

CDC get \$480 million to replace lab for deadliest germs

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The nation's top public health agency has its money for a new lab to handle dangerous germs.

Last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asked Congress for funds to build a new state-of-the art laboratory building.

CDC officials got \$480 million for the endeavor. Money for the project was tucked inside a \$1.3 trillion, 2,232-page government spending bill passed by Congress last week.

They say they need it to replace a 13-year-old building at the agency's main campus in Atlanta, where scientists handle deadly and exotic germs like Ebola and smallpox. They say that building is wearing down.

The [money](#) is for the building and for a range of infrastructure changes. CDC officials did not provide a timetable for the work.

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