

Military Construction-Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Year 2020 Bill At-a-Glance



The bill provides **\$108 billion** in discretionary funding to support military construction projects & critical health & wellness programs for veterans

Military Construction: \$10.5 billion



- **Military Family Housing** — **\$1.5 billion** for military family housing that includes funds to address housing issues such as mold, vermin, & lead. This funding will ensure quality housing for more than **2 million military families** currently served by the program.

Department of Veterans Affairs: \$94.3 billion



- **VA Medical Care** — \$80.4 billion providing for approximately seven million patients to be treated in fiscal year 2020. Within this total, funding includes:
 - \$9.4 billion in mental healthcare services
 - \$1.9 billion for homeless assistance programs
 - \$582 million for gender-specific care for women
 - \$397 million for opioid abuse prevention
 - \$270 million in rural health initiatives
- **Disability Claims Processing Backlog** — **\$3 billion** to reduce the disability claims backlog to ensure adequate compensation & care for the more than 450,000 veterans still wading through VA bureaucracy.
- **VA Electronic Health Record** — **\$1.6 billion** to continue implementation of the VA electronic health record system, that will be interoperable with the system being developed for Department of Defense.

The bill also includes **\$222 million** for suicide prevention outreach to combat the growing challenges of veteran suicide, P.T.S.D. & other mental health challenges