



Defense

The fiscal year 2024 Department of Defense funding bill provides \$824.3 billion, an increase of \$26.8 billion above fiscal year 2023. The bill:

- Prioritizes support for military families, including increasing pay by 5.2 percent, the Basic Allowance for Housing by 5.4 percent, and the Basic Allowance for Subsistence by 1.7 percent.
- Protects our national security, preserves our domestic advanced manufacturing base to support jobs and grow the economy, and invests in research and development.
- Protects women's rights by preserving the Department's travel policy to ensure servicemembers and their families can access reproductive healthcare.
- Includes a \$1 billion increase above 2023 for climate and energy resiliency.
- Defends democracy and counters China with funding to protect a free and open Indo-Pacific.
- Strikes multiple, hateful anti-LGBTQI+ provisions included in House Republicans proposed 2024 funding bill.

The legislation <u>rejects</u> nearly 30 new poison pill riders proposed by House Republicans, including harmful language that would have:

- Decreased the salaries of U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and other Department of Defense officials to \$1.
- Banned the use of funds to implement climate-related policies.
- Blocked funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion programs across the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community.
- Prohibited the use of funds to classify false information as misinformation.
- Banned any individual who signed a document entitled "Public Statement on the Hunter Biden Emails" from receiving a security clearance.
- Created a license for people to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people under the guise of religious liberty and prevent the federal government from adequately responding.
- Banned the flying of the Pride flag.

Bill Summary

Military Personnel – The fiscal year 2024 bill provides \$176.2 billion for active, reserve, and National Guard military personnel, \$3.5 billion above fiscal year 2023. The bill funds active duty end-strength at the authorized level of 1,284,500 servicemembers and funds reserve component end-strength at the authorized level of 763,600 servicemembers. To take care of our servicemembers and their families and incentivize more recruits, the bill:

- Provides the full funding necessary to support the 5.2 percent military pay raise.
- Includes \$43 million for additional support to junior enlisted members and basic needs allowances authorized in the most recent National Defense Authorization Act.
- Provides \$65 million to the Navy and Air Force for enlistment bonuses and \$15 million to the Army for medical pay bonuses.
- Continues funding for suicide prevention and sexual assault programs, including implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault.

Operation and Maintenance – The fiscal year 2024 bill provides \$287.2 billion, an increase of \$9.1 billion above fiscal year 2023. This includes:

- \$32.5 billion to the Departments of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force for depot maintenance, an increase of \$1.8 billion above fiscal year 2023.
- Approximately \$1.3 billion for Environmental Restoration activities, \$156 million above the fiscal year 2024 request, of which \$65 million is for costs associated with PFOS/PFOA cleanup.
- Increases above the fiscal year 2024 budget request of \$211 million for National Guard Youth Challenge and \$53 million for Starbase.
- An additional \$50 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for the Office of Defense Local Community Cooperation for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.
- \$50 million for Impact Aid and \$20 million for Impact Aid for those with disabilities.
- \$55 million for the Procurement Technical Assistance Program.
- \$351 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program.
- An additional \$47 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for the Special Victims' Counsel.
- An additional \$10 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for Morale, Welfare and Recreation community engagement.
- An additional of \$20.2 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program.

• Provides \$142.5 million for Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster and Civic Aid programs, an increase of \$28 million above the fiscal year 2024 request.

Procurement – For fiscal year 2024, the bill provides \$172 billion, an increase of \$3 billion above the fiscal year 2024 budget request and \$9.8 billion above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level. This includes:

Aircraft

- \$9.8 billion for 86 F-35 aircraft including 51 F-35As for the Air Force, 16 short take-off and vertical landing variants for the Marine Corps, and 19 carrier variants for the Navy and Marine Corps.
- An additional \$264 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for F-35 spares.
- \$1.8 billion for 10 P-8A Poseidon aircraft.
- \$400 million for 10 HH-60W combat rescue helicopters.
- Funding for one additional KC-130J aircraft for the Navy Reserve and eight additional C-130J aircraft for the Air National Guard.
- An increase of \$177.5 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for the CH-47F Block II Chinook aircraft and covers the cost of an additional helicopter for SOCOM.
- \$60 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request to fund an additional UH-60 Blackhawk for the National Guard.
- \$413 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request to fund two additional E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft.
- \$675 million for five CMV-22 helicopters, five more than the fiscal year 2024 budget request.

