

Dispute over state grant for dental program

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MARSHFIELD, Wis (WSAU) A proposed dental school at Marshfield Clinic is in danger of losing a \$10-million state grant.

The state says the grant was intended to provide a rural outreach dental facility, not to build a dental school. Some of the money could be used to train dentists who already have their degrees to help in rural areas. But the state sent a letter to Marshfield Clinic saying that building a dental school would not be covered.

Some reports say Marquette University – which runs the only dental school in the state – objected. The Wisconsin Dental Association also wanted all of the funding used for rural outreach, which they consider an urgent need.

Marshfield Clinic says it still intends to build a school of dentistry, and will continue talks with the state on how the grant can be used.

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