



The Golden West Chapter of The ALS Association helped secure resources and support for ALS research and care through our advocacy efforts, made possible by your generosity. Our ALS advocates, who represent California and Hawaii, are essential at the federal, state and local levels to advance public policy initiatives aligned with our mission.

\$50 MILLION

Asked Congress for **\$50 million for the FDA to fund clinical research** and a study by the National Academies of Science and Medicine to **help coordinate federally funded ALS research.**

\$2M



Golden West Chapter leadership worked to advance a one-time allocation of **\$2,000,000 in California state funding to fuel essential care services.**

\$3.7M



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration awarded **\$3.7 million to three ALS research projects** as part of implementation of the ACT for ALS.



Gathered more than **2,000 signatures on a petition calling on health care payers not to use an analysis by the Institute of Clinical and Economic Review (ICER)** related to its review of two ALS drugs. ICER, an industry stakeholder group, performed a review that the National Council on Disabilities labeled discriminatory. We subsequently filed formal objections to ICER's draft analysis.

\$40 MILLION



Maintained funding levels for the **ALS Research Program (ALSRP) of \$40 million awarded by the Department of Defense (DOD).** Studies funded by the DOD, as well as the VA and NIH, have found that people who serve in the military are up to twice as likely to develop ALS as civilians - regardless of which branch, era of service, or whether they served during war or peace time.



Advocated for the enactment of the Justice for ALS Veterans Act. This legislation would **extend benefits to surviving spouses of veterans** who have passed away from ALS, regardless of how long they lived with the disease.

\$10M NATIONAL ALS REGISTRY

ALS advocates worked to preserve and increase federal resources for ALS research, including **\$10 million in continued funding for the National ALS Registry/Biorepository** at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to identify genetic and environmental factors for ALS, provide support to researchers, and promote access to clinical trials.



\$5M

Requested \$5 million in new funding for the Orphan Products Grants Program (OPGP) at the FDA. The program was approved by the House to **fund ALS clinical trials and invest in regulatory science to speed the approval of ALS treatments.**



Filed comments urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights to recommend the department finalize a proposed rule that would strengthen civil rights protections against discrimination on the basis of disability in federal health care programs.



Led efforts to push the FDA to act with urgency and flexibility to approve RELYVRIO (AMX0035). The ALS Association invested \$2.2 million of funds raised via the 2014 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge into the development of this new ALS treatment.

Your support makes a difference. It is only together that we will defeat ALS.