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\$1.44 MILLION IN TORNADO RELIEF FOR HESSTON;  
DOLE DELIVERS FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY A \$1.44 MILLION GRANT TO HESSTON, KANSAS, TO FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RESULTING FROM DAMAGES SUSTAINED FROM THE DEVASTATING MARCH, 1990 TORNADO. DOLE TELEPHONED JAY WEILAND, HESSTON CITY MANAGER, WITH THE GOOD NEWS THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

THE GRANT, BACKED BY DOLE, WAS APPROVED TODAY BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. IT IS PART OF \$2.5 MILLION IN SPECIAL FUNDING THAT SENATOR DOLE SECURED IN THE 1990 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH THE SENATE PASSED APRIL, 1990.

"EVER SINCE THE TORNADO HIT, THIS HAS BEEN A PRIORITY PROJECT FOR ME. I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND CITY OFFICIALS TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS \$1.4 MILLION SHOT-IN-THE-ARM BECOME A REALITY. I AM PLEASED THAT HESSTON CAN NOW RECEIVE THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THAT I INCLUDED IN LAST YEAR'S FUNDING BILL. THE TORNADO IS HISTORY, NOW IT'S TIME TO REBUILD FOR THE FUTURE," SAID DOLE.

THE FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE. SOME ROADWAY AND STORM DRAINAGE EXTENSIONS ALONG WITH ACQUISITION OF LAND ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

ANOTHER PROJECT WILL BE DEVELOPING AN INCUBATOR CENTER AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT. REPAIRS AND RESTORATION OF OVER NINE BLOCKS OF ROADWAY, RESTORATION OF TWO CITY PARKS, REPAIRS OF GAS, WATER AND SEWER LINES, REPAIR AND REPAINTING OF WATER TOWERS AND CLEANUP OF A BURNSITE ARE ALSO INCLUDED. CITY HALL AND THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE REMODELED AND EXPANDED THROUGH THIS FUNDING.