



VA 2020 Budget Request: Fast Facts

2020 Budget Highlights

Overall: The Budget demonstrates VA's ongoing commitment to providing Veterans more quality, timely, and efficient services by requesting a total increase of \$19.3 billion, 9.6 percent above the FY 2019 Budget. This includes \$97 billion for discretionary funding (+7.5 percent) and \$123.2 billion for mandatory funding (+11.1 percent).

Medical Care

The Budget expands access to health care and fully supports implementation of the VA MISSION Act. In FY 2020, the Budget includes an increase of 9.5 percent for medical care.

- FY 2020 Medical Care: \$84.1 billion (including \$3.9 billion in collections), +\$7.3 billion above 2019. This level includes \$15.3 billion for Community Care.
 - Mental Health: \$9.4 billion to expand Veteran inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care.
 - Women's Health: \$547 million (+\$42 million) to meet the health care needs of women.
 - Homelessness: \$1.8 billion to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- FY 2021 Medical Care: \$91.8 billion in advance appropriations (including \$4.1 billion in collections), +\$7.7 billion (+9.1%) above 2020.

Benefits Claims Processing

Strengthens Veterans' benefits programs

- Provides \$3.0 billion to VBA to process 1.5 million disability compensation claims and 4.2 million education claims.
- Supports the continued implementation of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, the "Forever GI Bill."

Appeals Reform

- Provides BVA with \$182 million and 1,125 FTE to address legacy appeals and implement reform. The Board adjudicated over 85,000 appeals in 2018, a historic record for any one year.
- Supports the implementation of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, effective February 2019.
- Delivers a new, simpler, and more timely appeals process that gives Veterans choices and control.

Information Technology

- Provides \$4.3 billion for the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to enhance Veteran access and improve the Veteran experience, including a total of \$327.2 million for Infrastructure Readiness and \$401 million for development in support of VA's top priorities. The request includes \$36 million for the FY 2020 MISSION Act implementation initiatives.

Electronic Health Record Modernization

- Includes \$1.6 billion to create and implement a single longitudinal electronic health record from active duty to veteran status.

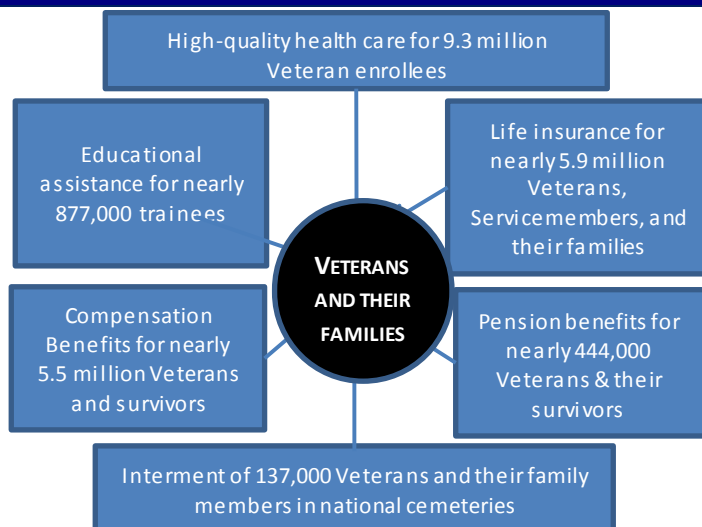
National Cemetery Administration

- Includes \$329 million to fund the operation of 144 national cemeteries and enhance NCA's National Shrine and Veterans Legacy programs.

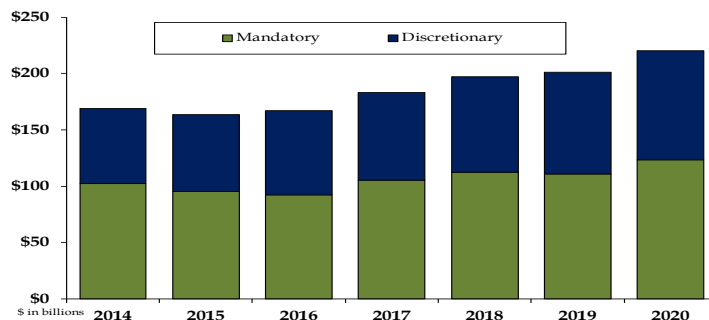
Construction

- Invests \$1.8 billion in VA's Construction programs for priority infrastructure projects, seismic corrections, cemetery expansions, and grants for state cemeteries and long-term care facilities.
- Fully funds the construction of a new hospital in Louisville, KY and renovation and restoration of the Manhattan, NY Medical Center.

Who Do We Serve



VA's Historical Perspective (\$ in billions)



(\$ in billions)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Mandatory	102.4	95.1	92.5	105.5	112.3	110.9	123.2
Discretionary	63.4	65.1	70.9	74.3	81.6	86.6	93.1
Collections	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.9
Total VA^{1/}	168.9	163.5	166.9	183.3	197.4	201.1	220.2

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding

VA FY 2020 Discretionary Funding by Appropriation (\$ in millions)

Medical Care with Collections	\$84,083
Medical Research	762
Electronic Health Records	1,603
Information Technology	4,343
Veterans Benefits Administration	3,000
Board of Veterans' Appeals	182
National Cemetery Administration	329
General Administration	369
Construction (Major and Minor)	1,634
Grants (Extended Care Facilities & Cemeteries)	135
Inspector General	207
Loan Administration & DoD Transfers for Joint Accounts*	344
Total Discretionary Funding	\$96,991

*Does not reflect transfers from Medical Care appropriations for Joint Accounts