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## State renews tobacco control grant

### *Staff reports*

The Mississippi Department of Health's Office of Tobacco Control has renewed the community tobacco control grant for the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Rankin, Scott and Simpson counties.

Funds from the grant are used by the tobacco-free coalition to prevent tobacco use, encourage tobacco cessation and eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke among youth and adults in Rankin, Scott and Simpson counties.

Each year Mississippi spends \$719 million on healthcare costs associated with tobacco use. The goal of MSDH's Office of Tobacco Control is to improve the health of all Mississippians through the elimination of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

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