

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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AcademyHealth
ALS Association
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
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 Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association
American Psychological Association Services, Inc.
American Physiological Society
American Society of Neurorehabilitation
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Thoracic Society
Arthritis Foundation
Association of Academic Leaders of Neurology (formerly AUPN)
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
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

Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research (FOVA) was founded in 1989 to ensure that America's veterans have access to high-quality, evidence-based health care informed by a robust federal research enterprise. Today, FOVA is a broad, multidisciplinary coalition representing nearly 150 national academic, medical, and scientific societies; voluntary health and patient advocacy organizations; research institutions; and veteran-focused associations.



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Endocrine Society
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Good Days
Hope Charities
Interstitial Cystitis Association
LUNGevity Foundation
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Melanoma Research Foundation
Mission MSA
National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR)
National Association of VA Physicians and Dentists
National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA)
National Scleroderma Foundation
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Research Society on Alcohol
RESNA
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Investigative Dermatology
Society for Neuroscience
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute
ZERO Prostate Cancer