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Seattle scientist lands big grant

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Dr. Leroy Hood, a Seattle scientist who has been a vocal supporter of efforts to create a medical research institute in Spokane, was one of five people granted a \$250,000 award from the Heinz Family Foundation.

Hood, a leading figure in the field of molecular biology, received the Heinz Award for Technology, the Economy and Employment. Teresa Heinz, chairwoman of the foundation, called Hood a "quiet yet insistent visionary" in a press release about the award. "His influence will be felt for many generations to come," she said.

Hood is the founder and director of the Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle, and has worked with organizers of the Institute for Systems Medicine in Spokane. That latter project landed \$1 million in development money from the Washington Legislature last session.