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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR MANHATTAN GRAIN MARKETING RESEARCH LABORATORY WINS SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request for \$1 million to fund essential maintenance at the Grain Marketing Research Laboratory in Manhattan, Kansas, won approval in the U.S. Senate today. The funds will be used for roof repairs, renovation of the ventilation system, and other repairs necessary to bring the facility into compliance with safety standards.

"For 25 years, Manhattan's Grain Marketing Research Lab has built a national reputation for innovative research on new grain varieties, storage techniques, products and markets," Dole said. "But after several years of neglect by the USDA, the Lab has accumulated an \$8 million backlog of repairs necessary for its basic operations. Upon final approval, my proposal will be a crucial step towards regenerating this facility, and ensuring that its work can continue."

The measure is included in the 1996 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which now goes to a joint House/Senate committee to work out differences with legislation passed in the House.

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