VA 2015 Budget Request Fast Facts
Total VA funding has grown in 2015 by nearly 68% from 2009

2015 Appropriation Highlights

Benefits Claims Processing
Keeps VA on track to meet its priority goal to eliminate the Veterans' disability claims backlog in 2015

- Requests $2.5 billion (up $28.8 million over 2014) for more efficient benefits processing through technology enhancements, improved business processes, and intensive staff training
- Invests $138.7 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 1.5 million disability compensation and pension claims, and 4.8 million education claims
- Provides $95.6 billion for mandatory benefits, including disability compensation and Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits

Information Technology
Enhances Veteran access - 84% of 2015 IT Budget supports direct delivery of medical care and benefits to Veterans

- Requests over $3.9 billion (up $200 million over 2014) for a consolidated IT program that supports modernized information systems for Veteran services and benefits
- Invests $137 million for development and implementation of VBMS
- Provides $100 million for development and implementation of the Veterans Relationship Management (VRM) initiative
- Includes $269 million for VistA Evolution and $57 million for VLER to develop an Electronic Healthcare Record and to continue interoperability efforts with DoD to better serve Veterans, Servicemembers, and eligible beneficiaries

Medical Care
Increases access to healthcare and keeps VA on track to meet its priority goal to end Veteran homelessness in 2015

- 2015 Medical Care: $59.1 billion (including $3.1 billion in collections) for Veterans medical care (up $1.8 billion over 2014)
- 2016 Medical Care: $58.7 billion for the 2016 advance appropriation request (up $2.7 billion over 2015 request)
- Homelessness: $1.6 billion (up $248 million from 2014) for VA's integrated plan to end Veteran homelessness, including $500 million for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program
- Mental Health: $7.2 billion (up $309 million from 2014) to expand inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health care
- Long-term Care: $7.0 billion (up $235 million from 2014) to expand institutional and non-institutional long-term care services
- Telehealth: $567 million (up $23 million from 2014) for home telehealth to improve access to care
- Women Veterans: $403 million (up $32 million from 2014)
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: $4.2 billion (up $501 million from 2014) to meet the needs of over 757,000 Veterans returning from U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

Veterans Employment
- Invests $1 billion over 5 years for a new Veterans Job Corps
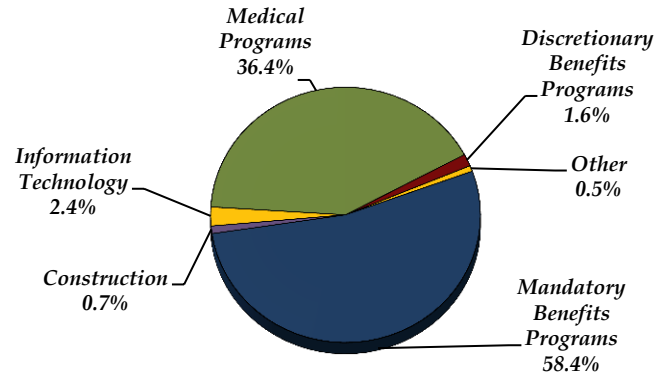- Provides $106 million to help separating Servicemembers better transition to civilian life

National Cemetery Administration
- $257 million (up $8 million) for operations and maintenance
- Expands access by opening two National Cemeteries in Florida and preparing to open two rural National Veterans Burial Grounds
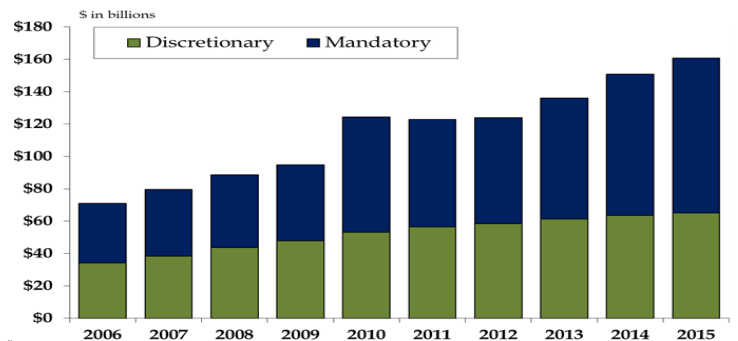
Construction
- Supports four major critical safety projects at: West Los Angeles, CA; Long Beach, CA; Canandaigua, NY; and San Diego, CA

FY 2015 VA Budget Request Breakout

Medical Programs 36.4%
Discretionary Benefits Programs 1.6%
Other 0.5%
Information Technology 2.4%
Construction 0.7%
Mandatory Benefits Programs 58.4%

VA's Historical Perspective

$ in billions

■ Discretionary ■ Mandatory

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mandatory	36.8	41.3	44.9	47.1	71.3	66.4	65.5	74.8	87.5	95.6
Discretionary	34.3	38.3	43.7	47.8	53.1	56.3	58.5	61.4	63.4	65.3
MCCF	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.1
Total VA	73.1	81.8	91.0	97.7	127.2	125.5	126.8	139.1	153.8	163.9

Discretionary Funding by Appropriation
($ in millions)

Medical Care [1/]	$59,067
Medical and Prosthetic Research	589
Veterans Benefits Administration	2,494
National Cemetery Administration	257
General Administration	322
Board of Veterans' Appeals	94
Information Technology	3,903
Construction/Grants	1,182
Office of Inspector General	121
Loan Administration Funds	162
DoD Transfers for Joint Accounts	162
Total Discretionary	**68,354**

1/ Includes Collections