



MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act includes a total discretionary allocation of \$153.920 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 \$18.675 billion (\$2 billion above the President's budget request), and the non-defense portion of the allocation is \$135.245 billion.

In addition, the Act provides \$175.328 billion for mandatory programs, for a total of \$329.249 billion in overall funding.

The Act fully funds veterans medical care by appropriating \$121 billion in discretionary funding above the funding included in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund, for a total Fiscal Year 2024 appropriation of \$138 billion for veterans medical care. It also includes a total of \$471.3 million for the four related agencies.

TOP LINE MESSAGING

- Supports American values and principles by:
 - Fully funding veterans' health care programs.
 - Protecting the 2nd Amendment rights of veterans by preventing the VA from sending information to the FBI about veterans without a judge's consent.
- Refocuses Washington spending and cuts wasteful bureaucracy by:
 - Cutting VA's bloated administrative budget and directing that funding to grants for state veterans' homes, veterans medical research, and VA facilities.
 - Reaffirming the political limits outlined in the Hatch Act, particularly those of lobbying Congress and using official resources for political purposes.
- Bolsters our national security by:
 - Providing \$2 billion above the President's Budget Request for military construction, focusing investments on the Pacific theater, barracks, and other quality-of-life projects.

LEGACY RIDERS MAINTAINED

- Maintains longstanding, bipartisan riders, including:
 - A prohibition 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.
 - A requirement that government IT systems block pornography.



- Several provisions that limit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs' ability to repurpose funds without the approval of Congress, which the Administration proposed to weaken.

DEMOCRAT POISON PILLS REJECTED

- Rejects harmful Democrat policies that would have:
 - Directed wasteful spending on diversity, equity, and inclusion programming at the VA.

DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Department of Defense (Military Construction and Family Housing)

Provides \$18.675 billion for Department of Defense military construction and family housing, which is \$2 billion above the FY24 Budget Request.

- \$1.517 billion for infrastructure related to the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$128 million for the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.
- \$662.4 million for construction, planning, and design of barracks to improve the quality of housing for service members.
- \$336.3 million for child development center projects including \$276.82 million for construction of new centers and \$59.5 million in planning and design funding for construction projects.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Provides \$307.305 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, which when combined with amounts provided in the Fiscal Responsibility Act for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund is \$24.3 billion above the FY23 enacted level and equal to the FY24 Budget Request.

- Provides for a full-year funding level of \$138.127 billion for veterans medical care, which is equal to the FY24 Budget Request.
- Fully funds veterans' health care and toxic exposure-related needs for FY24.

Arlington National Cemetery

Includes \$88.6 million to complete the southern expansion of the Arlington National Cemetery.

Community Project Funding

The list of Community Project Funding requests included in final Fiscal Year 2024 bills is available here: <https://appropriations.house.gov/fiscal-year-2024-community-project-funding>