



FOVA Recommendations for FY 2021

Department of Veterans Affairs

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

| <u>FY 2020 Enacted</u> <u>(P.L. 116-94)</u> | <u>President's FY 2021</u> <u>Request</u> | <u>FOVA FY 2021</u> <u>Recommendation</u> |
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| \$800 million | \$787 million | \$860 million |
| Prior year rescission: \$50 million | -\$13 million below FY 2020 appropriation | +\$60 million above FY 2020 appropriation |

FOVA is thankful to Congress for its recent increased investments to support veteran-centric research. While the FY 2020 appropriation would have continued this funding growth and covered the cost of biomedical inflation, the FY 2020 Military Construction, VA, and Related Agencies bill also included \$50 million in rescissions from prior appropriations to the Medical and Prosthetic Research Program, negating the increases in FY 2020. FOVA's FY 2021 recommendation of \$860 million for VA research would return the investment in veteran-centric research to a trajectory of meaningful growth and renewed support for groundbreaking programs like the Million Veteran Program (MVP), while also supporting VA research on chronic and emerging needs of our nation's veterans. Sustained and predictable funding growth for VA research - without rescissions - is imperative to help ensure the best return on investment in improving the health of veterans and all Americans.

MAJOR AND MINOR CONSTRUCTION

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| <u>FOVA FY 2021 Recommendation</u> | At least \$100 million |
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State-of-the-art research requires an investment in state-of-the-art facilities, technology, and equipment. For decades, appropriations for construction and maintenance have not provided the resources VA needs to replace, maintain, or upgrade its aging research facilities. The impact of this funding shortage was published in a 2012 congressionally mandated report that found a clear need for systematic research infrastructure improvements. VA recently completed a Phase II assessment of fewer than one-third of sites inspected in Phase I. Phase II findings show that while certain projects have received funding, significant deficiencies remain. Over \$200 million was identified to correct all deficiencies, including \$99.5 million in Priority 1 deficiencies, representing immediate needs such as life safety hazard corrections. FOVA believes designating funds specifically for research facilities is the only way to make significant improvements. For capital infrastructure, renovations, and maintenance, FOVA recommends at least \$100 million for VA research facilities to address the most pressing repairs.

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FOVA was founded over 30 years ago to ensure that America's veterans receive high-quality health care. Today, FOVA is a diverse coalition representing national academic, medical, and scientific societies; voluntary health and patient advocacy groups; and veteran-focused associations. FOVA works in concert with the *Independent Budget* veterans service organizations.

FY 2021 FOVA Recommendation Endorsing Organizations (96)

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health
AcademyHealth
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Pain Medicine
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Association for Anatomy
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Brain Coalition
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)
American Dental Education Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Liver Foundation
American Massage Therapy Association
American Organization for Nursing Leadership
American Orthopaedic Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
American Society of Nephrology
American Spinal Injury Association
American Surgical Association (ASA)
American Thoracic Society
American Tinnitus Association
American Urological Association
American Veterans (AMVETS)
AMGDB (Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry)
Arthritis Foundation
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Pathology Chairs

FY 2021 FOVA Recommendation Endorsing Organizations, Continued

Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
Association of University Professors of Neurology
Association of VA Hematology/Oncology
Association of VA Psychologist Leaders
Association of University Anesthesiologists
AVANA - Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)
Catholic War Veterans
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Endocrine Society
Epilepsy Foundation
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association
LUNGevery Foundation
Lymphatic Education Research Network
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics & Prosthetics
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations
NephCure Kidney International
New York State Academic Dental Centers
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA)
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
Polish Legion of American Veterans
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Neuroscience
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Society of General Internal Medicine
The Marfan Foundation
Veterans Health Council of Vietnam Veterans of America
Veterans of Foreign Wars
VeteransAgainstAlzheimer's
Vietnam Veterans of America