

DEFENSE

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Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Bill Summary



Defense

The fiscal year 2023 Department of Defense Appropriations Act provides \$797.7 billion in discretionary spending, an increase of \$69.3 billion above fiscal year 2022. In addition, the package includes \$27.9 billion as part of the fourth Ukraine supplemental and \$106.2 million to repair Navy, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard facilities in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Virginia that were damaged by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona.

The package:

- Prioritizes support for military families, including increasing pay by 4.6%, the Basic Allowance for Housing by 11%, the Basic Allowance for Subsistence by 11%; includes \$210 million to reduce food prices at commissaries; and increases funds for school construction to its highest ever level of \$687 million.
- Provides critical assistance for Ukraine, including \$9.3 billion for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative in the base text and supplemental, with resources for training, equipment, weapons, supplies and services, salaries and stipends, and intelligence support to Ukraine's military. Also supports European allies and partners facing Russian aggression.
- Protects our national security, preserves our domestic advanced manufacturing base to support jobs and economic growth, and invests heavily in research and development.
- Defends democracy and counters China with funding to protect a free and open Indo-Pacific.
- Supports the implementation of measures to avoid, mitigate, and respond to civilian harm.
- Confronts the climate crisis with more than \$2 billion in investments for clean energy and climate adaptation to protect facilities, readiness, and global security.
- Addresses gender-based violence with funding to tackle sexual assault in the military and directs DoD to report on extremist activities.
- Includes nearly \$8 billion to address inflation and other cost increases above the President's budget request, including assistance to military families, fuel and utilities for the Department and Services, medical inflation, and procurement and R&D programs.

Bill Summary:

Military Personnel

Total: \$172.7 billion

The fiscal year 2023 Military Personnel recommendation is \$172.7 billion in funding for active, reserve and National Guard military personnel, a decrease of \$1.2 billion below the budget request and an increase of \$5.8 billion above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. The bill funds active duty end strength at the authorized level of 1,316,944, and funds reserve component end strength at the authorized level of 770,400. In order to Take Care of Our Service Members and Families, the bill:

- Provides full funding necessary to support the proposed 4.6 percent military pay raise.
- Provides an 11% increase for military personnel to help offset the costs of higher rent and food prices. In doing so the bill includes \$328 million above the budget request for the basic allowance for subsistence and \$1.2 billion above the budget request for the basic allowance for housing.
- Provides \$12.1 million for a basic needs allowance as a supplement to eligible service members with dependents.
- Provides a \$23.5 million increase in the dislocation allowance to help offset personal expenses for change of station moves.
- Provides greater flexibility for service members to secure housing during change of station moves by expanding the coverage from 10 to 14 days. To do so, the bill provides \$164.2 million above the budget request for temporary lodging expenses.
- Provides full funding for suicide prevention and sexual assault programs, including \$479 million to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault and \$47 million for the Special Victims' Counsel programs.

Operation and Maintenance

Total: \$278.1 billion

The fiscal year 2023 Operation and Maintenance recommendation is \$278.1 billion, an increase of \$6.8 billion above the budget request and an increase of \$21.8 billion above the fiscal year 2022 base enacted level.

- Provides \$30.7 billion to the Departments of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force for depot maintenance.
- Provides \$1.6 billion for Environmental Restoration activities, \$520.7 million above the request of which \$188 million are for costs associated with PFOS/PFOA cleanup.

In addition, the bill provides \$20 million for study and assessment of health implications of PFOS/PFOA contamination in drinking water.

- Provides an increase of \$1.8 billion in Facilities Sustainment, Repair and Modernization programs across Active, Reserve and Guard components.
- Provides \$9.7 billion to fund SOCOM's operation and maintenance requirements.
- Provides \$1 million to the Army for the renaming of installations, facilities, roads and streets that bear the name of confederate leaders and officers.
- Provides increases for National Guard Youth Challenge (\$211 million); and Starbase (\$50 million).
- Provides an additional \$50 million for the Office of Defense Local Community Cooperation for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.
- Provides \$60 million for Impact Aid and \$20 million for Impact Aid for those with disabilities and \$15 million to address Sec. 575 of the fiscal year 2023 NDAA.
- Provides \$8.6 million for gender advisor programs.
- Provides \$55 million for the Procurement Technical Assistance Program.
- Provides \$351 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program.
- Provides \$42 million to implement the Department of Defense's Civilian Harm Mitigation and Response Action Plan.

