

# Mooser: Grants strengthen UNL's research role

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research proposals as well as trying to provide matching funds for projects.

In a statement, Chancellor James Mooser said the increase contributes to strengthening UNL's role as a major research university.

Grew said the continuous increase in the amount of federal funding shows the quality of UNL's work.

"The competition is increasing every year in Washington," she said. "So when you see this kind of growth, I think that that's really

commendable."

One of the larger grants - \$4.6 million - last year was to the university's Polar Ice Coring Office from the National Science Foundation.

According to its Web site, the office is operated by the snow and ice research group, which provides science support and logistical services to scientists funded for work in the Arctic.

The office also designs, fabricates and operates ice drilling equipment in Antarctica and Greenland.

Federal funding to UNL in the

past has been dominated by agriculture, Grew said. But now, she said, funding has become more diversified in terms of the types of agencies offering funds.

The five-year CLASS program, or Communication Learning and Assessment in a Student-Centered System, received \$2.9 million from the federal department of education to help it put 55 high school diplomacy courses online, said Jim Sherwood, associate dean of the Division of Continuing Studies.

Among other projects receiving federal funds are the Great

Plains Regional Center for Global and Environmental Change, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, \$1.4 million; the International Sorghum/Millet Research program, \$4.7 million; sustainable agriculture research funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, \$1.8 million; and the Mid-American Transportation Center, \$1 million.

Among funded service projects are the Law Enforcement Training Project, \$1.5 million; and from the Barkley Trust to support activities at the Barkley Memorial Center, \$1.5 million.

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