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Indiana Veterans Home Receives Third Year of VA Grant to Address Nursing Shortages

West Lafayette, IN — The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs proudly announces the Indiana Veterans Home (IVH) has been awarded a third round of funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under the non-competitive grant program (AL#64.053). This grant aims to alleviate nursing shortages by supporting recruitment and retention efforts for registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), qualified medication aides (QMAs), and certified nursing assistants (CNAs).

The grant is designed to reduce the nursing shortage at State Veterans Homes by funding incentive programs such as recruitment, retention, and referral bonuses. Unlike standard employee benefits, these incentives provide additional support to attract and retain skilled nursing professionals.

IVH has demonstrated a documented nursing shortage and has proposed an effective incentive program to the VA. With VA approval, the funds will be disbursed to directly support these critical recruitment and retention efforts.

The grant covers up to 50% of the incentive program's cost and is based on a formula that considers a percentage of the home's total VA per diem payments. Funds may be received quarterly or in lump sums, ensuring flexibility in addressing the dynamic needs of the nursing staff.

"We are grateful for the continued support from the VA, which enables us to better serve our veterans by maintaining a dedicated and skilled nursing team," said Amy Gibson, Superintendent of Indiana Veterans Home. "This funding is crucial in our mission to provide the highest quality care to those who have served our nation."

In celebration of this funding, the Indiana Veterans Home invites members of the press to attend an awarding photo op:

What: Impact Presentation

When: Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 2 p.m.

Where: IVH Pyle Building 1st floor conference room

Why: This event will provide an opportunity to discuss the impact of the grant and the ongoing efforts to enhance nursing care at the Indiana Veterans Home.

For more information about the Indiana Veterans Home and its services, please visit: <https://www.in.gov/ivh/>

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