



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Ad Hoc Group Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation

The 516 undersigned members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, which includes organizations representing patients, scientists, health professionals, research and academic institutions, educators, and industry, recommends at least **\$51.303 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)** for fiscal year (FY) 2026, in addition to support for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, which would represent a \$4.222 billion or 9.0% increase over the final FY 2025 funding level.

Robust support for medical research makes Americans healthier. Patients across the country -- from urban centers to rural communities -- benefit from medical research supported by the NIH, which serves as the **foundation for nearly every preventive intervention, diagnostic, treatment, and cure in practice today**. Each year, more than 300,000 researchers across labs and other settings in **nearly every congressional district nationwide^{i,ii}** conduct research on the most promising strategies to promote patient well-being and overcome existing and emerging health threats, including cancer, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, diabetes, Parkinson's, chronic health conditions, and the full range of other diagnoses that patients, families, and communities face every day. Underfunding NIH will slow the pace of scientific discovery as does imposing other problematic disruptions on the agency, placing the health of patients and communities at increased risk.

In addition to the health benefits to patients that medical research promotes, the federal investment in this lifesaving work also has a **multiplier effect in local and regional economies**, spurs new industries, enhances the **U.S.'s global competitiveness**, promotes our **national security**, establishes viable career paths for the **next generation of scientists**, and generates additional **high-quality jobs in communities nationwide**.

As Congress considers funding for the upcoming fiscal year, we note that meaningful annual funding growth for **NIH has been a steadfast bipartisan national priority over the last decade and beyond**. In a time where China and our other global competitors continue to increase investments in medical research and scientific talent, it is crucial that the United States maintains its leadership on the global stage to deliver breakthrough advances for patients and economic growth for communities across the country.

We urge lawmakers to continue to support patients, discovery, and economic growth, to ensure a funding allocation for the Labor-HHS Subcommittee that allows for the necessary investment in NIH and other agencies that promotes the health and well-being of all Americans, and to work expeditiously to complete FY 2026 appropriations in a timely manner. The health of our nation and millions of patients depends on it.

516 Signatories as of April 9, 2025

Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health
Academic Pediatric Association

Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research
AcademyHealth
Accessia Health
ACMCRN Arachnoiditis & Chronic Meningitis Collaborative Research Network
ACT for NIH
Akari Foundation
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance to Cure Cavernous Malformation
Alpha-1 Foundation
Alstrom Syndrome International
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for Women in Radiology.
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AAPCP)
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Board of Radiology
American Brain Coalition
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Academic Addiction Medicine
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Council on Education
American Epilepsy Society
American Federation for Aging Research

American Federation of Medical Research
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Industrial Hygiene Association
American Lung Association
American Massage Therapy Association
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
American Medical Women's Association
American Neurological Association
American Pediatric Society
American Physiological Society
American Psychological Association Services
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Sexual Health Association
American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association (ASTDA)
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET)
American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology
American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Society on Aging
American Statistical Association
American Surgical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
Americans for Medical Progress
Angelman Syndrome Foundation
Angels of Epilepsy, Inc.
Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation
Arthritis Foundation
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
Associated Medical Schools of New York
Association for Academic Pathology (AAPath)
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies (AABB)
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries
Association of Academic Psychiatrists

Association of Academic Radiology
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Universities
Association of Bioethics Program Directors
Association of Departments of Family Medicine
Association of Independent Research Institutes
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics
Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics
Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Anesthesiologists
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autism Speaks
AVAC
Barth Syndrome Foundation
BDSRA Foundation
Benaroya Research Institute
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Biophysical Society
Boston Medical Center Health System
Boston University
Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF)
Broad Institute
Cancer and Careers
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
Cedars-Sinai
Celiac Disease Foundation
Center for Endometriosis Care
Child Neurology Foundation
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Association
Children's Hospital Colorado
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Children's Mercy Kansas City
Choose Healthy Life
Chris "CJ" Johnson Foundation Inc
ChristianaCare
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Cleveland Clinic
Clinical Immunology Society (CIS)
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Coalition for Pediatric Medical Research

Coalition of Skin Diseases
Coalition to Cure CHD2
College on Problems of Drug Dependence
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Congenital Adrenal hyperplasia Research, Education & Support Foundation (DBA: CARES Foundation)
Congenital Hyperinsulinism International
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Corewell Health
Cornell University
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project
CTX Alliance (Cerebrotendinous Xanthomatosis)
CURE Epilepsy
Cure GM1 Foundation
Cure HHT
Cure SMA
cureCADASIL
Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Danny Did Foundation
Dartmouth Health
Deadliest Cancers Coalition
Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer
Defend Public Health
Dermatology Nurses' Association
DHR Health
Doheny Eye Institute
Dravet Syndrome Foundation
Drexel University
Duke Health
Duke University
Dup15q Alliance
Dysautonomia International
ECAN Esophageal Cancer Action Network
ECU Health
Endocrine Society
Endometriosis Association
EndPreeclampsia Inc.
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Epitome of Epilepsy nonprofit organization
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases

