



Background Briefing

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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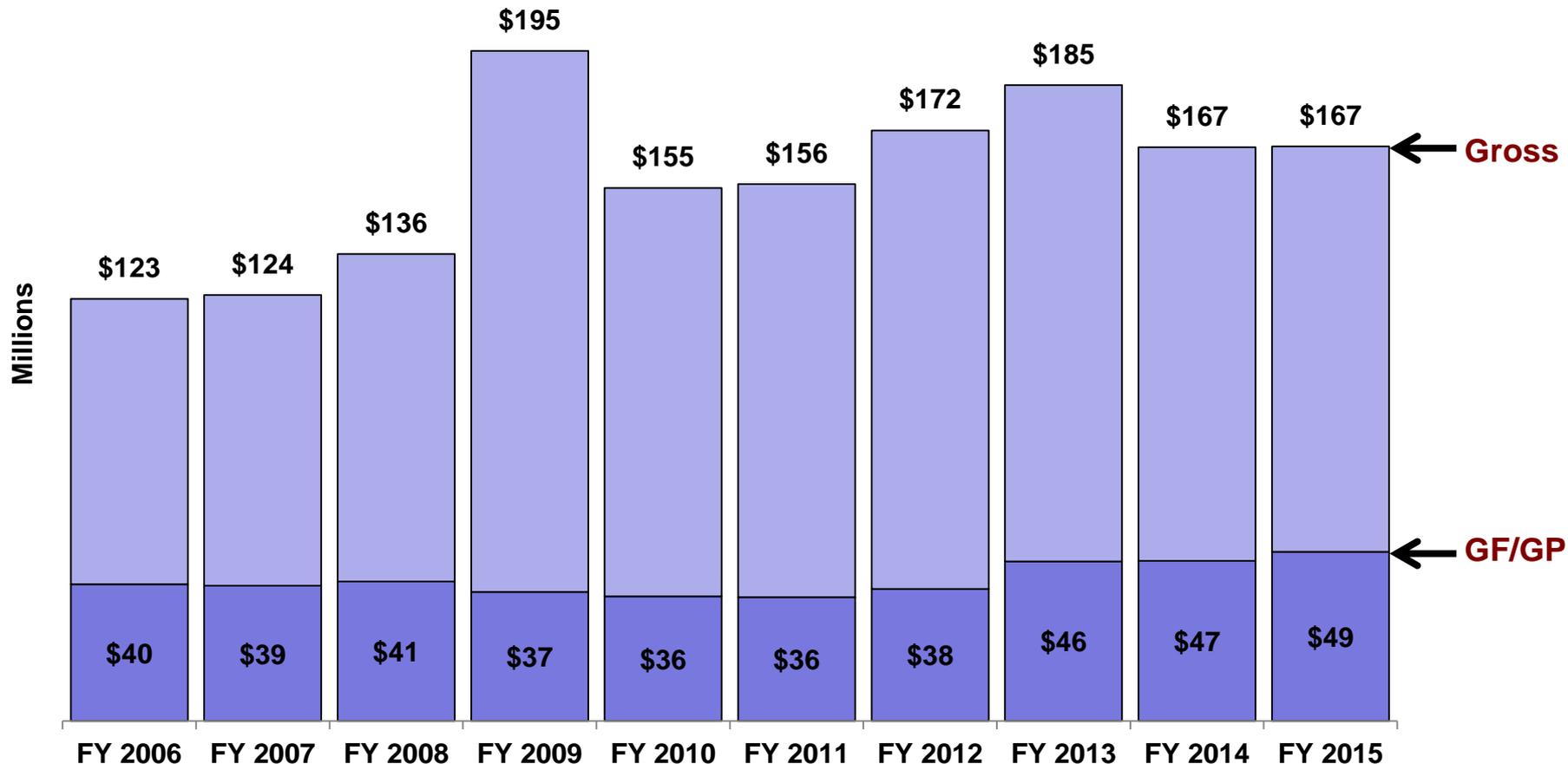
Military and Veterans Affairs

The Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs serves the dual purpose of providing an operational military force in support of state and federal homeland security needs and providing a network of services and programs in support of the state's veteran population and their families.

- The Michigan National Guard serves to protect the lives and property of Michigan citizens during times of emergency response and civil unrest in order to preserve peace, order, and public safety under the direction of the Governor, and to assist the federal government in defending the sovereign interest of the United States.
- Executive Order 2013-2 established the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, which has oversight responsibility over the delivery of services and programs to veterans, including the operation of the state's veterans homes in Marquette and Grand Rapids.

