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Senator Bob Dole today announced the approval of three grants involving \$428,680 in federal funds for elimination of architectural and transportation barriers to the handicapped.

Noting that June 30 to July 6 is National Awareness Week, Senator Dole pointed out "These grants are another indication of the growing public awareness of the need to eliminate architectural and transportation barriers which limit access for <sup>the</sup> one out of every ten Kansans who have physical handicaps."

The grants involve 80 percent federal funds to be matched with 20 percent by the recipient agency, and they are administered through the Kansas Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Senator Dole said \$240,000 will be granted to the University of Kansas at Lawrence for curb cuts, installation of elevators and other similar improvements involving nine buildings.

\$108,680 will be awarded to Topeka's Intracity Transit Company for two specially equipped buses to provide better transportation for senior citizens and handicapped persons.

The City of Topeka will receive \$80,000 for curb cuts and related construction to assist the handicapped.

National Awareness Week is sponsored by the National Easter Seal Society and the National Paraplegia Foundation.