



# VA 2018 Budget Request: Fast Facts

## 2018 Budget Highlights

### Medical Care

Significantly increases access to health care with additional discretionary funding. Includes new mandatory funding for continuation of the Choice Program to provide timely care, close to home.

- 2018 Medical Care: \$72.3 billion (including \$3.3 billion in collections), up \$4.6 billion over 2017; also requests \$2.9 billion in new mandatory budget authority for the Choice Program in 2018
- 2019 Medical Care: \$74.0 billion for the 2019 advance appropriation (including \$3.3 billion in collections), up \$1.7 billion over 2018; also requests \$3.5 billion in mandatory budget authority for the Choice Program in 2019

### 2018 Highlights:

- Community Care: \$9.7 billion in discretionary funding, up \$2.4 billion from 2017, plus an additional \$2.9 billion in new mandatory Choice Program funding; combined with Choice Program carryover of \$626 million, provides total funding of \$13.2 billion in 2018
- Mental Health: \$8.4 billion (up \$473 million from 2017) to expand Veteran inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care
- Non-Recurring Maintenance: \$1.9 billion to address medical facilities' infrastructure deficiencies

### Benefits Claims Processing

Strengthens Veterans' benefits programs and sustains progress on the disability compensation claims backlog.

- Requests \$2.8 billion to support VBA's efforts to continue processing record numbers of Veteran claims
- Invests \$115.4 million for the Veterans Claims Intake Program (VCIP) to convert paper claims to digital images to improve electronic claims processing
- Supports completion of 1.4 million disability compensation and pension claims, and 3.9 million education claims
- Provides \$101.5 billion for mandatory benefits, including disability compensation and Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits
- Requests \$107.7 billion for 2019 advance appropriations for three mandatory benefits programs (Compensation and Pensions, Readjustment Benefits, and Insurance and Indemnities)

### Appeals Reform

Requests reforms to the appeals process to ensure veterans receive timely and fair appeals decisions.

- Requests \$155.6 million for the Board of Veterans' Appeals, which will support 1,050 FTE, an increase of 164 FTE above 2017, to improve services to Veterans

### Information Technology

Enhances Veteran access, improves the Veteran experience, and strengthens cyber security.

- Requests \$4.1 billion for an IT program that supports modernized information systems
- Invests \$340 million for information security to protect Veterans information and improve VA's information networks resilience
- Invests \$360 million for development priorities including Electronic Health Record, Financial Management System, Benefits Delivery Network, Burial Operations Support System, and Veterans Appeals Control and Locator System

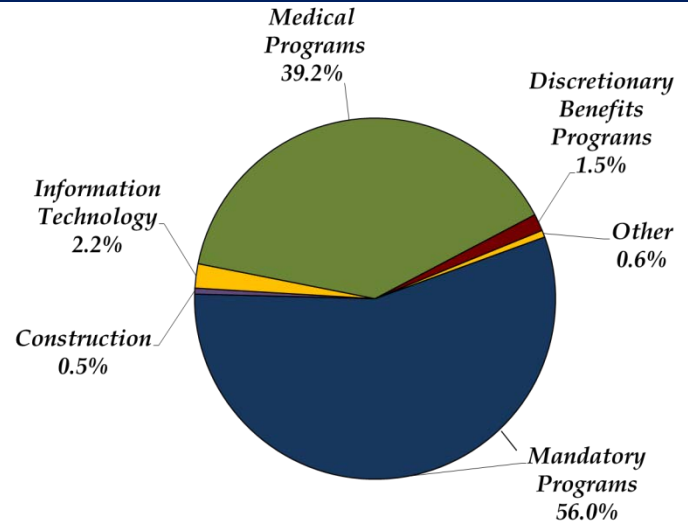
### National Cemetery Administration

- \$306.2 million (\$20 million over 2017) for expanded access and to enhance VA's national cemetery Shrine program

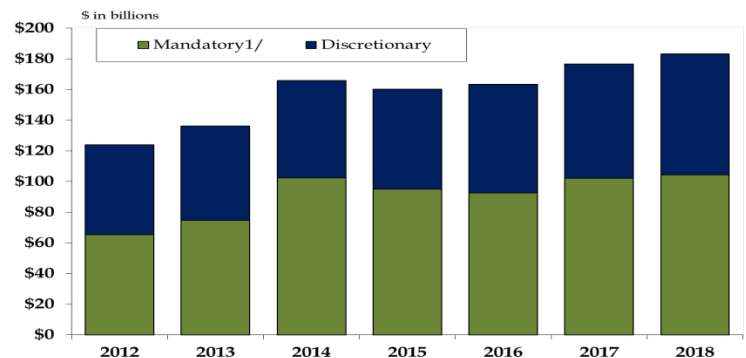
### Construction

- Requests \$512.4 million in Major Construction and \$342.6 million in Minor Construction for priority infrastructure projects
- Supports new outpatient clinic in Livermore, CA; gravesite expansions in Sacramento, CA; Bushnell, FL; Elwood, IL; Calverton, NY; Phoenix, AZ; and Bridgeville, PA

## 2018 Budget Breakout



## VA's Historical Perspective



	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Mandatory <sup>1/</sup>	65.5	74.8	102.4	95.1	92.5	102.2	104.3
Discretionary	58.5	61.4	63.4	65.1	70.9	74.5	78.8
MCCF	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3
<b>Total VA<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>126.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>168.9</b>	<b>163.5</b>	<b>166.9</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>186.5</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 2014 Mandatory includes \$15 billion provided by the Veterans Choice Act

<sup>2/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding

## VA Discretionary Funding by Appropriation (\$ in millions)

Medical Care <sup>1/</sup>	\$72,306
Medical and Prosthetic Research	640
Veterans Benefits Administration	2,844
National Cemetery Administration	306
General Administration	347
Board of Veterans' Appeals	156
Information Technology	4,056
Construction/Grants	990
Office of Inspector General	160
Credit Reform Administration	180
DoD Transfer for Joint Accounts	131
<b>Total Discretionary</b>	<b>82,115</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Collections