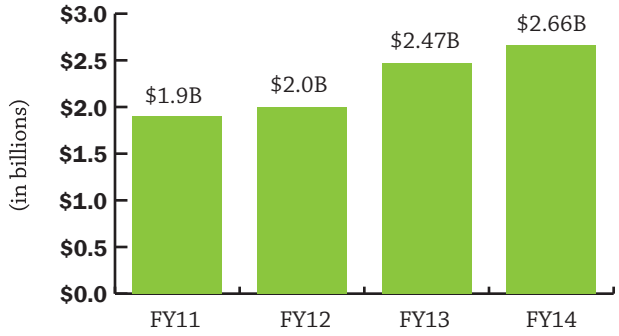
HELPING HOOSIER VETERANS

Under the leadership of Governor Mike Pence and the Indiana General Assembly, the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) has doubled its staff and funding allowing them to better assist Hoosier veterans through support services and employment outreach programs.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Since 2011, the IDVA has helped secure an additional **$760 million per year** for Hoosier veterans by helping them enroll in federally-earned benefit programs.



Since Governor Pence signed the expansion of the Military Family Relief Fund in 2014, the IDVA has been able to financially assist **832 post-9/11 veterans and their families**, with assistance totaling more than

$1,670,000

Indiana Veterans' Home

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up from a 2-star facility, as rated by Nursing Home Compare.

The IDVA has partnered with local organizations through a new program called Homes for Good, which is aimed at assisting veterans with affordable housing options by rehabilitating blighted properties. **The first veteran family is expected to move into their new home in May 2016**.

EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH

With a $2 million Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant, the IDVA has helped **218 military families** with job training, vocational training, counseling, marriage retreats, child care, and life skills training.

The IDVA recently launched WINVet (**W**omen in **In**diana who are **V**eterans), a program that empowers women veterans by connecting them with reliable resources, delivering quality community outreach, cultivating vast networking opportunities, and honoring distinguished community service.

In January 2015, Governor Pence named Indiana's first-ever dedicated Women's Veteran Coordinator.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE OCTOBER 2014:

To help veterans transition from service, IDVA has:

- Hosted 12 veteran employment outreach events, helping more than **1,100 veterans** find employment opportunities
- Worked with universities to help approximately **100 veterans** get accepted into higher education institutions

IDVA has also partnered with the Indiana National Guard, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and other various universities, businesses and organizations to host **more than 370 events** targeted at supporting job training, health care, and higher education for veterans across Indiana.

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