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VA 2013 Budget Fast Facts

Major Appropriation Issues

Stewardship of Resources

- Supports management systems that ensure accountability, maximize efficiency and effectiveness, and eliminate waste while improving the delivery of high quality and timely benefits and services to Veterans.

Medical Care

- Secures timely, predictable funding for health care through 2014 with advance appropriations
- \$1.352 billion (up \$333 million) to further VA's integrated plan to end Veteran homelessness, including \$235 million for the Homeless Grants and Per Diem program to aid community organizations
- \$6.2 billion (up \$312 million) to expand inpatient, residential, and outpatient mental health programs
- \$7.2 billion (up \$550 million) to expand institutional and non-institutional long-term care services.
- \$335 million (up \$9 million) is for tele-home health to improve access to care
- \$403 million (up \$60 million) for the needs of women Veterans
- \$3.3 billion (up \$510 million) to meet the needs of over 610,000 Veterans returning from U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan

Veterans Job Corps

- A Presidential initiative of \$1 billion over the next five years to establish a conservation program impacting up to 20,000 veterans to protect and rebuild America's land and resources.

Benefits Claims Processing

- \$2.164 billion (up \$145 million over 2012) to support improved benefits processing through increased staff, improved business processes, and information technology enhancements
- Supports the completion of 1.4 million disability compensation and pension claims, a 36% increase over 2011
- Provides funding to complete 4 million education claims, a 19% increase over 2011

National Cemetery Administration

- \$258 million for operations and maintenance to ensure VA's cemeteries are maintained as national shrines
- The budget provides funding to expand access to burial options for rural Veterans.

Information Technology

- 80% of 2013 IT Budget supports direct delivery of medical care and benefits to Veterans
- Over \$3.3 billion for a reliable and accessible IT infrastructure, a high-performing workforce, and modernized information systems for Veteran services and benefits
- \$53 million for development and implementation of the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) initiative
- \$169 million for integrated Electronic Healthcare Record (iEHR), a joint effort with DoD to share health information
- \$128 million for paperless claims processing system VBMS

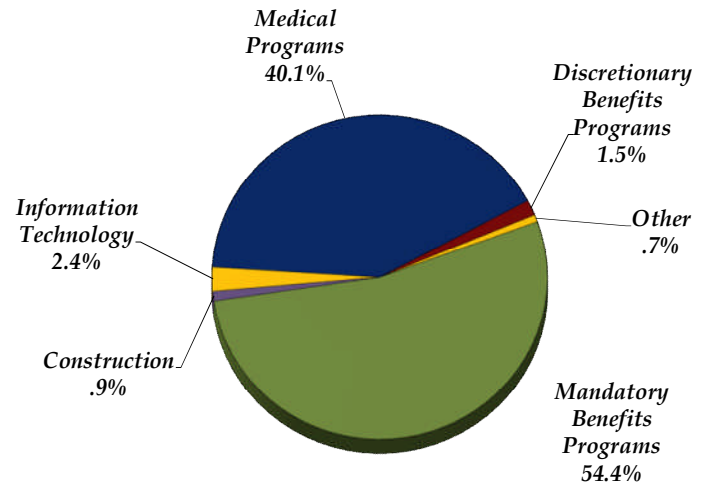
Construction

- Supports four major medical facility projects already underway.

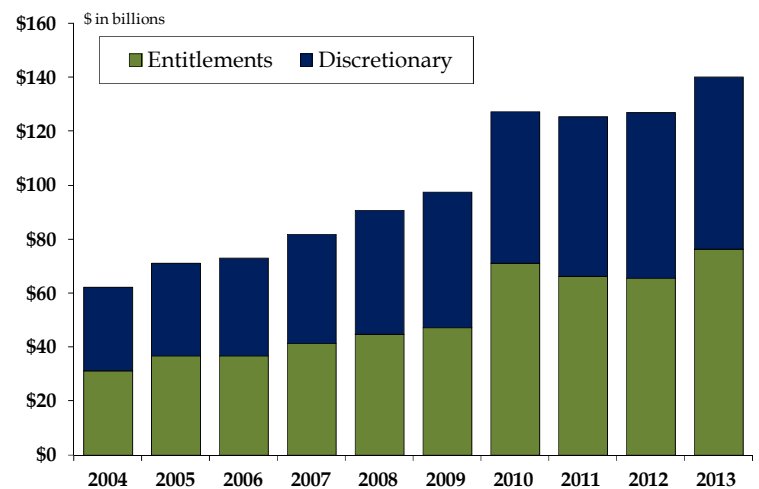
Entitlement Benefits

- \$76.3 billion for mandatory benefits, including compensation for Agent Orange presumptive conditions and Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits

FY 2013 VA Budget Breakout



VA's Historical Perspective



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Discretionary	31.1	34.2	36.4	40.5	46.0	50.6	55.9	59.1	61.2	64.0
Entitlements	31.2	36.8	36.8	41.3	44.9	47.1	71.3	66.4	65.7	76.3
Total VA	62.3	71.0	73.2	81.8	90.9	97.7	127.2	125.5	126.9	140.3

Discretionary Funding by Appropriation (\$ in millions)

Medical Care	\$55,672
Medical and Prosthetic Research	583
Veterans Benefits Administration	2,164
National Cemetery Administration	258
General Administration	417
Information Technology	3,327
Construction/Grants	1,271
Office of Inspector General	113
Loan Administration Funds	159
Total Discretionary	\$63,964