



# APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

## **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2025**

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill includes a total discretionary allocation of \$147.520 billion for the Department of Defense (Military Construction and Family Housing), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies. The defense portion of the allocation is \$17.957 billion (\$412 million above the FY25 Budget Request), and the non-defense portion of the allocation is \$129.563 billion.

In addition, the bill provides \$231.124 billion for mandatory programs for a total of \$378.644 billion in overall funding.

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Honors our commitment to veterans by:
  - Fully funding veterans' health care programs.
  - Fully funding veterans' benefits and VA programs.
- Bolsters our national security by:
  - Providing robust funding for the Indo-Pacific region, fully funding projects in Guam, and increasing resources for INDOPACOM to improve the Department of Defense posture in the region.
  - Maintaining the prohibitions on the closure of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the use of military construction funds to build facilities for detainees on U.S. soil.
- Focuses the Executive Branch on its core responsibilities by:
  - Reaffirming the political limits outlined in the Hatch Act, particularly those of lobbying Congress and using official resources for political purposes.
  - Prohibiting the use of funds to promote or advance critical race theory.
  - Prohibiting the implementation, administration, or enforcement of the Biden Administration's executive orders on diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Supports American values and principles by:
  - Prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used for abortion, using Hyde language which includes exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother.
  - Protecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights of veterans, preventing VA from sending information to the FBI about veterans without a judge's consent.
  - Prohibiting VA from processing medical care claims for illegal aliens.



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## DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

### **Department of Defense (Military Construction and Family Housing)**

Provides \$17.957 billion for Department of Defense military construction and family housing, which is \$412 million above the FY25 Budget Request.

- \$1.1 billion for 11 barracks projects.
  - \$75 million above the FY25 Budget Request for planning and design of future barracks to address barracks deficiencies identified by the Government Accountability Office.
- \$1.1 billion for investments in the Indo-Pacific region.
  - \$66 million for a new INDOPACOM initiative to improve United States force posture in the region.
  - Approximately \$700 million for investments in Guam to defend the United States and our partners and allies in the region.
- \$943 million for the Guard and Reserve, which is \$40 million above the FY25 Budget Request.
- \$2 billion for Military Family Housing.
  - \$75 million above the enacted level for child development centers to improve the quality of life of military families.

### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

Provides \$337.4 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is \$75.5 million above the FY25 Budget Request and \$30.2 billion above the FY24 enacted level.

- Fully funds veterans' medical care at \$112.6 billion, which is equal to the FY25 Budget Request.
- Fully funds veterans' benefits and toxic exposures-related needs for FY25.
  - \$22.8 billion in advance funding for the Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF).

### **Arlington National Cemetery**

Includes \$105.4 million for maintenance and construction of the Arlington National Cemetery.

### **Community Project Funding**

Includes \$547 million in Community Project Funding for 23 projects requested by 19 Members.