

Federal Grant Will Fund Anti-Obesity Program at Winston-Salem State University

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Winston-Salem State University is among recipients of a federal grant to develop anti-obesity programs. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the grant as one of three totaling \$5 million to universities.

"USDA is at the forefront of the Obama Administration's efforts to combat childhood obesity, which poses a threat to the health and future productivity of our entire nation," said Vilsack in a statement. "These grants fund critical research that will help USDA and our partners implement effective strategies to support America's next generation so they can have a healthy childhood and develop healthy habits for life."

Winston-Salem State University will receive \$150,000 for what's called "Communities Engaged for Success," which seeks to help 10-12 year-old children from low income families.

Other recipients are the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (\$4,887,083) and Tufts University in Boston (\$149,988).

The awards were made through a competitive process that focused on scientific research.