



## THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

*The Ad Hoc Group Fiscal Year 2026 Recommendation*

### CIRCULATING FOR ENDORSEMENT

The **[INSERT # OF SIGNATORIES]** 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<sup>i,ii</sup>** 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.

**165 of Signatories as of 3.17.25**

Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research  
ACT for NIH  
Akari Foundation  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)  
Alliance for Aging Research  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)  
American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Heart Association  
American industrial Hygiene Association  
American Massage Therapy Association  
American Physiological Society  
American Roentgen Ray Society  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Angelman Syndrome Foundation  
Arthritis Foundation  
Associated Medical Schools of New York  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association of Academic Chairs of Emergency Medicine  
Association of Academic Psychiatrists  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of Bioethics Program Directors  
Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Biophysical Society  
Cedars-Sinai  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Center for Endometriosis Care  
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Choose Healthy Life  
Chris "CJ" Johnson Foundation Inc

ChristianaCare  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council on Social Work Education  
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project  
Cure HHT  
cureCADASIL  
Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Dysautonomia International  
Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Friends of NIDA  
Genetic Alliance  
Gerontological Society of America  
Good Days  
GRIN2B Foundation  
Head for the Cure  
HealthyWomen  
Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network  
Hope Charities  
Huntington Breast Cancer ACTION Coalition, Inc  
Indiana University  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Kathleen Teixeira  
Lasker Foundation  
Life Raft Group  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
M-CM Network  
MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Men's Health Network  
Mission MSA  
Mississippi Metabolics Foundation  
MLD Foundation  
Mount Sinai Health System  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Natalie Mamerow  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Biomedical Research

National Association of Veterans Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF)  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
New Jersey Association for Biomedical Research  
New York State Academic Dental Centers  
NORSE Institute  
North American Vascular Biology Organization  
Northwest Association for Biomedical Research  
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition  
NYU Langone Health  
Office of Research Administration, Marymount University  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Organic Acidemia Association  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)  
Penn State Health  
Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
PINK Concussions  
Population Association of America  
PREMIERWORLD FOUNDATION  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness  
Project Sleep  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PUSH for Empowered Pregnancy  
PXE International  
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
SATB2 Gene Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine  
Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society of Academic Associations of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine  
Society of Directors of Research in Medical Education  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
Star Legacy Foundation  
Stickler Involved People  
Sue Pinkham - TCAPP  
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration  
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
The Judy Nicholson Foundation  
The Marfan Foundation  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
The STARR Coalition

The University of Houston  
Triage Cancer  
TSC Alliance  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
UMass Chan Medical School  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Rochester  
University of Utah Health  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Usher 1F Collaborative  
VentureWell  
wAIHA Warriors  
West Virginia University  
Wilson Disease Association

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