

ALS United Applauds ALS Funding Increases in 2026 Government Spending Package

ALS United members recognize the advocates across the ALS community whose sustained engagement helped secure meaningful new investments in ALS research and related programs in the fiscal year (FY) 2026 federal funding package released by Congress.

By sharing their stories and pressing for urgency, advocates played a critical role in advancing progress for people living with ALS. **The agreement reflects \$45 million in new increases over last year for ALS-focused efforts**—most notably \$90 million for ACT for ALS at NIH and a new \$30 million investment in ALS research through ARPA-H.]

Key ALS funding outcomes in the FY26 package include:

- \$90 million for ACT for ALS at NIH (**\$15 million increase**)
- \$30 million for ARPA-H ALS research (**new investment**)
- \$145 million for NIH ALS research (level funding)
- \$40 million for ALS research at the Department of Defense through CDMRP (level funding)
- \$10 million for the CDC ALS Registry (level funding)

While ALS United members are encouraged by the progress reflected in these final numbers, several priority requests were not fully met. ALS United members had advocated for \$100 million for ACT for ALS, \$80 million for the DoD CDMRP ALS Research Program, \$15 million for the CDC ALS Registry, and \$180 million for NIH ALS research. We'll keep building on this year's gains, and look forward to collaborating with our partners for fiscal year 2027 funding priorities.