Military and Veterans Affairs: Gross Appropriations

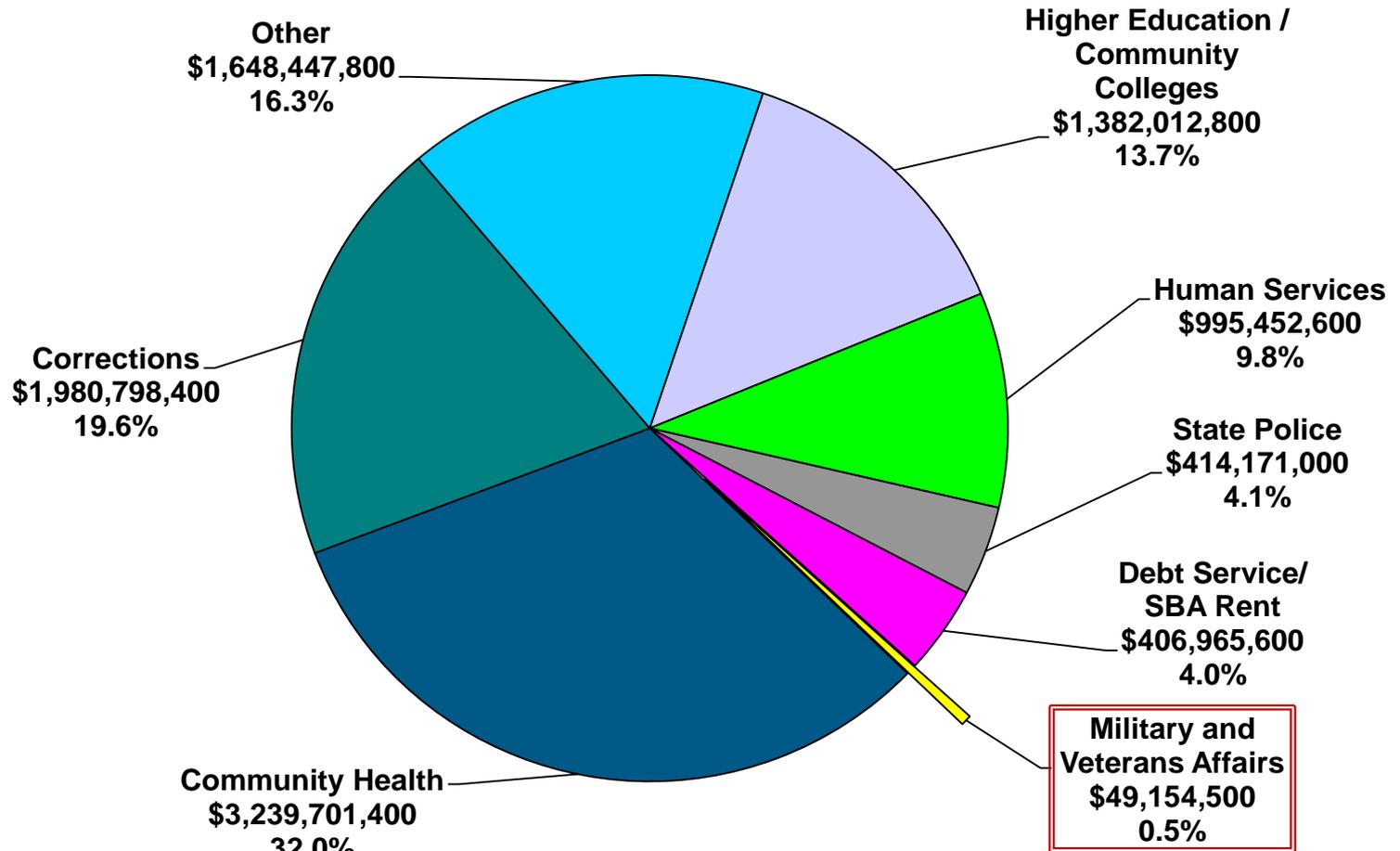
Significant increase in **FY 2009** is due to appropriations for capital outlay projects being included in the department's budget. Increase in **FY 2012** is due to the inclusion foreclosure settlement funds, the pre-funding of retiree health care, and one-time appropriation of \$3.9 million. Increases in **FY 2013** are due to the inclusion of several one-time appropriations and the funding for the establishment and the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.



Military and Veterans Affairs Share of State GF/GP

Military and Veterans Affairs makes up 0.5% of the total state GF/GP budget

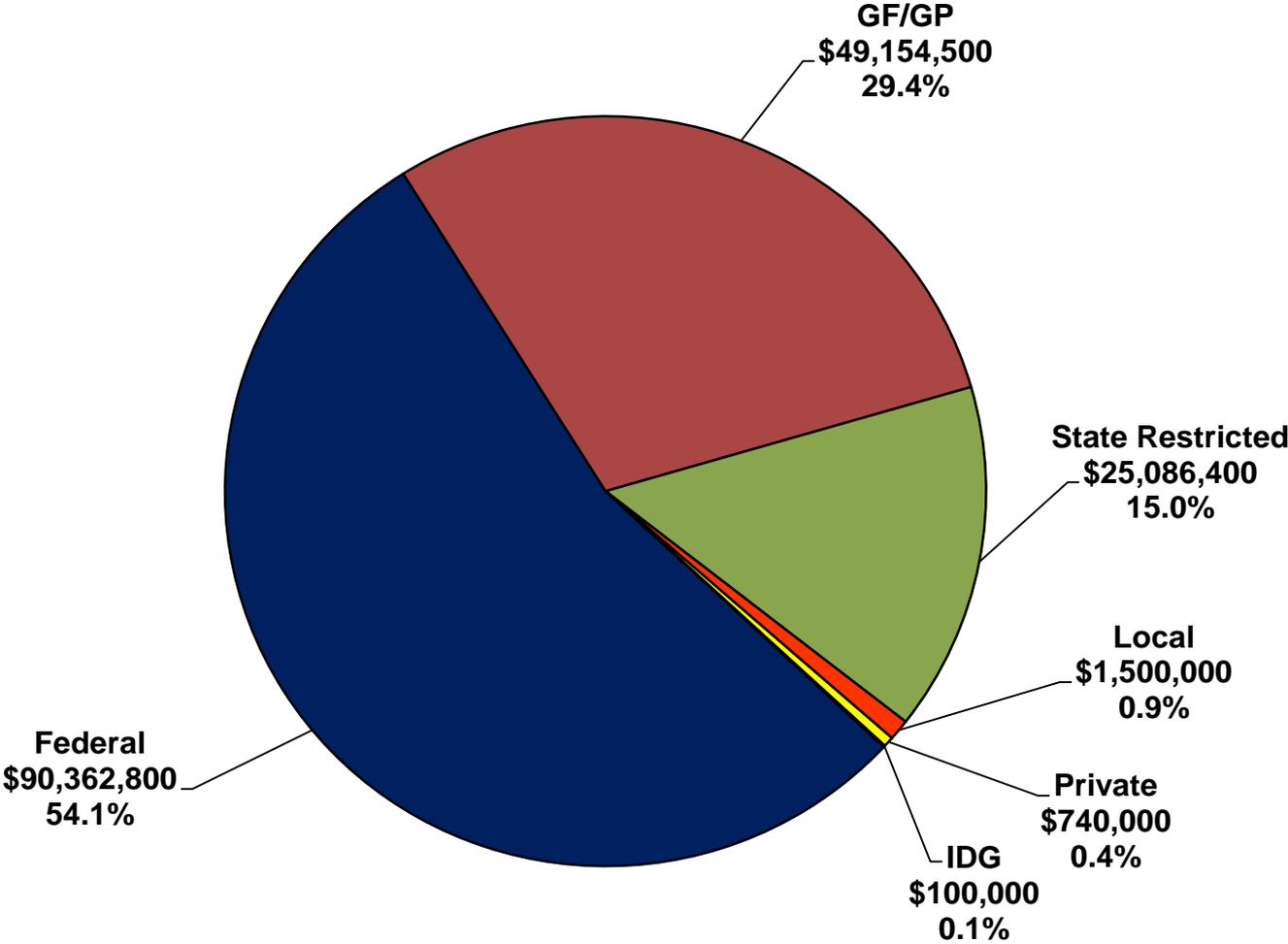
FY 2014-15 GF/GP Total = \$10,116,704,100



