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SENATOR DOLE ANNOUNCES KANSAS ALLOCATED \$15.25 MILLION FOR FEDERAL RURAL COMMUNITY LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS FISCAL YEAR 1978

Washington, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole announced today Kansas has been allocated \$15.25 million for Rural Community Loan and Grant Programs for fiscal year 1978.

Senator Dole said Kansas will receive \$9.59 million for water and waste disposal loans, \$2.305 million for water and waste disposal grants, \$3.2 million for community facility loans and \$155,000 for Industrial Development Grants.

The Kansas Senator said the Federal loans and grants are available from the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Kansas rural communities need these funds to assist them with their water, sewer, community facility and industrial development problems," Senator Dole stated. "I'm pleased Kansas has been allocated over \$15 million for this purpose."

"The Federal government for too long has neglected the rural community. They need assistance many times more than the large urban center. The flow of people from rural to urban America can be stopped if rural communities are attractive and jobs are provided." Senator Dole said.

Senator Dole explained the different funds can be used to construct rural and community water systems, waste disposal systems, community centers, fire stations, health care, other community facilities and to facilitate development of private business enterprises in rural areas.

Most of the programs are limited to rural towns of 10,000 population or less and rural areas. Information about the programs can be obtained from the local Farmers Home Administration office.