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Online university receives \$2.5 million

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Education Department has awarded a \$2.5 million grant to the Utah-based Western Governors University to assist its education-via-Internet programs.

The university, founded by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, offers 939 online courses.

Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced the grant and said, "WGU is a relevant example of Utah's significant contributions to the high-tech world and an important component of the changing educational opportunities in our country."

He said the grant is to support existing courses, enhance a student information system and Web site and help continue the process of accreditation for WGU.

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