



## Sec.1433 Formula Funds for Animal Health & Disease Research

**FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION:** 7 USC 3195

**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

**AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$4 Million

**PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2013:** \$0

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

**ACCOUNT:** National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Research and Education Activities

**TYPE OF FUNDING REQUESTED:** Programmatic

### JUSTIFICATION:

Animal Health and Disease Research Funds are used for the general maintenance of research infrastructure, which allows more rapid response in the event of disease outbreaks. In addition to the infrastructure these funds support a significant population of faculty, staff, and students rely on grants from intramural distribution of formula funding. Extramural competitive grants exclude projects that are vital but less popular, less profitable, or associated with lesser known researchers. Overall, a reduction in funding undermines the ability of land grant institutions to competitively recruit science teachers and students.

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

Section 1433 Formula Funds have been in existence since 1977 and provide an extremely valuable source of funds for fundamental research on diseases of food producing animals. These funds are vitally important to Veterinary Science Departments in the U.S. In addition, some of the states with veterinary medical colleges have in the past provided some monies for faculty wishing to conduct food animal related research on local and emerging diseases; however these funds have been essentially eliminated in many of the states. There are no other funds available at this time to provide this much needed support.

### APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY:

AGENCY/ ACCOUNT	FISCAL YEAR	HOUSE	SENATE	CONFERENCE	PUBLIC LAW
USDA	2012	\$3,969,000	\$2,944,000	\$4,000,000	PL 112-55
USDA	2011	\$2,944,000	\$2,944,000	\$2,944,000	PL 112-10
USDA	2010	\$2,950,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,950,000	PL 111-80
USDA	2009	\$2,950,000	\$0	\$2,950,000	PL 111-8