Clark college earns science grant

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Clark College will be able to extend its chemistry course offerings by acquiring a new piece of equipment with a \$134,750 National Science Foundation grant.

As chair of the House subcommittee on research and science education, U.S. Rep. Brian Baird, D-Vancouver, helped secure the funds to help the department implement a program in organic and general chemistry using Fourier-Transform Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (FT-NMR) Spectroscopy.

The grant will help the college obtain a spectrometer for student use so they can learn to use the powerful analytic tool, according to a news release from Baird's office.

"The National Science Foun-

dation provides vital grant funding for students interested in strengthening their skills in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering," Baird said.

A former psychology professor at Pacific Lutheran University, Baird said the grant will enhance community growth and broaden the students' education.