



DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The Defense Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$824.485 billion. The defense budget function portion of the allocation is \$824.298 billion, which is \$26.745 billion (3.4%) above the FY23 level. The non-defense portion of the allocation, which covers certain transfers to the Veterans Health Administration, is \$187 million.

The Act provides robust resources to arm the military, invest in our servicemembers and their families, and secure our national defense. Owing to persistent oversight of program execution across the Department of Defense (DOD), the Act rejects tens of billions of dollars in waste included in the President's Budget Request and redirects those resources to programs and activities that counter the People's Republic of China and other near-peer adversaries. The Act also increases DOD's role in combatting the flow of fentanyl, synthetic opioids, and other illegal drugs into the United States.

Importantly, the Act sustains key provisions from the House bill that will enhance oversight, promote innovation in DOD's procurement process, and leverage private sector tools to reform the Pentagon's civilian workforce.

TOP LINE MESSAGING

- Counters the People's Republic of China by:
 - Maxing out production of critical munitions.
 - Doubling security cooperation funding for Taiwan.
 - Directing the Secretary of Defense to prioritize the delivery of defense articles and services to Taiwan.
 - Rejecting the Biden Administration's inadequate shipbuilding plan by denying the request to divest 4 ships prematurely and funding the construction of 8 battle ships.
 - Increasing investments in 5th and 6th generation aircraft, like the F-35 and Next Generation Air Dominance.
 - Providing over \$66 billion in INDOPACOM-relevant capabilities, including \$42 million in unfunded priorities to bolster U.S. military capabilities in the region.
 - Prohibiting funding for the Wuhan Institute of Virology and EcoHealth Alliance in China.
- Reforms Pentagon bureaucracy and refocuses Biden Administration spending by:
 - Cutting over \$30 billion in unjustified requests from the President's Budget Request, redirecting that funding to counter the PRC, increase counternarcotics efforts, and invest in quality-of-life initiatives for servicemembers and their families.
 - Cutting \$50.5 million from diversity and inclusion programs in the President's Budget Request, rolling back funding to FY21 levels.
 - Cutting \$574 million from wasteful climate change programs and projects in the President's Budget Request, retaining 79% of cuts included in the House bill.

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- Cutting \$500 million from the President’s Budget Request to stem the cost growth of contracted services.
- Cutting \$100 million from the President’s Budget Request to reap savings from DOD efficiency improvement efforts.
- Funding the new Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve to provide enhanced oversight of funds and stocks provided to Ukraine.
- Cutting \$1.2 billion from the President’s Budget Request to hire additional civilian bureaucrats.
- Unleashes innovation to modernize the military by:
 - Investing in next-generation fighter aircraft, helicopters, tactical combat vehicles, and submarines.
 - Empowering combatant commanders to rapidly obtain the cutting-edge technology and weapons they need and put them in the hands of the warfighters through Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) Fielding and utilization of budget activity eight.
 - Funding the modernization of the nuclear triad: the B-21 Raider, the Columbia Class Submarine, and Sentinel.
 - Providing nearly \$1 billion for the Defense Innovation Unit and the military services to accelerate acquisition processes and leverage innovative technologies now.
 - Increasing funding for the successful program Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT), which prevents critical innovation from being caught in the “Valley of Death.”
- Increases DOD’s role in counternarcotics by:
 - Providing \$1.18 billion for the drug interdiction and counterdrug activities account, which is \$291 million above the President’s Budget Request.
 - Increasing funding for the National Guard Counterdrug Program.
 - Increasing funding for train and equip programs to combat illicit fentanyl and synthetic opioids.
- Takes care of our servicemembers and their families by:
 - Funding the largest increase (5.2%) in basic military pay in over 20 years.
 - Making investments to improve child development centers and enhance the quality of education at all Department-run schools.
 - Funding child care fee assistance programs to address out-of-pocket costs for families unable to access child care on a military installation.
 - Providing clear guidance on professional license portability and improvements for measuring military spouse employment.
 - Providing \$1.5 billion for Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs that focus on medical issues of significance to servicemembers and their families.
 - Providing an additional \$123 million for recruiting and retention incentives and servicemember cost-of-living adjustments.
 - Providing an additional \$177 million for quality-of-life initiatives.

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- Supports American values and principles by:
 - Prohibiting the President from being able to close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility or transfer detainees to the United States.
 - Prohibiting funds from being used in contravention of the FY23 Congressional repeal of the COVID Vaccine Mandate.

DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Military Personnel

Provides \$176.2 billion for active, reserve, and National Guard military personnel, which is \$3.5 billion above the FY23 enacted level.

