

*FY20 ME/CFS Related Appropriations Committee Report Language
Finalized December 20, 2019*

FINAL LANGUAGE DEFENSE:

Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program.—The Committee recommends \$350,000,000 for the Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in conjunction with the Service Surgeons General, to select medical research projects of clear scientific merit and direct relevance to military health. Research areas considered under this funding are restricted to: arthritis, autism, burn pit exposure, chronic migraine and post-traumatic headache, congenital heart disease, constrictive bronchiolitis, diabetes, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, dystonia, eating disorders, emerging viral diseases, endometriosis, epidermolysis bullosa, familial hypercholesterolemia, fibrous dysplasia, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, food allergies, Fragile X, frontotemporal degeneration, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, gulf war illness, hearing regeneration, hemorrhage control, hepatitis B, hydrocephalus, immunomonitoring of intestinal transplants, inflammatory bowel diseases, interstitial cystitis, lupus, metals toxicology, mitochondrial disease, multiple sclerosis, musculoskeletal health, **myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome**, myotonic dystrophy, neurofibromatosis, nutrition optimization, pancreatitis, Parkinson’s, pathogen-inactivated blood products, plant-based vaccines, polycystic kidney disease, pressure ulcers, pulmonary fibrosis, reconstructive transplantation, resilience training, respiratory health, rheumatoid arthritis, sleep disorders and restriction, spinal cord injury, spinal muscular atrophy, sustained release drug delivery, trauma, tuberous sclerosis complex, vascular malformations, vision, and women’s heart disease. The Committee emphasizes that the additional funding provided under the Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program shall be devoted only to the purposes listed above.

FINAL LANGUAGE LABOR-HHS:

NIH-Office of the Director (OD) - Multi-Institute Research Issues

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.—The Committee commends the NIH on its new ME/CFS efforts, including its plans for a 2019 conference on accelerating research into ME/CFS and its formation of the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council Working Group. The Committee encourages NIH to expand ME/CFS efforts such as (1) new ME/CFS disease specific funding announcements, including those with set-aside funds, to deliver needed diagnostics and treatments as quickly as possible, (2) an initiative to reach consensus on the ME/CFS case definition, and (3) mechanisms to incentivize researchers to enter the field.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee.—The Committee is concerned about the Secretary’s decision to disband the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC) without alternative plans to carry out its functions and current projects. There remains an urgent need for U.S. inter-agency coordination and collaboration with stakeholders to adequately address the needs of the ME/CFS health crisis. In the absence of CFSAC, the Committee requests that HHS submit a plan within **90 days of enactment of this Act** outlining how

the Department intends to address the crisis in ME/CFS clinical care; accelerate drug development for ME/CFS; and collaborate across HHS agencies and stakeholders.

EMERGING AND ZOO NOTIC INFECTIONOUS DISEASES

Appropriation, fiscal year 2019	\$620,372,000
Budget request, fiscal year 2020	509,472,000
Committee Recommendation	644,622,000
Change from enacted level	+24,250,000
Change from budget request	+135,150,000

The Committee recommendation includes \$592,622,000 in discretionary appropriations and \$52,000,000 in transfers from the PPH Fund. Programs funded under Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (EZID) support the prevention and control of infectious diseases through surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, research, and prevention.

Within the total for EZID, the Committee recommends the following amounts:

Budget Activity	FY 2020 Committee
Core Infectious Diseases	\$438,800,000
Emerging Infectious Diseases	188,797,000
Lab Safety and Quality	8,000,000
Antibiotic Resistance Initiative	173,000,000
Vector-borne Diseases	43,603,000
Lyme Disease	13,000,000
Prion Disease	7,000,000
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	5,400,000
Food Safety	66,000,000
National Health Care Safety Network	22,750,000
Quarantine	31,572,000
Advanced Molecular Detection	32,500,000
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity	40,000,000
Healthcare-Associated Infections	12,000,000
Harmful Algal Blooms	1,000,000