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Grant will expand UAF health research

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) - Nutrition research at two Alaska sites will get a boost with a \$7.5 million federal grant.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks will use the money to establish the state's first clinical health research facilities in Fairbanks and Bethel next year.

The money will bolster ongoing studies by the Center for Alaska Native Health Research. The center since 2001 has analyzed health problems among Yupik residents of 11 Southwest communities.

The new facilities will give researchers the ability to conduct clinical trials at the sites.

The research center's acting director, Bert Boyer, says research has often been stunted because of Alaska's meager facilities.

Boyer says expanded Fairbanks facilities will allow trials to expand to Athabascans and others.

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