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Military and Veterans Affairs Funding Sources

FY 2014-15 Military and Veterans Affairs Budget = \$166,943,700
(Includes one-time appropriations of \$3,400,000)



DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

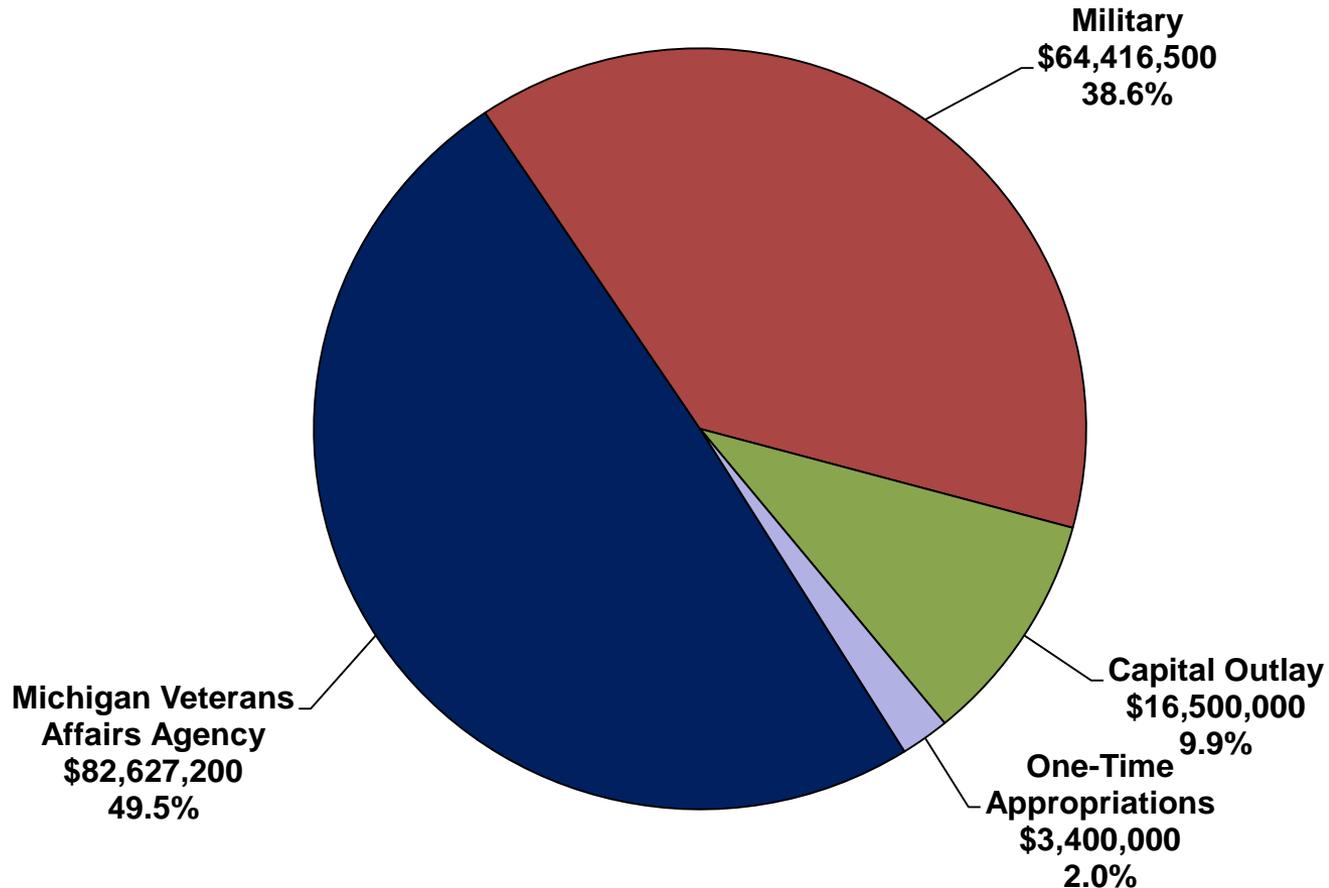
Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations

The DMVA budget is allocated into the following major spending areas:

- **Military**
 - Unclassified Positions
 - Support Services
 - Armories and Joint Force Readiness
 - National Guard Training Facilities and Air Bases
 - Michigan Youth ChalleNge Academy
 - Military Family Relief Fund
 - Starbase Grant
 - National Guard Tuition Assistance Program
 - Information Technology Services and Projects
- **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency**
 - Veterans Affairs Agency Administration
 - Veterans Service Grants
 - Veterans' Trust Fund Administration
 - Veterans' Trust Fund Grants
 - Grand Rapids Veterans' Home
 - Board of Managers (Grand Rapids Home)
 - D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Home
 - Board of Managers (Jacobetti Home)
- **Capital Outlay**
 - Special Maintenance – National Guard
 - Special Maintenance – Veterans' Homes
 - Land and Acquisitions
- **One-time Appropriations**
 - Special Maintenance- Veterans' Homes
 - National Guard Tuition Assistance Program Reserve

