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Center for aging to be created at UF with grant

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The University of Florida has received a grant of \$3.9 million to fund research on aging, UF officials announced Monday.

The money, to be distributed over five years, will be used to establish the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center, making UF the home of one of 10 such centers in the country.

The center will conduct research aimed at helping older Americans to maintain their independence. The research conducted by the center will be especially important for the state of Florida, where 17 percent of the population is over the age of 65.

The center is named for the late Claude Pepper, a former U.S. senator and state representative from Florida who backed initiatives to improve the lives of the elderly.