US: Qld govt announces $A13m in grants in Chicago

The Queensland government has handed out 13 million dollars in grants to the state’s leading researchers .. including a team leading the fight against dengue fever and another tackling chlamydia.

Queensland Premier ANNA BLIGH announced the grants at the world's biggest biotechnology convention .. Bio 2010 .. in Chicago.

She says there's groundbreaking work underway by a number of leading Queensland researchers that deserves to be supported.

Professor SCOTT O'NEILL and his team at the University of Queensland received 1.95 million dollars to continue their work to eradicate dengue fever.

The project has also attracted 1.9 million dollars from the BILL and MELINDA GATES Foundation.

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