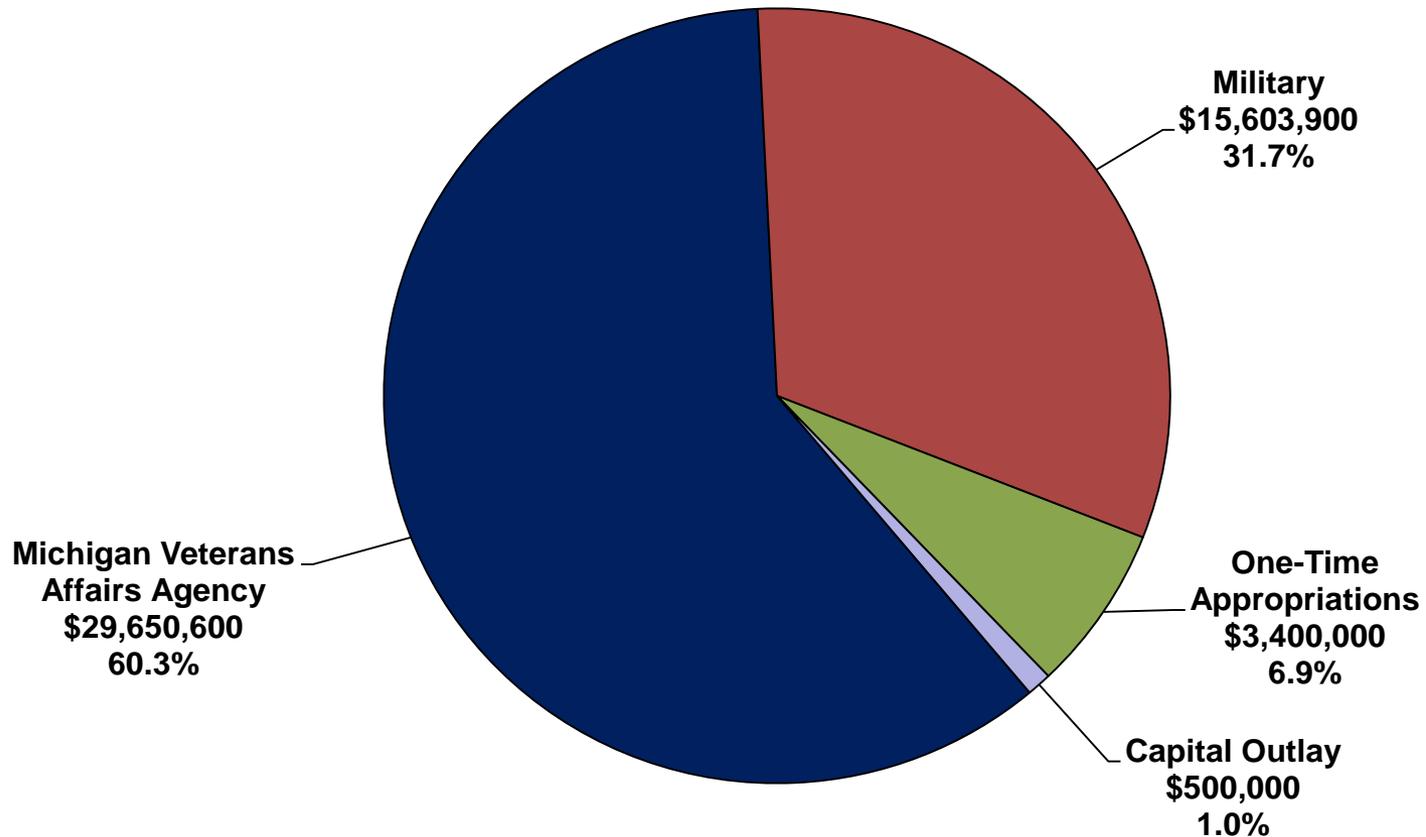
Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations

FY 2014-15 Military and Veterans Affairs Total Budget = \$166,943,700
(Includes one-time appropriations of \$3,400,000 GF/GP)



Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations

FY 2014-15 Military and Veterans Affairs GF/GP Budget = \$49,154,500
(Includes a one-time GF/GP appropriation of \$3,400,000)



MAJOR BUDGET TOPICS

Military – Michigan National Guard

Funds the Michigan National Guard and military responsibilities of the department. Under the National Defense Act, the Michigan Army and Air National Guard are reserve components of the United States Army and Air Force, apportioned and assigned to this state.

- **Armories and Joint Force Readiness (\$16,136,500)**

- Supports Executive and general administrative functions for the DMVA and the National Guard.
- Includes the day-to-day operational maintenance of the 44 state-owned armories (readiness centers) and other sites.

- **Military Training Sites and Support Facilities (\$32,050,600)**

Physical operations and maintenance of Michigan National Guard training sites:

- **Army National Guard (ARNG) Sites:** Camp Grayling, Fort Custer Training Center
- **Air National Guard (ANG) Sites:** Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC), Battle Creek ANG Base, Selfridge ANG Base

The training sites are federally owned, with the federal government directly providing the equipment and personnel (technicians) to maintain the equipment.

The state maintains the physical properties, with state employees generally including buildings trades professionals, maintenance mechanics, other laborers, as well as environmental resource staff, and fire/crash rescue officers

