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DOLE ANNOUNCES TRANSIT GRANTS FOR STATES AND PLANNING AGENCIES

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole announced the approval of Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) transit assistance grants totaling \$48,047,034. The grants will fund public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas and will make funds available for transportation assistance for elderly and handicapped persons.

Secretary Dole said in making the announcement, "The Reagan Administration is continuing its commitment to sound, cost-effective transportation services to meet the transportation needs of residents of small communities and rural areas and for the elderly and handicapped."

UMTA Administrator Ralph L. Stanley said, "When President Reagan signed the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA) into law, he affirmed this nation's commitment to an effective mass transit system."

A total of \$17,814,677 will be approved in transit planning to 31 states and metropolitan area planning organizations under UMTA's technical studies programs.

Nineteen states will receive \$23,645,361 for statewide programs of projects for public transportation services in rural and small urban areas under 50,000 population. These funds cover capital, administrative, planning and operating assistance, and are matched by State and local funds.

In addition a total \$6,586,996 will be distributed by 12 states to non-profit organizations which provide transportation services to elderly and handicapped persons. These funds can be used to purchase vehicles and other equipment specially designed for this use.

The following is a list of states receiving grants, with the grant category and amounts of funding.

	TRANSIT PLANNING	NON-URBAN TRANSIT	ELDERLY & HANDICAPPED
Alabama		\$ 428,000	\$ 531,212
Arizona	\$ 60,000		
Arkansas	138,000		410,196
California	4,922,500	2,649,086	2,277,187
Colorado	439,000		
Connecticut	401,140	786,528	438,616
District of Columbia	911,600		
Delaware	52,700		
Florida	602,050		
Georgia	303,700		
Hawaii	114,900		
Idaho	50,000	400,000	
Illinois	2,441,000		
Indiana	120,000		
Iowa	37,600	1,416,242	453,565
Kansas	21,800		
Massachusetts	115,200	1,347,758	
Michigan	1,345,000		
Minnesota		1,672,340	
Mississippi		2,500,000	
Nevada	56,500		
New Hampshire	30,660	600,806	212,936
New Jersey	1,748,000		
New York	450,300		
North Carolina	435,100	3,267,062	
North Dakota		649,828	191,968
Ohio	1,677,100		
Oregon	22,000	1,286,700	
Pennsylvania	470,927	3,359,659	
Rhode Island		105,659	
South Carolina	224,500	10,644	
South Dakota	15,600	262,885	
Tennessee		2,436,214	
Texas	120,000		
Utah		276,950	219,852
Virginia	423,300		575,262
Vermont	41,000		175,448
Washington		189,000	499,141
West Virginia	23,500		
Wisconsin			601,613