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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR JOHNSON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT
WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate today gave final approval to Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request for a \$1.03 million grant to allow Johnson County to purchase public transportation buses and vans which are accessible to elderly and disabled citizens. This grant, to be matched by \$256,600 in local funds, will help complete a three-phase program to purchase a bus fleet and to replace outmoded special service transportation vehicles.

"This project makes good economic sense for Johnson County. The county could save 20 percent in contract costs by owning its own buses instead of leasing vehicles from its present contract provider," Dole said.

"This funding will also allow the county to improve its current service by purchasing four large buses and approximately six 10-passenger wheelchair accessible vans to meet the growing needs of the elderly and disabled in the area," Dole added.

The funds will also allow for the purchase of radios and spare parts, as well as training for maintenance personnel for the new large buses. The project was included in the 1995 Transportation Bill, which now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

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