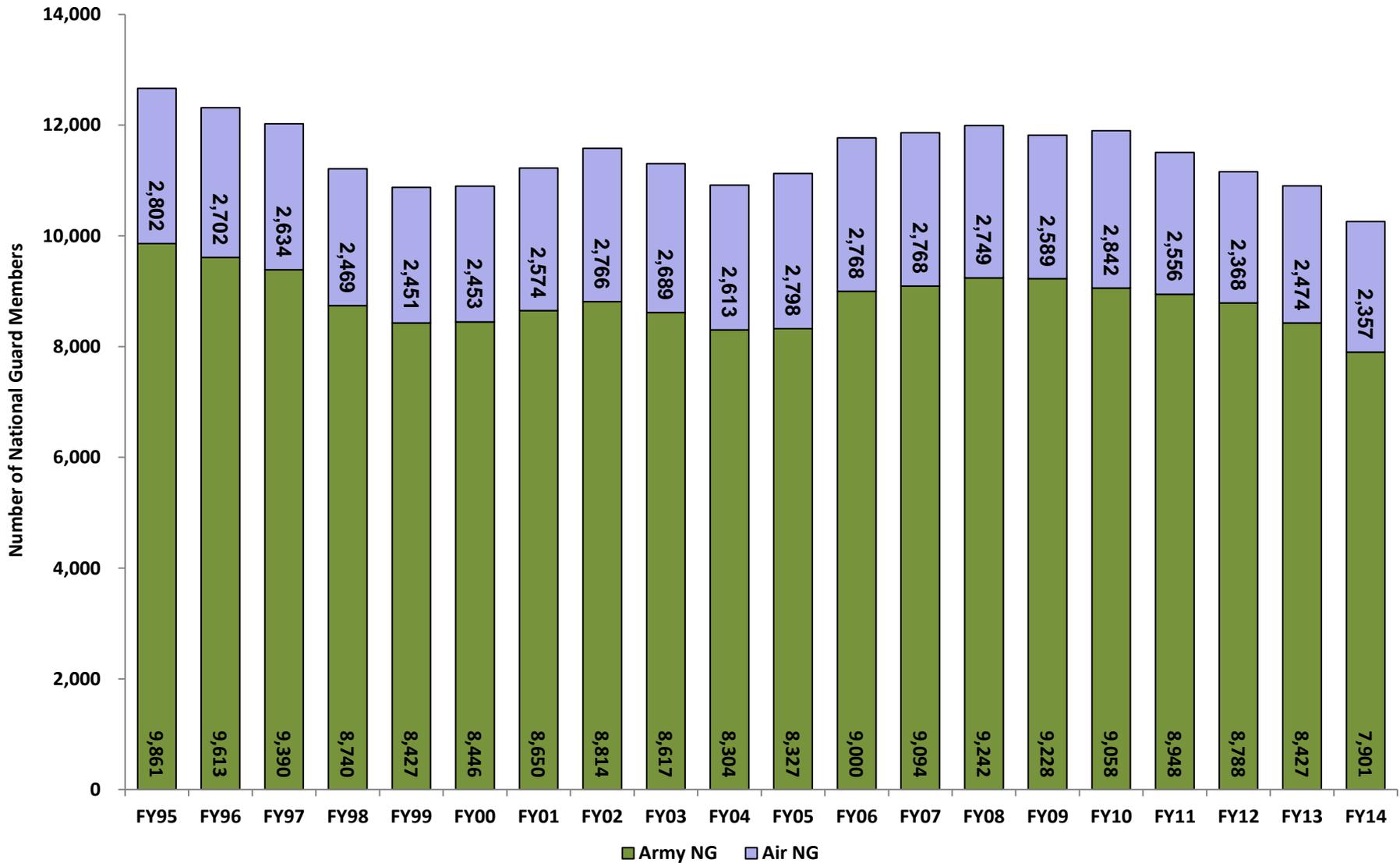
National Guard Armories



44 State-Owned Armories

- “Readiness Centers”
- “Home Base” for MIARNG Units

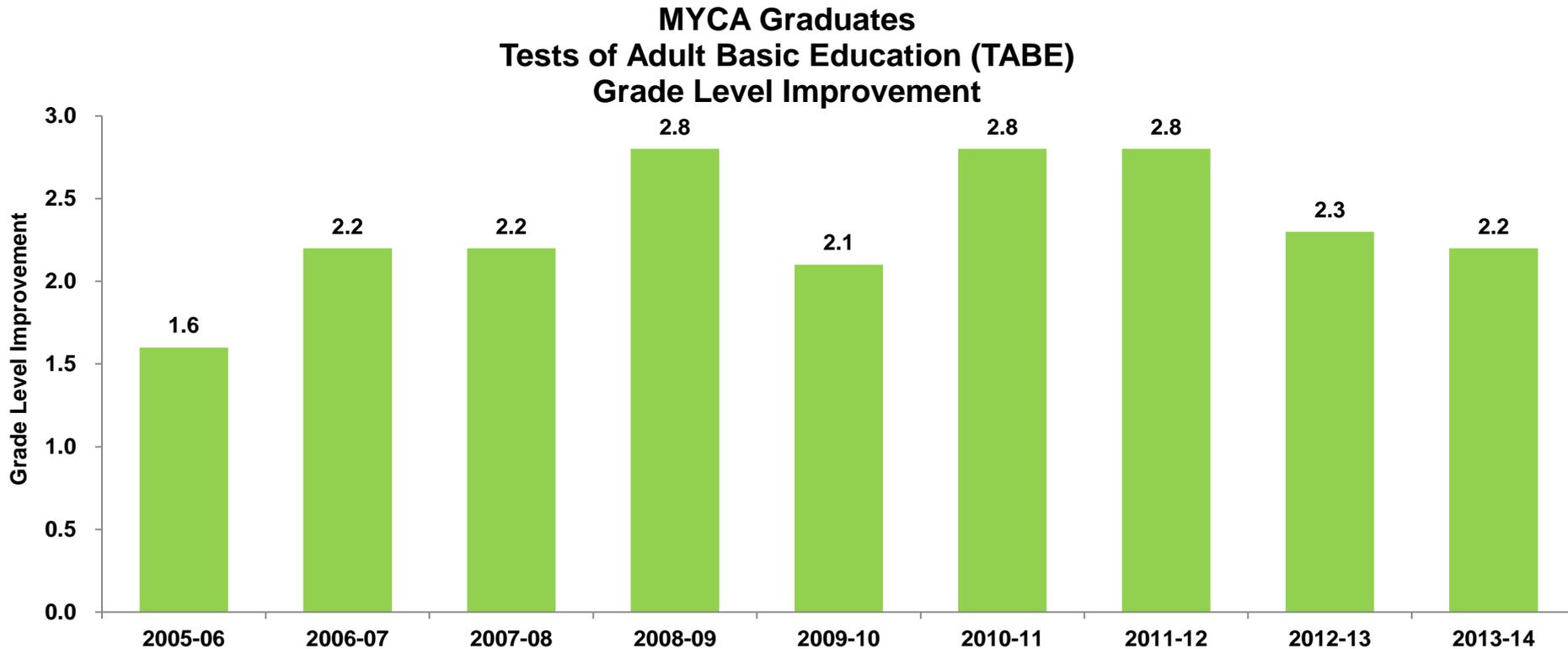
Michigan National Guard – Assigned Strength



Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy

– Youth ChalleNGe Program (\$4,549,200)

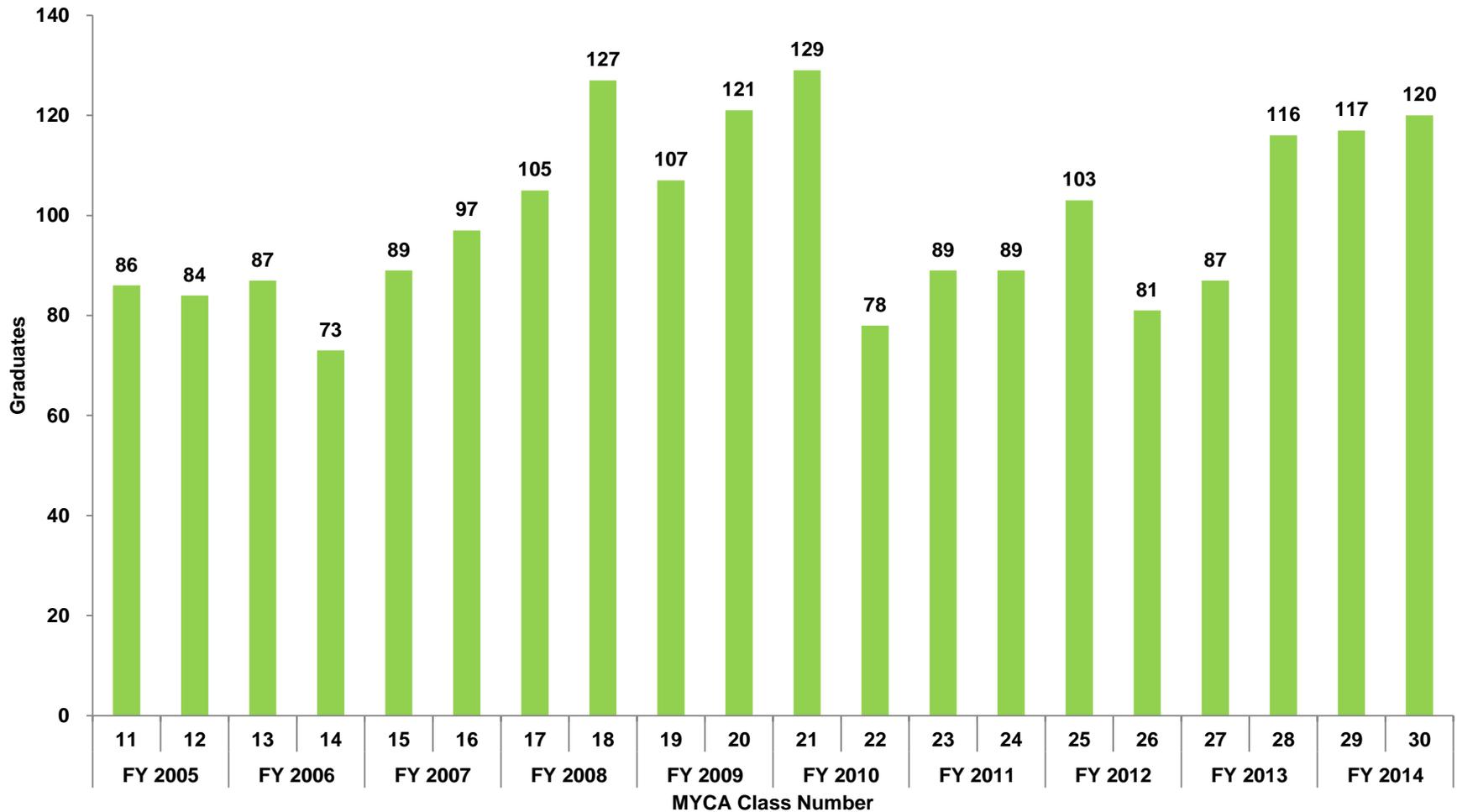
- Voluntary boot-camp style program for 16- to 18-year old high school dropouts,
- 22-week residential program each year in Battle Creek and 12-month mentoring program.
- Academic, vocational, and fiduciary services are provided by the Marshall Public Schools
- Funded at a 75%-25% federal-state share.



Note: The TABE tests various subjects, including reading and mathematics, providing a Grade Level Equivalent (GLE) score that ranges from 0 to 12.9. (A score of 12.9 represents the student is proficient at the 12th Grade, 9 month level.) The chart above shows the increase in equivalent grade levels for MYCA cadets taking the exam when they enter and exit the program.

