

Fiscal Year 2020 Military Construction Appropriations Act

Summary of House Appropriations Committee's
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill for
Fiscal Year 2020

As of May 17th, 2019

Bill Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Agreement	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House	H.R. 2745				
Senate					

Executive Summary

This guide provides only a short summary and analysis of the many provisions in the bill. To obtain a complete understanding of any particular provision, users are encouraged to review the actual legislative language. The bill and accompanying report are available on the NGB-LL web page at www.nationalguard.mil/ll.

Summary:

On May 9, 2019, the House Appropriations Committee passed its version of the FY20 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. In total, the legislation provides \$108.1 billion in discretionary funding – \$10 billion above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level. This includes \$921 million in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding as well as \$2 billion for emergency needs related to Hurricanes Michael and Florence.

The bill includes \$588.8 million for construction or alteration of National Guard facilities in 15 states. Of this, \$415.8 million is provided for Army National Guard military construction and \$173 million for Air National Guard military construction – both above requested levels.



Army National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY20 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY20 Request	SAC- M Mark	Delta From FY20 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY20 Request
Overall Total	\$210,819	\$415,819	\$205,000				
MILCON							
Total	\$210,819	\$210,819					
Minor Construction	\$15,000	15,000	-				
Planning & Design	\$20,469	\$20,469	-				
Sec. 124	-	\$155,000	\$155,000				
Sec. 125	-	-	-				
Natural Disaster	-	-	\$50,000				



Air National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY20 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY20 Request	SAC- M Mark	Delta From FY20 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY20 Request
Overall Total	\$165,971	\$172,971	\$7,000				
MILCON Total	\$165,971	\$115,971	\$50,000				

Minor Construction	\$31,471	\$31,471	-		
Planning & Design	\$17,000	\$17,000	-		
Sec. 124	-	\$57,000	\$57,000		
Sec. 125	-	-	-		
Natural Disaster	-	-	-		

House Provisions of Interest

- **Sec. 104** None of the funds made available in this title may be used to begin construction of new bases in the United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.
- **Sec. 107** None of the funds made available in this title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relocate any activity from one base or installation to another, without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.
- **Sec. 113** The Secretary of Defense shall inform the appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, including the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope of any proposed military exercise involving United States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts expended for construction, either temporary or permanent, are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.
- **Sec. 124** For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified, to remain available until September 30, 2024: "Military Construction, Army", \$79,500,000; "Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps", \$546,800,000; "Military Construction, Air Force", \$230,400,000; "Military Construction, Army National Guard", \$155,000,000; "Military Construction, Air National Guard", \$57,000,000; and "Military Construction, Air Force Reserve", \$24,800,000: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects identified in the respective military department's unfunded priority list for fiscal year 2020 submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military department concerned, or his or her designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.
- **SEC. 125.** Of the unobligated balances available to the Department of Defense from prior appropriation Acts, the following funds are hereby rescinded from the following accounts in the amounts specified: "Military Construction, Defense-Wide", \$45,055,000.
- **Sec. 126** For the purposes of this Act, the term "congressional defense committees" means the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

House Report Language of Interest

Army National Guard Readiness Centers Investment.—The Committee remains concerned by the failure of the Army to prioritize investment in Army National Guard Readiness Centers. These facilities are critical infrastructure in the protection of the homeland and in responding to domestic emergencies. Their deteriorating conditions are detrimental to the readiness of the Army Guard and present significant safety concerns. The Committee encourages the Army to accelerate

investments in Readiness Centers within the fiscal year 2020 FYDP to include the \$1,200,000,000 for the Army National Guard Transformation Plan.

Puerto Rico Construction.—The Committee is concerned that the Department has yet to obligate supplemental funding provided by Congress to assist Puerto Rico in recovering from the devastating Hurricane Maria. The Committee believes hurricane-related damage should be addressed prior to new construction, and as such, the recommendation does not include funding for Air National Guard projects at the Luis Munoz-Marin International Airport. However, the Committee expects the Department to submit these projects for consideration in the future.

Dannelly Field Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).—The Committee encourages the Department to maintain its schedule for finalizing the EIS and ROD for Dannelly Field and to ensure future projects are not delayed.



Army National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ARNG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	SAC-M Mark	Final Bill
AL	Foley Readiness Center	\$12,000	\$12,000		
CA	Camp Roberts Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range	\$12,000	\$12,000		
ID	Orchard Training Area Railroad Tracks	\$29,000	\$29,000		
MD	Havre De Grace Combined Support Maintenance Shop	\$12,000	\$12,000		
MA	Camp Edwards Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Ranges	\$9,700	\$9,700		
MN	New Ulm Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$11,200	\$11,200		
MO	Springfield Readiness Center	\$12,000	\$12,000		
NE	Bellevue Readiness Center	\$29,000	\$29,000		
NH	Concord Readiness Center	\$5,950	\$5,950		
OK	Moon Township Combined Support Maintenance Shop	\$23,000	\$23,000		
WA	Richland Readiness Center	\$11,400	\$11,400		



Air National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ANG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	SAC-M Mark	Final Bill
GA	Savanah/Hilton Head IAP Consolidated Joint Air Dominance Hanger/Shop	\$24,000	24,000		
МО	Rosecrans Memorial Airport C-130 Flight Simulator Facility	\$9,5000	\$9,500		
WI	Truax Field F-35 Simulator Facility	\$14,000	\$14,000		
WI	Truax Field Fighter Alert Shelters	\$20,000	\$20,000		
PR	Luis Munoz-Martin IAP Communications Facility	\$12,500	-		
PR	Luis Munoz-Martin IAP Maintenance Hanger	\$37,500	-		