

**Table 21. Federal budget authority for Veterans benefits and services (700) R&D and R&D plant: FYs 2024–26**

(Millions of dollars and percent change)

Budget function and agency	2024 actual (\$millions)	2025 preliminary <sup>a</sup> (\$millions)	2026 proposed (\$millions)	2024–25 (% change)	2025–26 (% change)
R&D and R&D plant	1,826	1,839	1,864	0.7	1.4
Hospital and medical care for veterans (703)	1,826	1,839	1,864	0.7	1.4
Department of Veterans Affairs	1,826	1,839	1,864	0.7	1.4
Medical and prosthetic research	943	935	943	-0.8	0.9
Medical services	837	845	850	1.0	0.6
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<sup>a</sup> The preliminary data available from the agencies for FY 2025 at the time of this report reflect mainly the annualized continuing resolution funding levels that existed through early March 2025, which were later extended by a continuing resolution to the end of FY 2025.

**Note(s):**

Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Percent change is calculated on unrounded data.

**Source(s):**

Agencies' submissions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) per MAX Schedule C, agencies' budget justification documents, supplemental data obtained from agencies' budget offices, and Executive Office of the President, OMB, *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2026*.