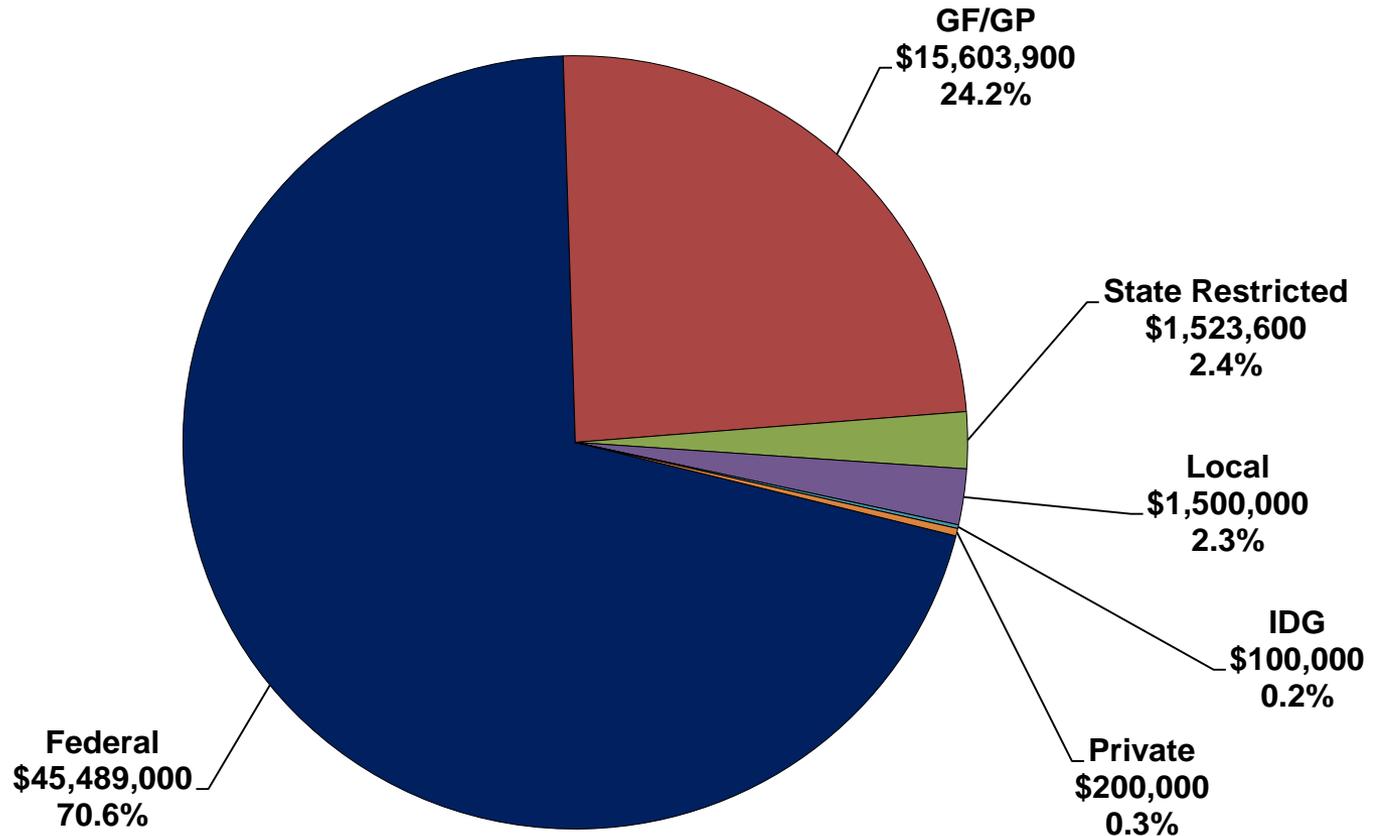
Michigan Youth Challenge Academy

Michigan Youth Challenge Academy Graduates



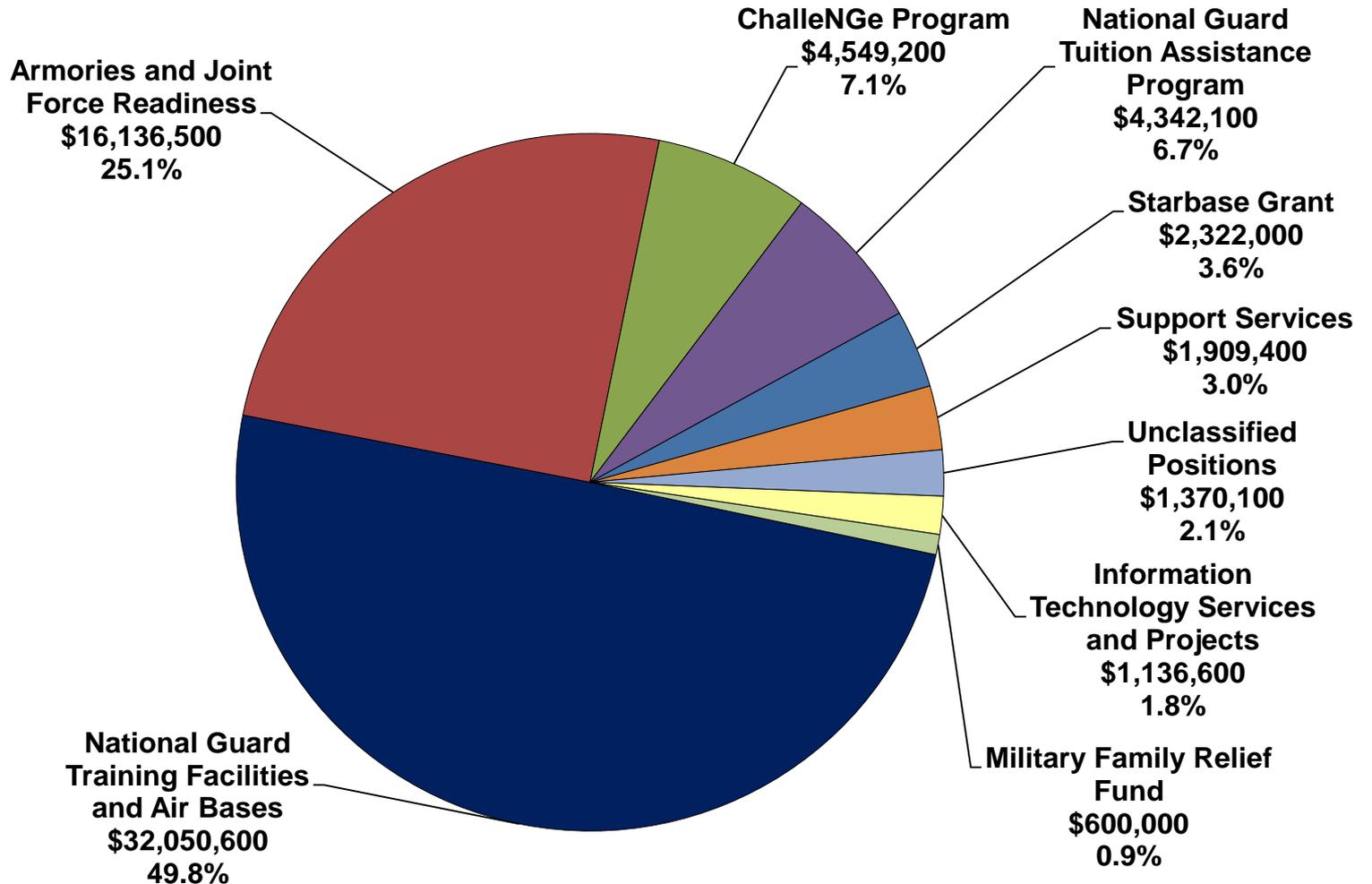
Military (Fund Sources)