Shipbuilding

- \$33.7 billion to procure Navy ships including two DDG-51 guided missile destroyers, two Virginia-class fast attack submarines, one Columbia-class ballistic submarine, two Frigates, and one T-AO Fleet Oiler.
- Advance procurement for an additional DDG-51 and an LPD.

Vehicles/Force Protection

- An increase of \$120 million above fiscal year 2024 budget request for Army National Guard HMMWV modernization.
- An increase of \$430 million above fiscal year 2024 budget request for the Abrams Upgrade program

Other

- \$500 million to fully support Israeli Cooperative procurement programs including the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow defense systems.
- \$1 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA).

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) – For fiscal year 2024, the bill provides \$148.3 billion, an increase of \$3.4 billion above the fiscal year 2024 budget request and an increase of \$8.6 billion above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level. The bill:

• Invests in basic and applied scientific research, development, test, and evaluation of new technologies and equipment, and supports the research community so forces will have the systems and equipment for tomorrow's challenges.

Aircraft

- Funds the continued development and modernization of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.
- Funds the continued development of the Air Force's B-21 bomber.
- Fully funds the Air Force's Next Generation Air Dominance program.
- Provides \$280 million for Advanced Engine Development Engine Technologies.
- Fully funds the continued development and testing of the CH-53K helicopter.
- Fully funds the Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA).

Vehicles and Ground Forces

- Provides \$269.5 million for Army Ground Technology Research programs, an increase of over \$200 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request.
- Provides \$260 million for next generation combat vehicle technology, a \$94 million increase above the fiscal year 2024 budget request.
- Provides \$235 million for long range precision fires advanced technology, an increase of \$82 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request.

Other

- Provides an additional \$70 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for PFAS remediation and disposal technology.
- Provides an additional \$15 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for PFAS destruction technologies.
- Provides an additional \$84 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request for AFFF replacement, disposal, and cleanup technology.

Revolving and Management Funds – For fiscal year 2024, the bill provides \$1.8 billion in Revolving and Management Funds, which is \$104 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request and \$132 million above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level.

Other Department of Defense Programs – For fiscal year 2024, the bill also includes:

Defense Health Programs

- \$39.9 billion for medical and health care programs of the Department of Defense including:
 - \$150 million for the breast cancer research program;
 - \$110 million for the prostate cancer research program;
 - o \$50 million for the kidney cancer research program;
 - \$45 million for the ovarian cancer research program;
 - o \$25 million for the lung cancer research program;
 - o \$40 million for the melanoma research program;
 - \$15 million for the pancreatic cancer research program;
 - o \$17.5 million for the rare cancer research program;
 - \$130 million for the cancer research program;
 - \$175 million for the peer-reviewed traumatic brain injury and psychological health research program;
 - \$40 million for spinal cord research;
 - o \$20 million for the joint warfighter medical research program;
 - o \$30 million for the toxic exposures research line; and
 - o \$10 million for glioblastoma research.

Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction

• \$1.1 billion, equal to the fiscal year 2024 budget request.

Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid

• \$142.5 million for foreign disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and the humanitarian mine action program, \$27.6 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request.

Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities

• \$1.2 billion, including \$306 million for the National Guard Counter-Drug Program.

Security Cooperation Programs

- \$300 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.
- \$1.4 billion for International Security Cooperation Programs, including:

- \$335 million for U.S. allies and partners facing Russian aggression, \$228 million of which supports Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania through the Baltic Security Initiative.
- Up to \$500 million for Jordan, including \$150 million for reimbursements for enhanced border security.
- An additional \$100 million above the fiscal year 2024 budget request to expand cooperation or improve the capabilities of U.S. allies and partners in Africa Command and Southern Command.

Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund

- \$398 million to support the Iraqi Security Forces, Kurdish Peshmerga, and the Syrian Democratic Forces countering ISIS.
- A prohibition of funding to establish any military base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq.
- A prohibition of funding to exercise U.S. control over any oil resource of Iraq or Syria.

Office of the Inspector General

• \$528.6 million, which is an increase of \$3.2 million above the fiscal year 2024 request and \$43 million above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level.

Oversight, Reform, and General Provisions

No funds in the bill may be used:

- In contravention of the War Powers Resolution.
- For the Russian state-owned arms export agency Rosoboronexport.
- For the Azov Battalion.
- For the Taliban.
- For countries in violation of the Child Soldiers Prevention Act.

The bill also:

- Provides that nothing in this Act may be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran or North Korea.
- Supports civilian pay raise and aligns funds for civilian pay to actual personnel levels.
- Includes over \$2.6 billion in prior year rescissions.