

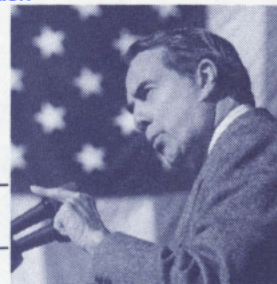
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DOLE REQUEST FOR WICHITA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole's proposal for \$1.5 million for Wichita's 21st Street corridor improvement project won final Senate approval today. The federal funds will be used to purchase land for new and renovated commercial and housing facilities and to make further improvements in the neighborhood.

The \$1.5 million grant also enables the City to enter into a public-private venture with Union National Bank. The City has already removed deteriorating housing, widened streets, built a new police station and relocated a branch library. To advance the City's efforts, the Bank has proposed an \$11 million investment project, which includes the construction of a new branch bank, retail center, rental and senior citizen housing.

"I am pleased that Congress has approved these funds which will enable the 21st Street corridor improvement project's public-private partnership to move forward. This is a big step in local efforts to revitalize the neighborhood, to stimulate economic growth, and to improve living conditions for many low-income Wichita residents," said Dole.

The project was included in the 1995 Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill which now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

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