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## Boise cancer center gets share of stimulus aid

A Boise-based cancer center will get \$5 million from the federal stimulus act to expand research and care opportunities for rural, suburban, small-town and underserved populations.

St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute and 13 other cancer centers nationwide will share \$40 million in aid to join a network of community cancer centers. The center in Boise, founded in 1969, will use the money to reduce health care disparities, boost access to clinical trials and improve quality of care.

Dr. Thomas Beck, the Boise center's medical director, said Monday this will help provide patients from the targeted populations improved access to care - and the opportunity to participate in previously inaccessible research. Idaho's congressional delegation fought the stimulus, but applauded this program's goals.

St. Luke's must match the \$5 million to get the cash.