



## FOVA Recommendations for FY 2021

### Department of Veterans Affairs

#### MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

| <u>FY 2020 Enacted<br/>(P.L. 116-94)</u> | <u>President's FY 2021<br/>Request</u>       | <u>FOVA FY 2021<br/>Recommendation</u>       |
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| \$800 million                            | \$787 million                                | <b>\$860 million</b>                         |
| Prior year rescission:<br>\$50 million   | -\$13 million below<br>FY 2020 appropriation | +\$60 million above<br>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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| <b><u>FOVA FY 2021 Recommendation</u></b> | <b>At least \$100 million</b> |
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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