Procurement

Total: \$162.2 billion

For fiscal year 2023, the bill provides \$162.2 billion, an increase of \$17.2 billion above the budget request and an increase of \$17.3 billion above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Aircraft

- Funds eight F/A-18E/F Super Hornet aircraft (\$600 million).
- Funds the request of 61 F-35 aircraft and provides funding to cover a shortfall in the most recent production contract that would otherwise put 19 aircraft in fiscal year 2023 and prior years at risk (\$8.5 billion).
- Funds 24 F-15EX aircraft to recapitalize the F-15C/D fleet (\$2.3 billion).
- Funds the request of 15 KC-46 tankers (\$2.5 billion).
- Funds 20 HH-60W combat rescue helicopters, 10 more than the request (\$1.2 billion).
- Funds 21 C/KC-130J aircraft, 16 more than the request (\$2.2 billion), including 16 C-130J aircraft for the Air National Guard and 5 KC-130J aircraft.
- Funds the third lot of CH-47F Block II Chinook aircraft and long-lead funding for the fourth lot to ensure that the Army stays on schedule with the program of record (\$200 million).

- Provides \$273 million above the request to fund a total of 35 UH/HH-60M Blackhawk helicopters (\$991 million)
- Funds the request of 35 AH-64 Apache helicopters (\$693 million).
- Provides an additional \$350 million for 12 MQ-1C Gray Eagle Extended Range UAVs for the Army National Guard.
- Funds the request of five MH-139 helicopters (\$186.2 million).
- Funds 12 CH-53K helicopters, two more than the request (\$1.86 billion).
- Funds seven E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft, two more than the request (\$1.2 billion).
- Funds five V-22 helicopters, five more than the request (\$508.7 million).
- Provides \$100 million for SOCOM's medium fixed wing recapitalization.
- Provides \$246 million for SOCOM's Armed Overwatch Program.
- Provides \$22 million for a SOCOM MH-47 and MH-6 resulting from a battle losses.

Shipbuilding

- Provides \$31.96 billion to procure eleven Navy ships, \$4 billion above the request.
- Provides for three DDG-51 guided missile destroyers, two SSN-774 attack submarines, one Frigate, one T-AO Fleet Oiler, two expeditionary fast transports, one towing, salvage, and rescue ship, and one LPD Flight II amphibious transport dock.

Vehicles/Force Protection

- Provides \$219 million above the request to procure additional Stryker A1 combat vehicles (\$891 million).
- Provides an additional \$120 million for Army National Guard HMMWV modernization.
- Funds the requested 1,528 Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) trucks and 1,381 companion trailers (\$664 million).
- Provides \$602 million above the request to upgrade 90 Abrams tanks to the M1A2 SEPV3 tank variant (\$1.2 billion).
- Provides \$210 million above the request for a total of 48 sets of M109A6 Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers and M992A2 Field Artillery Ammunition Support Vehicles, an increase of 21 sets (\$680 million).
- Fully funds the Army's request for production of 28 Mobile Protected Firepower systems (\$354 million).
- Provides \$109 million above the request to install Anti-lock Brake System/Electronic Stability Control (ABS/ESC) kits on existing Army HMMWV vehicles for improved safety.

Other

- Provides \$1.77 billion to procure seven National Security Space Launch services.
- Provides \$617 million to procure two GPS III F spacecraft.
- Provides \$200 million to fully support Israeli Cooperative procurement programs (Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow).
- Includes \$1 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA).

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E)

Total: \$136.7 billion

For fiscal year 2023, the bill provides \$136.7 billion, an increase of \$9.8 billion above the budget request and an increase of \$20.5 billion above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

- Invests in basic and applied scientific research, development, test and evaluation of new technologies and equipment, and supports the research community so forces will have the systems and equipment for tomorrow's challenges.

Aircraft

- Funds the continued development and modernization of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (\$2.1 billion), including an additional \$75 million for the F135 engine enhancement program.
- Funds the continued development of the Air Force's B-21 bomber (\$3.1 billion).
- Fully funds the Air Force's Next Generation Air Dominance program (\$1.7 billion).
- Funds the Adaptive Engine Transition Program (\$286.1 million) and Next Generation Adaptive Propulsion (\$220.4 million).
- Fully funds the continued development and testing of the CH-53K helicopter (\$220 million).
- Fully funds the Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA) (\$1.1 billion)
- Fully funds the Army's Improved Turbine Engine Program (\$228 million).

Vehicles and Ground Forces

- Fully funds modernization programs for Bradley, Stryker, Abrams, and Paladin.
- Fully funds the Army's Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (\$861 million).
- Fully funds the Army's Mobile Medium Range Missile (\$409 million).
- Fully funds the Army's Precision Strike Missile (\$260 million).

Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA)

- Provides \$4.06 billion for DARPA research programs.

