



APPROPRIATIONS

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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, provides a total discretionary allocation of \$153.278 billion, including \$19.7 billion in defense funding and \$133.5 billion in non-defense discretionary funding. The bill reflects priorities of the President's Budget Request and America First agenda by including critical investments in military infrastructure that support readiness and the military families that utilize them. In addition, the bill provides \$263.7 billion for mandatory veteran programs – including disability compensation, educational benefits, and employment training.

In summary, the bill supports those who have sacrificed for our country and maintains our commitment to the well-being of both service members and veterans.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Champions our veterans by:**
 - Fully funding veterans' health care programs.
 - Fully funding veterans' benefits and VA programs.
 - Supporting President Trump's efforts to combat veteran homelessness by investing in the new National Center for Warrior Independence established via Executive Order.
 - Maintaining funding levels for research, mental health programs and other programs relied upon by veterans.
 - Providing robust funding for Electronic Health Record Modernization, one of the largest health IT transformation initiatives, aimed at improving care coordination, decision-making, and patient experience across federal and civilian settings.
 - Protecting the 2nd Amendment rights of veterans by preventing the VA from sending information to the FBI about veterans without a judge's consent.
- **Bolsters U.S. national security and border protections by:**
 - Providing robust funding for the construction and modernization of military infrastructure critical to America's ability to prevail in combat against any adversary and support our military forces and their families.
 - 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.
 - Prohibiting the VA from purchasing resources directly or indirectly from the People's Republic of China.



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DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Department of Defense (Military Construction and Family Housing)

Provides \$19.7 billion for the Department of Defense (DoD) military construction and family housing.

- More than \$7 billion for the construction and modernization of military infrastructure necessary to meet current military operations and training requirements.
- More than \$2 billion to build and upgrade infrastructure that supports new and emerging technologies, including the construction of next-generation hangars tailored to support advanced platforms.
- \$1.5 billion to support the U.S. Navy's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program, the initiative to modernize and revitalize the Navy's four public shipyards.
- Over \$4.5 billion in military construction and family housing operation and maintenance funding that directly supports military quality of life, including military family housing, barracks, hospitals, schools, child development centers, and other facilities that support the needs of our military and their families.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Provides \$133.2 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in discretionary funding as requested in the President's Budget.

- Fully funds veterans' medical care at \$115.1 billion, which is equal to the FY26 Budget Request and also includes \$52.67 billion for the Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF).
 - Includes \$59.2 billion for direct care at VA facilities and \$34 billion for community care providers.
 - Provides \$18.9 million for mental health, \$945 million for medical and prosthetic research, \$709.6 million for opioid misuse prevention and treatment, and \$342.5 million for rural health initiatives.
- Provides \$3.4 billion for the Veterans Electronic Health Record program to support VA's plan to resume new site deployments at 13 locations in 2026, growing to 27 facilities in 2026.
- Includes \$1.4 billion for Major Construction efforts of VA hospitals and cemeteries.
- Provides advance funding for FY27 for veterans' healthcare and benefits.

Related Agencies – American Battle Monument Commission, Arlington National Cemetery, Armed Forces Retirement

Provides \$357.8 million for Related Agencies.

Community Project Funding

The bill includes \$450,000,000 in Community Project Funding for 19 projects among 15 House Members.