

FOVA Recommendations for FY 2027

Department of Veterans Affairs

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH PROGRAM – at least \$1.2 billion

The Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research (FOVA) coalition urges Congress to provide at least \$1.2 billion in discretionary funding for the VA Medical and Prosthetic Research Program in FY 2027, recognizing the critical role VA research plays in advancing Veterans' health and driving medical innovation nationwide.

Sustained funding is essential to preserving VA's legacy of scientific excellence. This investment will support VA's core research operations, including investigator-initiated studies, clinical trials, and translational science that directly informs the care Veterans receive across VA medical centers nationwide.

Increased funding will also help VA accelerate research in toxic exposures, mental health conditions, traumatic brain injury, and chronic diseases that disproportionately affect Veterans — areas where VA continues to lead the nation in innovation. With continued investment, VA can remain at the forefront of medical research, delivering breakthroughs that improve Veterans' lives and strengthen America's broader research ecosystem.

PHYSICAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) INFRASTRUCTURE

MAJOR AND MINOR CONSTRUCTION – \$200 million

FOVA further urges Congress to provide \$200 million for major and minor construction to address longstanding research infrastructure deficiencies across VA medical centers and affiliated research facilities.

Years of constrained capital investment have contributed to deteriorating research space, unresolved life-safety deficiencies, and aging building systems that impede the conduct of modern biomedical research. Dedicated funding is necessary to modernize laboratories, correct Priority 1 health and safety deficiencies, and ensure research facilities meet contemporary standards required for clinical and translational science.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – \$55 million

In addition, FOVA recommends \$55 million in dedicated funding for research information technology modernization.

VA's ability to initiate and execute clinical trials, securely manage research data, and maintain competitive academic and industry partnerships depends on modern, interoperable IT infrastructure. Targeted investment would strengthen research data storage and security, support cloud computing capabilities, improve interoperability with research affiliates, and enhance digital tools necessary for cutting-edge biomedical research.

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Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
AcademyHealth
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Foundation
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM)
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Brain Coalition
American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association
American Physiological Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association Services, Inc.
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Neurorehabilitation
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Thoracic Society
Arthritis Foundation
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association of Academic Leaders of Neurology (formerly AUPN)
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
Association of Cancer Care Centers

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Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of VA Hematology Oncology
Association of VA Neurology Services (AVANS)
Blinded Veterans Association
Brain Injury Association of America
Caregiver Action Network
Center for Patient Advocacy Leaders (CPALs)
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Community Liver Alliance
Corp Mind Body Wellness LLC
DAV (Disabled American Veterans)
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Endocrine Society
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Good Days
Hope Charities
Interstitial Cystitis Association
LUNGeity Foundation
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Melanoma Research Foundation
Mission MSA
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR)
National Association of VA Physicians and Dentists
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
National Scleroderma Foundation
NCODA
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA)
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Research Society on Alcohol
Research!America

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RESNA

Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation

Sleep Research Society

Society for Investigative Dermatology

Society for Neuroscience

Society for Women's Health Research

The Catholic War Veterans of the USA, Inc.

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

US Hereditary Angioedema Association

Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute

ZERO Prostate Cancer