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New representative pushes for money for Centers for Disease Control

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. - U.S. Rep. Marilyn Musgrave is pushing for more money for the Centers for Disease Control research laboratory in Fort Collins.

As lawmakers begin forming a spending plan for 2003, Musgrave sent a letter Thursday seeking funding for the replacement of the aging research lab.

An \$80 million plan to replace and expand the 35-year-old CDC facility, where research on some of the world's most deadly diseases is done, was approved a year ago and \$8 million was provided to begin design work.

However, the remaining \$72 million to build and equip the laboratory has yet to be appropriated.

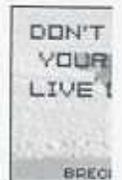
A current Senate bill calls for \$20 million for the project in the 2003 budget. Musgrave, the Republican who represents Fort Collins, said she would like to see the entire amount funded at once.

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