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Federal Grant To Help Bolster Specialty Crops

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SEATTLE, Wash. -- The Washington State Department of Agriculture has received a boost from the federal government to help the state's farmers and nurseries.

The agency received word this week that it will receive more than \$3-million in grant funds from the USDA to bolster Washington's specialty crops.

The grant money will be used to fund 20 projects managed by the state and other organizations.

Mike Louisell with the State Department of Agriculture says specialty crops are a major part of Whatcom County's economy...

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Some examples include projects that will reduce food-borne illness, reduce the danger of insects and support farmers markets.

The department says the grant program is specifically designed to make Washington's specialty crop industry more competitive.

More information can be found on the WSDA website.