

Fiscal Year 2024 Military Construction Appropriations Act

Summary of House Appropriations Committee's Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024

As of 01 November 2023

Bill Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Agreement	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House	June 13, 2023	July 27, 2023	NI/A	N/A	N/A
Senate	June 22, 2023	November 01, 2023	N/A	N/A	

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 July 27, 2023, The House chamber passed the FY24 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill (HR 4366). The \$317.4 billion bill passed on a 219-211 vote. An asterisk (*) represents information altered from its original House Appropriations Committee passed version.

On June 13, 2023, the House Appropriations Committee passed the FY24 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. In total, the legislation would provide \$317.4 billion in funding the DoD. Of the total, \$155.701 billion is provided as discretionary funding, and \$161.740 billion is provided for mandatory programs. Of the discretionary total, \$17.474 billion is for Department of Defense military construction projects, nearly \$800 million above the President's Budget Request. Of this, \$369 million is provided for Army National Guard military construction and \$189 million for Air National Guard military construction.



Army National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY24 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY24 Request
MILCON Total	\$340,186	\$369,261	\$29,075
Minor Construction	\$63,000	\$73,000	\$10,000
Planning & Design	\$34,286	\$42,361	\$8,075
Sec. 124		\$26,800*	\$26,800*
Sec. 132		\$15,000*	\$15,000*
Sec. 133		\$134,881	\$134,881



Air National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY23 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY23 Request
MILCON Total	\$178,722	\$189,322	\$10,600
Minor Construction	\$63,122	\$73,122	\$10,000

Planning & Design	\$35,600	\$36,200	\$600
Sec. 124		\$126,742*	\$126,742*
Sec. 132		\$15,000*	\$15,000*

House Provisions of Interest

<u>Section 124.</u> Providing funds for certain projects identified in the respective military department's unfunded priority list for fiscal year 2024.

Section. 132. Providing funds for unspecified minor construction for demolition.

<u>Section 133.</u> Providing funds for cost to complete projects identified in the respective military department's unfunded priority list for fiscal year 2024.

House Report Language of Interest

<u>Demolition of Excess Infrastructure.</u> The bill includes \$160,000,000 for unspecified minor military construction for demolition across the active and reserve components. The Committee is concerned about the amount of excess and obsolete infrastructure found on installations. While the Committee understands the need to balance demolition with other infrastructure needs, excess infrastructure can be costly to maintain and diverts resources away from current requirements.

Resilient Military Installations. The Committee supports the Department's continued efforts to build lasting and resilient military installations. These efforts include using methods that update hurricane-resistant building codes for bases, barracks, hospitals, and airfields and reviewing the effect of severe drought and desertification and how these two hazards effect installations and missions. The Committee encourages the Department to continue investing in innovative infrastructure projects to increase infrastructure resiliency and reduce costs.

<u>Army Barracks</u>. The Committee notes the importance of providing high-quality barracks on Army bases and recommends the refurbishment of barracks that have fallen below the Army's set standards. The Committee believes that adequate housing is an important quality of life issue that impacts readiness.

<u>Air Education and Training Command Facilities (AETC).</u> The Committee recognizes the importance of adequate facilities for basic military training, flying training, and the other training missions of AETC and believes that outdated and inadequate AETC facilities, including dormitories, harm the Air Force's ability to recruit, train, and retain Airmen and increase operation and maintenance costs. The Committee urges the Air Force to prioritize funding for AETC facility design, construction, and refurbishment.

<u>Data link infrastructure.</u> The Committee is aware of the importance of data link capabilities to national security and encourages the Air Force to ensure it has the adequate infrastructure to support its data link requirements.

<u>Air National Guard Infrastructure.</u> The Committee recognizes that some Aviation Support Facilities are not configured to protect and maintain modern airframes and encourages the Air National Guard to upgrade these facilities using unspecified minor military construction funds, as appropriate, to ensure current facilities are upgraded to adequately support current airframes.

Former Members of Guard and Reserve Components. The Committee notes that since 2020 the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Reports have not included information regarding former members of the Guard and Reserve Components who were not activated for military service. The Committee encourages the Department to continue to collaborate with the Department of Defense to monitor and to ensure appropriate measures are available to reduce suicide in this population.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Protections for VA Beneficiaries and Employees.

Eliminating sexual harassment and assault at VA is critical to creating a safe and welcoming environment for veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors, as well as VA employees. The Committee notes that VA has published a handbook with comprehensive policy guidance and instructions addressing harassment and sexual assault and directs VA to ensure that these policies are fully communicated and complied with. The Committee appreciates the Department's efforts to better address harassment and sexual.



Army National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ARNG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark
AZ	NG Readiness Center	\$15,000	\$15,000
FL	Automated Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range ¹		\$11,000
FL	Training Aids Center ²		\$1,200
FL	Infantry Squad Battle Course ³		\$840
ID	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$17,000	\$17,000
IL	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$24,000	\$24,000
МО	NG Readiness Center	\$28,000	\$28,000
NH	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$23,000	\$23,000
NM	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$11,000	\$11,000
ОН	NG Readiness Center	\$19,200	\$19,200
ОК	NG Readiness Center ⁴		\$1,800
OR	NG Readiness Center	\$26,000	\$26,000
PA	Automated Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range ⁵		\$1,550
PA	NG Readiness Center	\$13,600	\$13,600
SC	NG Readiness Center	\$20,000	\$20,000
SC	Automated Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range	\$7,900	\$7,900
TX	General Purpose Instruction Building ⁶		\$2,685

VA	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	\$20,000	\$20,000
WI	NG Readiness Center	\$18,200	\$18,200

- Congressional Add \$11M for an Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range at Camp Blanding.
- Congressional Add \$1.2M for a Training Aids Center at Camp Blanding.
- Congressional Add \$.84M for Infantry Squad Battle Course at Camp Blanding.
- Congressional Add \$1.8M for Readiness Center at Shawnee.

 Congressional add \$1.55M for Automated Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range at Fort Indian Town Gap
- Congressional Add \$2.685M for General Purpose Instruction Building at Fort Hood.



Air National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ANG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark
AL	F-35 ADAL SQ Ops Building 1303	\$7,000	\$7,000
AZ	MCCA: Aircraft Arresting System (New Rwy)	\$11,600	\$11,600
со	Aircraft Corrosion Control	\$12,000	\$12,000
FL	F-35 Munitions Storage Admin ¹		\$600
IN	Fire Station	\$8,900	\$8,900
OR	Special Tactics Complex, Phase 1	\$22,000	\$22,000
OR	Special Tactics Complex, Phase 2	\$18,500	\$18,500

^{1.} Congressional Add - \$.6M for F-35 Munitions Storage Admin at Jacksonville International Airport.