- Funds a basic pay increase of 5.2% for all military personnel effective January 1, 2024.
- Funds total end strength of 2,048,100 personnel.
- Directs DOD to conduct an independent survey to better understand the failure of recruitment efforts by the services.
- Directs DOD to report on the improper release of servicemembers' personally identifiable information by the Air Force and to review the Department's regulation on privacy to ensure appropriate consideration of the privacy interests of current and former servicemembers.
- Directs the Secretary of Defense to brief congressional defense committees on proposals to increase junior enlisted pay.

Operation and Maintenance

Provides \$287.2 billion for operation and maintenance support to the military services and other DOD entities, which is \$9.1 billion above the FY23 enacted level.

- \$17.4 billion to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force for depot maintenance.
- \$16.4 billion for facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization, which is \$457 million above the President's Budget Request.
 - Includes targeted increases for shipyard repairs, barracks, and child development centers.
- \$9.7 billion to fund SOCOM's operation and maintenance requirements.
- \$351 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Account.
- \$85 million for the National Guard Youth Challenge, \$55.1 million for Civil Air Patrol, \$53 million for STARBASE, and \$4 million for Sea Cadets.
- \$50 million for Impact Aid and \$20 million for Impact Aid for those with disabilities.

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- Secures key House reporting provisions that:
 - Direct a GAO report on DOD improper payments and an internal DOD review of potentially duplicative activities.
 - Direct the Air Force to address the current pilot shortfall and meet its annual pilot training goal.
 - Prioritize the use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) remediation and mitigation technologies.

Procurement

Provides \$172 billion for procurement, which is \$9.8 billion above the FY23 enacted level and \$3 billion above the President's Budget Request.

- Munitions Multi-Year Procurement Authority
 - Supports multi-year procurement authority for Naval Strike Missile, Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System, PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 Missile Segment Enhancement, Lang Range Anti-Ship Missile, Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile, and Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile.
- Aircraft
 - \$9.8 billion for 86 F-35 aircraft, including:
 - 51 F-35As, three more than in the President's Budget Request.
 - 16 short take-off and vertical landing variants for the Marine Corps.
 - 19 carrier variants for the Navy and Marine Corps.
 - \$1.6 billion for the B-21 Raider.
 - \$2.8 billion for 15 KC-46A tanker aircraft.
 - \$2.4 billion for 24 F-15EX aircraft.
 - \$223.2 million for 7 MH-139 aircraft.
 - \$840 million above the President's Budget Request for 8 C-130Js for the Air National Guard.
 - \$400 million above the President's Budget Request for 10 Combat Rescue Helicopters.
 - \$657 million for five CMV-22s.
 - \$1.8 billion for 10 P-8A Poseidon aircraft.
 - \$413 million for two E-2D Advanced Hawkeye.
 - \$118.7 million for one KC-130J.
 - \$416 million for two MQ-4C Triton aircraft.
 - \$1.7 billion for 15 CH-53K helicopters.
 - \$728 million for 27 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.
 - \$177 million for four CH-47 Chinook Block II helicopters.

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- Shipbuilding
 - \$33.5 billion for the procurement of eight Navy ships, including two DDG-51 guided missile destroyers, two Virginia-class fast attack submarines, one Columbia-class ballistic submarine, two Frigates, and one TAO Fleet Oiler.
 - \$585 million for four ship-to-shore connectors.
 - \$72 million for one additional Auxiliary Personnel Lighter and \$30 million for one additional Repair, Berthing and Messing Barge.
 - Supports the \$155 million request for multi-use and parking facilities at shipyards to improve the quality of life for sailors.
- Vehicles/Force Protection
 - \$555 million for M109A6 Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers and M992A2 Field Artillery Ammunition Support Vehicles.
 - \$140 million for more than 750 new, modernized Humvees for the Army National Guard.
 - \$1.2 billion for Abrams M1A2 SEPv3 tanks.
 - \$1.2 billion for Patriot MSE missiles.
 - \$917 million for the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS).
 - \$179 million for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS).
 - \$255 million for Joint Air to Ground Missiles (JAGM).
- Other
 - \$300 million for the Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT) program to help bridge the “Valley of Death” and deliver cutting-edge capabilities to the warfighter in an accelerated timeline.
 - \$2.1 billion for 10 National Security Space Launches.
 - \$1 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account.
- Defense Production Act
 - \$587.9 million for Defense Production Act purchases.

Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Provides \$148.3 billion for research, development, test, and evaluation, which is \$8.6 billion above the FY23 enacted level and \$3.4 billion above the President’s Budget Request.

