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Brown helps R.I. get 4th-most NIH grants

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PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island received the fourth-most funding per resident from the National Institutes of Health last year compared with other states, according to new government figures.

The state's universities, hospitals and other research organizations collected \$152.1 million in research grants and other NIH awards in 2009, up from \$141 million in 2008.

The total does not include more than \$22 million in NIH money Rhode Island institutions have received from last year's economic stimulus law.

Rhode Island has doubled the amount it receives annually from the National Institutes of Health over the last decade, from \$77 million in 1999 to \$152 million last year, after adjusting for inflation.

Rhode Island got \$144.42 per capita from the NIH in 2009, the fourth-highest amount per resident, behind only Massachusetts (\$353.52), Washington, D.C. (\$309.92) and Maryland (\$176.95) but ahead of fifth-place Connecticut (\$131.32), according to an analysis by Providence Business News.

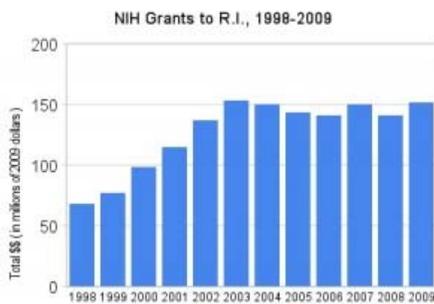
Brown University brought in \$64 million of the state's total NIH funding, by far the largest amount for any single institution, followed by Rhode Island Hospital (\$34 million), The Miriam Hospital (\$14 million), the University of Rhode Island (\$12 million) and Women & Infants Hospital (\$11 million).

The NIH said the largest single award was a \$3.9 grant to Dr. Andrew G. Bostom, an associate professor of medicine at Rhode Island Hospital who specializes in renal diseases, for a study of whether folic acid can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease in patients with chronic kidney disease.

Rhode Island received a total of 459 NIH grants last year, the bulk of which – 407 – were for research. The remainder paid for fellowships (32), training (19) and one uncategorized award.

Rhode Island's total number of regular NIH grants last year was the lowest since 2005; the state received 472 grants in 2008, 482 in 2007 and 464 in 2006.

Nationwide, last year's biggest total NIH haul went to California, which received



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