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Kansas Receives Funding to Promote Healthier School Meals

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas is receiving a federal grant worth nearly \$350,000 to promote healthier meals in schools.

The money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will help Kansas implement the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The 2010 law aims to make federally subsidized school lunches healthier. Seventeen other states and one territory were awarded money through the competitive grant process.

Kansas offered popular chef-taught culinary classes last summer for school food service workers. State officials say the grant will pay for more such training to help schools transition to the new federal guidelines.

The Kansas Department of Education says that besides the federal grant, the Kansas Health Foundation is providing \$50,000 to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to 25,000 middle- and high-school students.

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