



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on Appropriations for FY 2024

June 8, 2023 – *The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement regarding fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations:*

“With enactment of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 and clarity on topline funding levels for FY 2024 spending bills, Congress now must make it a priority to complete appropriations in a timely manner. To support the health of patients across the country, prepare for future health threats, maintain competitiveness with global adversaries, and support the medical research workforce, the Ad Hoc Group urges Congress to work swiftly to provide the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with at least \$51 billion in FY 2024.

We recognize the difficult task appropriators face given the inadequate allocation for nondefense discretionary programs. However, underfunding the world’s premier medical research agency will bring detrimental consequences to the health of all Americans now and in the future with the reverberations of that underinvestment. Nearly 400 members of the medical research stakeholder community joined in March to urge lawmakers to continue their bipartisan commitment to medical research and ensure [at least \\$51 billion for the NIH’s base program level](#), and that any additional funds for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) supplement, rather than supplant, this core investment in NIH. That imperative remains just as urgent today.

We look forward to working with lawmakers to ensure the NIH is equipped with the resources it needs to continue making progress against existing health challenges and safeguarding the nation against emerging threats in FY 2024 and beyond.”

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of nearly 400 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.