- Aircraft
 - \$2.3 billion for continued development and modernization of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.
 - \$200 million above the President’s Budget Request for the E-7 Wedgetail.
 - \$2.3 billion for the continued development of the Air Force’s Next Generation Air Dominance program, which is equal to the President’s Budget Request.

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- \$2.9 billion for the continued development of the B-21 Bomber.
- \$1.5 billion to support Army Future Vertical Lift, including design, prototyping, and risk reduction for the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft.
- Hypersonics
 - \$1.2 billion for the Navy’s hypersonics programs, including the Conventional Prompt Strike (CPS) program and efforts to integrate CPS onto Zumwalt-class Destroyers and Virginia-class Submarines.
 - \$1 billion for the Army’s Long Range Hypersonic Weapon program.
 - \$343 million for the Air Force’s Hypersonic Attack Cruise Missile.
 - \$35 million to complete flight testing for the Air Force’s Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW).
 - \$234 million for the Missile Defense Agency to develop hypersonic defense systems.
 - \$239 million for advanced hypersonics research and hypersonic test facilities and ranges.
- Innovation
 - Nearly \$1 billion for DIU and the services to deliver innovative capabilities from non-traditional sources.
 - \$220 million to address the most pressing combatant commander priorities.
 - \$134 million for DIU and Service Non-traditional Innovative Fielding Enterprise.
 - \$749.6 million to accelerate the Department’s digital transformation of business practices through the Chief Data Artificial Intelligence Office.
 - \$84 million for the Office of Strategic Capital to maximize the use of private capital for defense emerging technologies and manufacturing.
 - Provides authority for DIU Fielding activities to utilize budget activity eight for agile development through initial acquisition of end-items for operational use.
- Operational Test and Evaluation
 - \$337.5 million for operational test and evaluation activities.
- Other
 - \$4.5 billion for the continued development of the Air Force’s Ground Based Strategic Deterrent program.
 - \$2.1 billion for the Next Generation Interceptor Development.
 - \$292.2 million for the Global Positioning System IIF program, which is equal to the President’s Budget Request.
 - \$246.8 million for the Global Positioning System III Operational Control Segment.
 - \$333.2 million for Global Positioning System user equipment.
 - \$162.2 million for National Security Space Launch research and development activities.
 - \$2.3 billion for the Next Generation Overhead Persistent Infrared program.

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- \$2.2 billion for the continued development of the Resilient Missile Warning-Missile Tracking program.

Revolving and Management Funds

- \$1.79 billion for the Defense Working Capital Funds accounts.

Other Department of Defense Programs

Provides \$42.7 billion for other important DOD programs, which is \$945 million above the FY23 enacted level and \$1.8 billion above the President's Budget Request.

- Defense Health Programs
 - \$39.9 billion for DOD medical and health care programs, including:
 - \$592.5 million above the President's Budget Request for cancer research.
 - \$10 million above the President's Budget Request for the arthritis research program.
 - \$30 million above the President's Budget Request for the toxic exposures research program.
 - \$20 million above the President's Budget Request for the joint warfighter medical research program.
- Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs
 - Fully funds the Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs, which includes Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow.
 - \$300 million for Research, Test and Evaluation.
 - \$200 million for Procurement.
- Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities
 - \$1.18 billion, which is \$291 million above the President's Budget Request, including:
 - \$703 million for counternarcotics support, including \$50 million above the President's Budget Request for programs to counter illicit fentanyl and synthetic opioids.
 - \$138 million for demand reduction.
 - \$306 million for the National Guard Counterdrug Program, the highest level on record.
 - \$30 million for the National Guard Counterdrug Schools.
 - An additional \$20 million is provided under Operation and Maintenance for train and equip programs with Mexico to counter illicit fentanyl and other synthetic opioids and transnational criminal organizations, particularly Sinaloa and Jalisco drug cartels.

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- Office of the Inspector General
 - \$506.6 million for the Office of the Inspector General.
 - \$8 million for the Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve for Ukraine oversight.
 - Directs the Inspector General to review the efficacy of the Department’s end-use monitoring program and directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the Department’s execution of presidential drawdown authority.

- Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund
 - \$398 million to support the Iraqi Security Forces, Kurdish Peshmerga, and the Syrian Democratic Forces to counter ISIS.

- Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction
 - \$1.1 billion for the destruction of chemical agents and munitions, which is equal to the President’s Budget Request.

- Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid
 - \$142.5 million, which is \$27.6 million above the President’s Budget Request, for foreign disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and the humanitarian mine action program.