

# MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

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Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Bill At-A-Glance



Provides **\$314.1 billion, a 10 percent increase**, to support our veterans, servicemembers, and their families, rebuild our infrastructure, protect our national security, and confront the climate crisis

## Supports our Veterans

- Considers VA Medical Care spending as a separate funding category from other non-defense discretionary funding for the first time ever to better meet the full needs of our veterans
- Provides a critical \$118.8 billion for Veterans Medical Care to meet veterans' comprehensive health care needs, including:
  - \$13.9 billion for Mental Healthcare to provide treatment and support for the 2 million veterans receiving mental health services, including \$498 million for suicide prevention outreach
  - \$911.1 million for Gender-specific Care and programs to support over 600,000 women
  - \$183.3 million for substance use disorder programs and \$662.8 million for opioid abuse prevention
  - \$2.7 billion for Homeless Assistance Programs to better reach homeless veterans
- Invests \$16.2 billion in additional VA programs, including support for the Veterans Benefits Administration, medical and prosthetic research, construction programs, and the VA electronic health record system

## Rebuilds our Infrastructure for Servicemembers, Military Families, and Veterans

- Funds military family housing with \$2.1 billion, including \$373 million to address issues such as mold, vermin, and lead and increased oversight of military privatized housing
- Supports increased capacity and better facilities for the 1.2 million children of active duty servicemembers worldwide with \$274.4 million for Child Development Centers
- Ensures veterans can access care in modern facilities that are safe and accessible with \$2 billion for VA Construction programs to build, repair, and retrofit facilities

## Protects our National Security

- Responds to the challenges posed by continued Russian and Chinese aggression with over \$220 million for the NATO Security Investment Program for infrastructure necessary for wartime, crisis, peace support and deterrence operations, and training requirements

## Confronts the Climate Crisis

- Strengthens military installations' resiliency to climate change with \$135 million for Climate Change and Resiliency Projects to adapt to rising sea levels and worsening natural disasters
- Provides \$574.7 million for Base Realignment and Closure, including a historic \$200 million for PFAS testing and remediation at contaminated former installations and surrounding communities
- Provides \$653.3 million for the Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program to fund projects that improve energy resilience, contribute to mission assurance, save energy, and reduce the Department of Defense's energy costs