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Today Governor Joan Finney announced the State of Kansas will be awarded one-time retroactive federal disproportionate share funds totaling \$185 million. Prior to her announcement she met with Senator Gus Bogina, Chairman of Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Representative George Teagarden, Chairman of House Appropriations Committee, to discuss the receipt of the fund and her proposed budget amendment.

Disproportionate share money is federal Medicaid money Kansas receives for certain costs associated with care of indigent individuals in state mental hospitals.

Last July, Governor Finney directed SRS staff to vigorously pursue acquisition of these additional funds.

Communications from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also confirmed Kansas will receive \$104 million in disproportionate share funds for fiscal year 1993. This is in addition to the \$185 million Kansas will receive because of past underpayments to the State.

"Because these one-time funds are assured," said Governor Finney, "equivalent State General Funds can now be utilized to meet other pressing one-time expenditures."

Governor Finney said she is developing a budget amendment to forward to the Legislature with her recommendations early next week.

The budget amendment will include: establishment of a \$75 million budget stabilization fund which would address unanticipated revenue declines and major emergencies with the interest from this fund to be used to match federal housing funds and provide for other housing programs; \$33.3 million for the next two fiscal years to address cash flow needs in SRS; and \$22 million to provide stable funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization Fund through at least fiscal year 1998.

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It will also include funding for four capital improvement projects at state universities for the next three fiscal years: \$18 million for Hoch Auditorium at the University of Kansas; \$18 million for the Kansas State University Library; \$10.7 million for the Pittsburg State University Technology Center; and \$8 million for the Physical Science Building at Fort Hays State University.

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