Other

- Provides an additional \$30 million for PFAS remediation and disposal technology.
- Provides an additional \$15 million for on-site PFAS remediation technologies.
- Provides an additional \$20 million for AFFF replacement, disposal, and cleanup technology.
- Provides \$300 million for the Israeli cooperative research and development programs, including David's Sling and Arrow-3.
- Provides \$294 million for the Global Positioning System IIF program.
- Provides \$277 million for the Global Positioning System III Operational Control Segment.
- Provides \$382 million for Global Positioning System user equipment.
- Provides \$234 million for National Security Space Launch.
- Provides \$3.35 billion for Next Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared.
- Fully funds the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (\$3.6 billion) and Long Range Standoff Weapon (\$928.9 million) programs.
- Fully funds the continued development and testing of the Air Force's Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW) hypersonic program (\$115 million).
- Provides \$1.2 billion for the Navy's Conventional Prompt Strike program.

Revolving and Management Funds

Total: \$1.7 billion

The fiscal year 2023 Revolving and Management Funds recommendation is \$1.65 billion in base funding, which is \$71 million above the budget request.

- Provides an additional \$209.6 million to the Defense Commissary Agency to ensure servicemembers and their families receive continued savings for food and household goods as part of the military pay and benefits package.

Other Department of Defense Programs

Total: \$41.8 billion

Defense Health Programs

- \$39.2 billion for medical and health care programs of the Department of Defense. Within this total, adds \$582.5 million for cancer research. The total amount is distributed as follows:
 - \$150 million for the breast cancer research program;
 - \$110 million for the prostate cancer research program;
 - \$50 million for the kidney cancer research program;
 - \$45 million for the ovarian cancer research program;
 - \$25 million for the lung cancer research program;

- \$40 million for the melanoma research program;
- \$15 million for the pancreatic cancer research program;
- \$17.5 million for the rare cancer research program; and
- \$130 million for the cancer research program.
- Adds \$175 million for the peer-reviewed traumatic brain injury and psychological health research program.
- Adds \$40 million for spinal cord research.
- Adds \$25 million for the joint warfighter medical research program.
- Adds \$30 million for the toxic exposures research line.

Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction

- \$1 billion, as requested.

Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid

- \$170 million for foreign disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and the humanitarian mine action program, \$57 million above the budget request.

Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities

- \$971 million, including \$200 million for the National Guard Counter-Drug Program.

Security Cooperation Programs

- \$300 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative. This is in addition to \$9 billion for the Initiative, and \$11.88 billion to replenish United States stocks of equipment sent to Ukraine, provided by the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023.
- \$1.51 billion for International Security Cooperation Programs, including:
 - \$350 million for U.S. allies and partners facing Russian aggression, including \$225 million for Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania through the Baltic Security Initiative; \$35 million for Poland; \$30 million for Romania; \$20 million for Bulgaria; and \$40 million for Georgia.
 - \$175 million for programs with countries in Africa Command.
 - \$130 million for programs with countries in Southern Command.
 - \$90 million for programs with Jordan.
 - Supports international security cooperation programs with countries in Indo-Pacific Command, including for maritime security.
- Up to \$500 million for Jordan, including \$150 million for reimbursements for enhanced border security.
- An additional \$200 million to expand cooperation or improve the capabilities of U.S. allies and partners in Africa Command and Southern Command.

Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund

- \$475 million to support the Iraqi Security Forces, Kurdish Peshmerga, and the Syrian Democratic Forces counter ISIS.
- No funds may be used with respect to Iraq or Syria in contravention of the War Powers Resolution.
- No funds to establish any military base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq.
- No funds to exercise U.S. control over any oil resource of Iraq or Syria.

Office of the Inspector General

- \$485.4 million, which is an increase of \$6 million from the request and \$46.9 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level.

Oversight, Reform, and General Provisions

- No funds may be used in contravention of the War Powers Resolution.
- No funds for the Russian state-owned arms export agency Rosoboronexport.
- No funds for the Azov Battalion.
- No funds for the Taliban.
- No funds for countries in violation of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act.
- Provides that nothing in this Act may be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran or North Korea.
- Requires the Secretary of Defense to notify Congress after the receipt of foreign contributions.
- Requires the Secretary of Defense to notify Congress after a foreign base is opened or closed.
- Provides \$1 million to the Army for the renaming of installations, facilities, roads and streets that bear the name of confederate leaders and officers since the Army has the preponderance of the entities to change.
- Includes \$686.5 million to construct, renovate, repair, or expand public schools on military installations and requires laborers and mechanics to be paid prevailing wages.
- Includes over \$1 billion in prior year rescissions.
- \$1 billion for improvements to infrastructure and defueling of the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.
- \$1.053 billion for revised economic assumptions for procurement and R&D programs.