodland, Concordia, Manhattan, Kinsley, Iola and Winfield have qualified for the funding through the Rural Health Care Transition Grants Program, a federal program Dole helped create in 1987. The grants are administered by the Health Care Financing Administration.

"There is stiff national competition for these grants, so I'm pleased these fine Kansas hospitals have competed successfully for the coveted funding," Dole said. "This is the kind of helping hand for rural America I envisioned when we created this special care program five years ago. Boosting quality care and access to health professionals is a welcome prescription for rural Kansans."

o IOLA -- ALLEN COUNTY HOSPITAL: \$150,000 -- Emergency & outpatient care; physician recruitment.

o KINSLEY -- EDWARDS COUNTY HOSPITAL: \$42,448 -- Emergency & outpatient care, management improvements, market analysis.

o GOODLAND -- NORTHWEST KANSAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER: \$145,617 -- Emergency care, physician recruitment, market analysis.

o MANHATTAN -- SAINT MARY HOSPITAL: \$100,000 -- Management improvements, market analysis, enhance outpatient services.

o CONCORDIA -- SAINT JOSEPH HOSPITAL: \$150,000 -- Recruitment of health professionals, management improvements, market analysis, conversion of facility, enhance outpatient services.

o WINFIELD -- WILLIAM NEWTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: \$150,000 -- Recruitment of health care professionals, conversion of facilities.

The transition grant program helps small hospitals strengthen their services to Medicare patients. The hospitals can request up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years.

To compete for funding, hospitals must be rural, non-federal and non-profit, and have fewer than one hundred beds.

23 Kansas hospitals have qualified for \$1.8 million under the program since its establishment.

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