



VA 2017 Budget Request: Fast Facts

Total VA funding has grown by nearly 86% from 2009

2017 Budget Highlights

Benefits Claims Processing

Strengthens Veterans' benefits programs and sustains progress on the disability claims backlog

- Requests \$2.8 billion (up \$118 million over 2016) for more efficient benefits claims processing through technology enhancements, improved business processes, and hiring 300 claims processors to improve the timeliness of non-rating claims
- Invests \$142.9 million for the Veterans Claims Intake Program (VCIP) to convert paper claims to digital images into the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) to improve claims processing
- Supports completion of 1.4 million disability compensation and pension claims, and 4.7 million education claims
- Provides \$103.6 billion for mandatory benefits, including disability compensation and Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits
- Requests \$103.9 billion for 2018 advance appropriations for three mandatory benefits programs (Compensation and Pensions, Readjustment Benefits, and Insurance and Indemnities)

Medical Care

Increases access to healthcare and proposes a separate Community Care account to facilitate Veterans' care in the community

- 2017 Medical Care: \$68.6 billion (including \$3.6 billion in collections), up \$3.9 billion over 2016
- 2018 Medical Care: \$70.0 billion for the 2017 advance appropriation (including \$3.6 billion in collections), up \$1.4 billion over 2017
- Care in the Community: \$12.2 billion, up \$1.4 billion from 2015
- Mental Health: \$7.8 billion (up \$347 million from 2016) to expand Veteran inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care
- Hepatitis C: \$1.5 billion to treat 35,000 Veteran patients

Appeals

Proposes a Simplified Appeals initiative – legislation and resources-- to provide Veterans the timely, fair appeals decisions they deserve

- Provides \$156.1 million and 922 FTE for the Board of Veterans Appeals (up \$46.2 million and 242 FTE over 2016) as a down payment on a long-term, sustainable plan to improve services to Veterans

Information Technology

Enhances Veteran access, improves the Veteran experience, and strengthens cyber security

- Requests over \$4.3 billion (up \$145 million over 2016) for an IT program that supports modernized information systems
- Invests \$370 million for information security to protect Veterans information and improve VA's information networks resilience
- Provides \$171 million for development and implementation of the Improve Veterans Experience (IVE) initiative
- Includes \$260 million for VistA Evolution, Interoperability, and for VLER Health -- all to develop an Electronic Healthcare Record to better serve Veterans, Servicemembers, and eligible beneficiaries

National Cemetery Administration

- \$286.2 million (\$15 million over 2016) for operations and maintenance of our national cemeteries

Construction

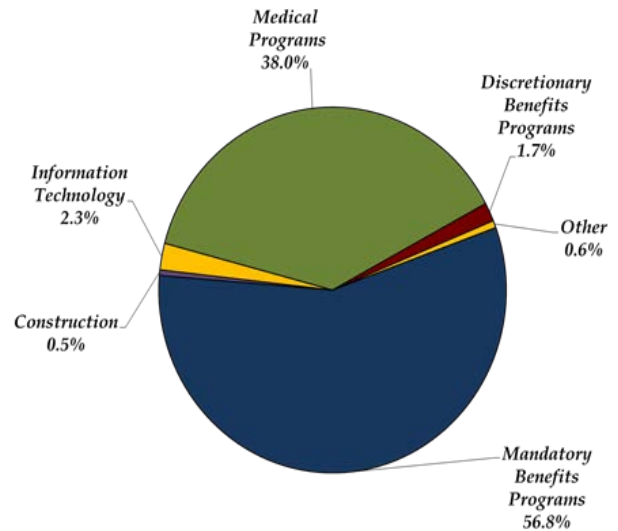
- Supports seismic corrections at Long Beach, CA and Reno, NV; new cemetery construction in Western New York and Southern Colorado; and gravesite expansions in Jacksonville, FL and Southern Florida

MyVA Transformation

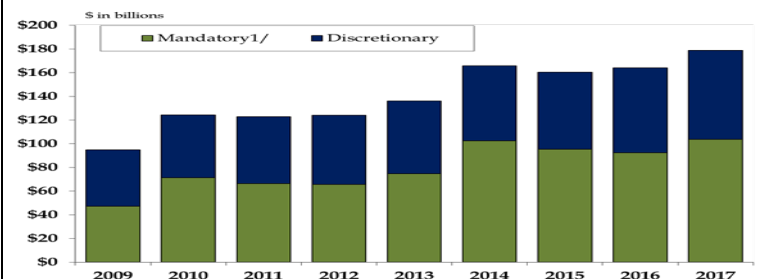
Reimagines VA's Relationship with our Veterans through the MyVA Initiative

- Continues the largest Department-wide transformation in VA's history through the MyVA initiative, which is changing VA's culture, processes, and capabilities to put the needs, expectations, and interests of Veterans and their families first

2017 Budget Breakout



VA's Historical Perspective



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mandatory ^{1/}	47.1	71.3	66.4	65.5	74.8	102.4	95.4	92.4	103.6
Discretionary	47.8	53.1	56.3	58.5	61.4	63.4	65.1	71.6	75.2
MCCF	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6
Total VA^{2/}	97.7	127.2	125.5	126.8	139.1	168.9	163.9	167.5	182.3

^{1/} 2014 Mandatory includes \$15 billion provided by the Veterans Choice Act
^{2/} Totals may not add due to rounding

VA Discretionary Funding by Appropriation

(in millions)

Medical Care ^{1/}	\$68,557
Medical and Prosthetic Research	663
Veterans Benefits Administration	2,826
National Cemetery Administration	286
General Administration	418
Board of Veterans' Appeals	156
Information Technology	4,278
Construction/Grants	1,025
Office of Inspector General	160
Loan Administration Funds	200
DoD Transfer for Joint Accounts	139
Total Discretionary	78,709

^{1/} Includes Collections