

*Bob Dole*



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**DOLE PROPOSAL FOR WICHITA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**APPROVED BY SENATE**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate has approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request of a \$1.5 million grant for the City of Wichita's 21st Street corridor improvement project. The project was included in the 1995 Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, approved by the Senate today. The bill will now go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"This \$1.5 million grant, upon final approval, will enable the City of Wichita to purchase land and to make further public improvements to the neighborhood. This project is an important part of the city's efforts to revitalize this area, stimulate economic activity, and improve living conditions for many low-income Wichita residents," said Dole.

The City of Wichita has entered a public-private partnership with Union National Bank to redevelop the area. The City has already removed deteriorating housing, widened streets, built a new police substation, and relocated a branch library. To advance these efforts, the Union National Bank has proposed a \$11 million investment project, including the construction of a new branch bank, retail center, rental and senior citizen housing.

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