Fabry Support & Information Group
Familial Dysautonomia Foundation
Family Voices of California
Fanconi Cancer Foundation
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Flux: The Society for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Fox Chase Cancer Center
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
Friends of NIAAA
Friends of NICHD
Friends of NIDA
Friends of NIMH
Friends of the National Institute on Aging
Future Leaders in Sight (FLIS)
Gaucher Community Alliance
GBS CIDP Foundation International
Genetic Alliance
GenVams Trust, India
Gerontological Society of America
Global Liver Institute
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Good Days
GRIN2B Foundation
HardyHandz Foundation
Harvard University
Head for the Cure
HealthyWomen
Heart Failure Society of America
Hereditary Angioedema Association
HERHealthEQ
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network
HIV Medicine Association
Hope Charities
Hope for HIE
Hope for Stomach Cancer
Huntington Breast Cancer ACTION Coalition, Inc
Hydrocephalus Association
Hypersomnia Foundation
Indiana University
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Bipolar Foundation
International Myeloma Foundation
Interstitial Cystitis Association

Joey's Wings Foundation
John & Amy Mewhiney Cancer Foundation
John A Burns School Of Medicine The University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Joslin Diabetes Center
Kaiser Permanente
KCNQ2 Cure Alliance
Kidney Cancer Association
KidneyCAN
Kids for Saving Earth
KPTN Alliance
La Jolla Institute for Immunology
Lasker Foundation
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)
Lehigh University
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation
Let's Talk UTI
LGMD Awareness Foundation, Inc
Life Raft Group
Loma Linda University Health
LUNgevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
M-CM Network
March of Dimes
Marymount University, Arlington
Mass General Brigham
Massachusetts Society for Medical Research
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation
Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical Image Perception Society
Medical Library Association
Memorial Sloan Kettering
MemorialCare Health System
Men's Health Network
Michigan Medicine
Michigan State University
Mission MSA
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation
MitoAction
MLD Foundation
Monell Chemical Senses Center
Monica Weldon Consulting LLC
Morehouse School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Health System
MSUD Family Support Group
Mucopolidosis Type IV Foundation

Muscular Dystrophy Association
Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association For Continence
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Veterans Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)
National Ataxia Foundation
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation
National Eczema Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Headache Foundation
National Health Council
National Kidney Foundation
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Postdoctoral Association
National Scleroderma Foundation
National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC)
NBIA Disorders Association
NCATS Alliance
NDRI
Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) Society
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research
New York Genome Center
New York Medical College
New York State Academic Dental Centers
NIAMS Coalition
NORSE Institute
North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS)
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North American Vascular Biology Organization
Northern California Institute for Research and Education, Inc., NCIRE
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
NYU Langone Health
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
Oncology Nursing Society
Oregon Health & Science University
Organic Acidemia Association
Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation
Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Patient-Led Research Collaborative
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)
Pediatric Policy Council
Penn State Health

Penn State University
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research
Periodic Paralysis Association
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
PINK Concussions
PKD Foundation
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Population Association of America
PREEMIEWORLD FOUNDATION
Prevent Blindness
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Project Sleep
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PURA Syndrome Foundation
PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy
PXE International
Radiological Society of North America
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee
Recurrent Pregnancy Loss Association
Research!America
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rush University
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Safe Kids Worldwide
Sanford Burnham Prebys
SATB2 Gene Foundation
Sjögren's Foundation, Inc.
Sleep Research Society
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology
Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine
Society for Investigative Dermatology
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Reproductive Investigation
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine
Society of Behavioral Medicine
Society of Breast Imaging
Society of Clinical Psychology, Division 12 of APA

Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education
Society of Experimental Psychology
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Radiologist in Ultrasound
Society of Skeletal Radiology
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Society of Thoracic Radiology
Society of Toxicology
Society of University Surgeons
St. Baldrick's Foundation
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Stanford University
Star Legacy Foundation
Stickler Involved People
StopAfib.org
STXBP1 Foundation
Susan G. Komen
Temple University
Texas A&M University Health Science Center
The American Society for Cell Biology
The American Society of Radiologic Technologists
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
The Cerebral Palsy Research Network
The Coalition Against Pediatric Pain
The FamilieSCN2A Foundation
The Fibroid Foundation
The Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation
The LCC Foundation
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Louisa Adelynn Johnson Fund for Complex Disease
The Lundquist Institute
The Marfan Foundation
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network (MEAction)
The National Pancreas Foundation
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
The Rory Belle Foundation
The School of Theoretical Modeling
The STARR Coalition
The University of Houston
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)
Tigerlily Foundation
Triage Cancer
TSC Alliance
Tufts University

Tulane University School of Medicine
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
UC San Diego Health Sciences
UL Research Institutes
UMass Chan Medical School
Unique (Rare Chromosome and Gene Disorder Support Group)
Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
United for Medical Research
United MSD Foundation
University at Buffalo
University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
University Health Partners of Hawaii
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of California System
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Francisco
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Iowa
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Medical School
University of Mississippi Medical Center
University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)
University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine
University of Rochester
University of Utah Health
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin - Madison
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Usher 1F Collaborative
Usher Syndrome Coalition
Usher Syndrome Society
UTRGV School of Medicine
UVA Health
v-ATPase Alliance
Vandalia Health
Vanderbilt University

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Vanderbilt University Medical Center
VentureWell
VHL Alliance
Virginia Tech
Vision Sciences Society
wAIHA Warriors
Washington State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine
Wilson Disease Association
Wiskott-Aldrich Foundation
World Molecular Imaging Society
Yale University

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