DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, 2023
$797.7 billion in total base discretionary funding

The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Defense Appropriations bill provides $797.6 billion – an increase of $69.2 billion over FY22 and $36.1 billion above the President’s budget request – to develop, maintain, and equip the military forces and intelligence community of the United States.

- Supports a 4.6 percent pay raise for both military servicemembers and the DOD civilian workforce.
- Works to modernize our military, enhance readiness, and ensure that we have the best trained, best prepared, and best equipped fighting force in the world.
- Supports our most vital national security priorities, including strategic competition with China and Russia and disruptive technologies like hypersonic weapons, artificial intelligence, 5G, and quantum computing.
- Delivers support for our allies in the Indo-Pacific region and maintains resources for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

Supports the troops: The agreement includes $172.7 billion for Military Personnel accounts, an increase of $5.8 billion above the FY22 enacted level and supports a military pay raise of 4.6 percent. It also provides an additional $1.75 billion to defray the impact of inflation on service members and their families.

Provides world-class warfighting capabilities:
- $31.9 billion for shipbuilding, including twelve battle force ships: three DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class destroyers; two Virginia Class submarines; two Expeditionary Medical Ships; one Constellation Class frigate; one America Class landing helicopter assault ship; one San Antonio Class amphibious transport dock; one John Lewis Class fleet replenishment oiler; and one Navajo Class T-ATS fleet tug;
- An addition of $1.5 billion for the restoration of nineteen Joint Strike Fighter aircraft and an additional $254 million for spares and repair facilities;
- $1.7 billion for sixteen C-130J aircraft for the Air National Guard; $570 million for ten Combat Rescue Helicopters; $600 million for additional F/A-18 Fighter aircraft; $500 million for five V-22 aircraft; and $273 million for ten UH-60M helicopters for the National Guard;
- $21.1 billion for Space Force investment accounts, an additional $2.3 billion above the request to accelerate resilient missile warning and missile tracking; to provide an additional wideband communication spacecraft; develop increased onboard resiliency; and to provide increased test and training capacity; and
- $17.6 billion for continued modernization of the nuclear triad, including: $5.9 billion to continue construction of the Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine; $4.8 billion for the development of the B-21 Raider; $3.6 billion for the Sentinel program; and $1 billion for the development of the long-range standoff missile.
Invests in research and development of cutting-edge technologies:
- $139.7 billion – the largest R&D budget in the history of the Department of Defense;
- $4.5 billion for the development and fielding of hypersonic weapons and related technologies; and
- $1.1 billion for microelectronics, and supports the allocation of funds provided in the CHIPS Act of 2022.

Strengthens infrastructure and the defense industrial base:
- $4.7 billion, including $1.7 billion above the President’s budget request, to address shortfalls in the nation’s test infrastructure;
- $3.1 billion, including $1.56 billion above the President’s budget request, for defense industrial base investments between the Defense bill and latest Ukraine supplemental;
- $15.6 billion for weapons and munitions between the Defense bill and latest Ukraine supplemental;
- $748 million towards strengthening the submarine industrial base;
- $327 million, including $50 million above the request, for the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan (SIOP) to recapitalize our Navy shipyards; and
- $17.4 billion, including $1 billion above the President’s budget request, for Facilities Sustainment, Restoration & Modernization.

Supports our allies:
- An additional $191 million for critical U.S. Indo-Pacific Command capabilities;
- $1.5 billion in security cooperation to strengthen U.S. alliances and partnerships; and
- $300 million in base funding to continue the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.