FY 2014-15 Total Appropriation = \$64,416,500



Military (Scheduled Programs)

FY 2014-15 Total Appropriation = \$64,416,500



Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA)

- **Established by Executive Order 2013-2 (MCL 32.92)**

- **MVAA responsibilities include:**
 - Coordinating state services and benefits for veterans, and re-engineer processes and procedures where necessary.
 - Operating the state veterans' homes.
 - Administering the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund (MVTF).
 - Coordinating applications for federal benefits submitted through the state, counties, and veterans service organizations.
 - Coordinating other community support programs available to veterans – “No Wrong Door.”

- **Appropriations**
 - **FY 2012-13 Supplemental Budget – 2013 PA 9 (SB 233):** Authorized \$3.0 million GF/GP for partial year operations.
 - **FY 2013-14 Enacted Budget – 2013 PA 59, Article XIV (HB 4328):** Authorizes \$8.6 million for on-going and “one-time” costs.
 - **FY 2014-15 Enacted Budget – 2014 PA 252, Article XIV (HB 5313):** Authorizes \$16.1 million Gross for operations and scheduled programs.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA)

MVAA Strategic Plan

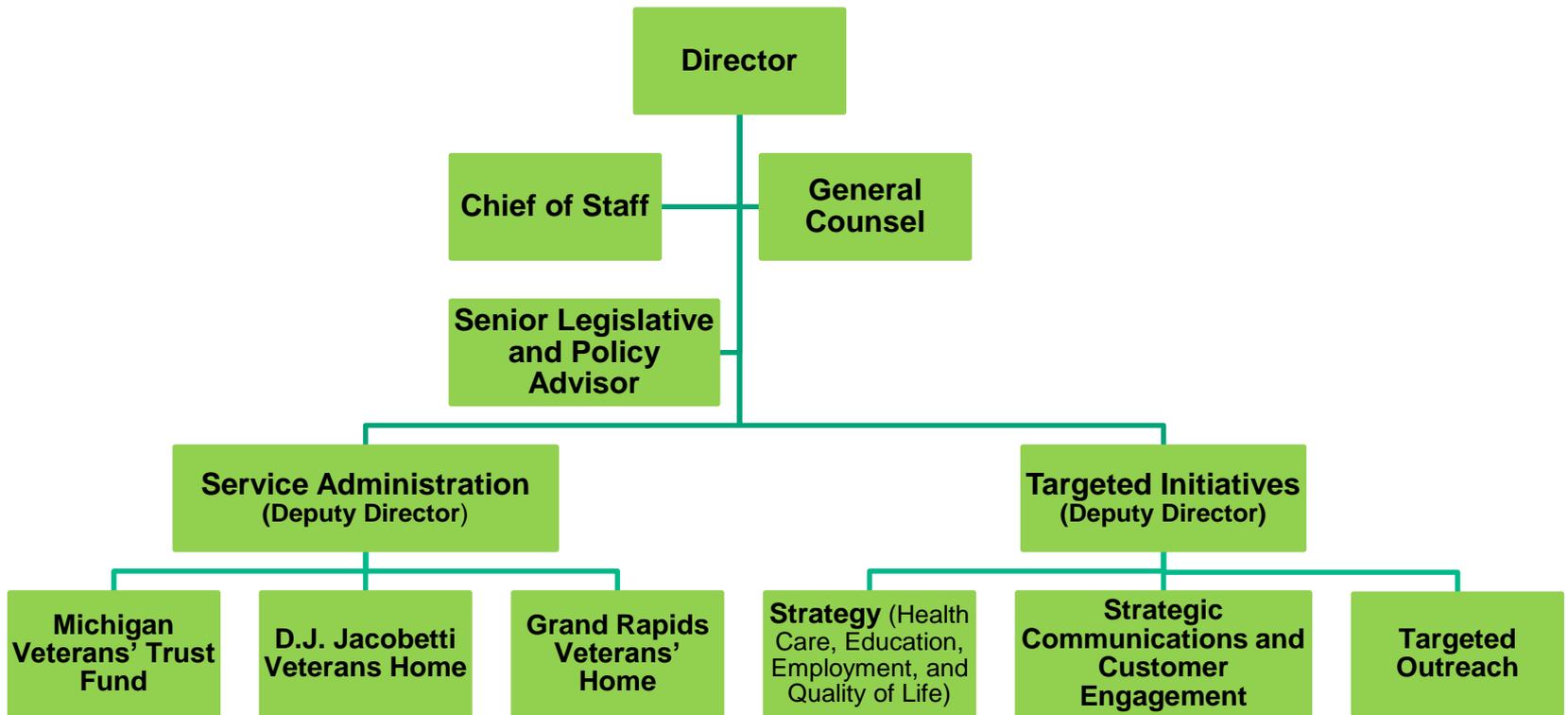
MVAA Mission Statement

To serve as the central coordinating point, connecting those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and their families to services and benefits throughout the state of Michigan.

- **Goal 1: Develop and Maintain a Strong MVAA**
 - Focusing on employee readiness, business processes, and infrastructure needs
- **Goal 2: Improve Communications**
 - MVAA communications with veterans and their families, stakeholders, and partners
 - Defined communications plan and strategy
- **Goal 3: Improve and Enhance Veterans' Service Delivery**
 - Assisting the transition to civilian life
 - Improve claims process through accredited service officers and county counselors, standardized submission process and management system,
 - Reviewing barriers to receiving available benefits
 - Central information portal – “One Stop Shop”
- **Goal 4: Enhance Interagency Collaboration and Leverage Partnerships**
 - Improve coordination of services among public and private organizations
- **Goal 5: Define and Promote Veterans Through Legislative Actions**
 - Develop a legislative agenda

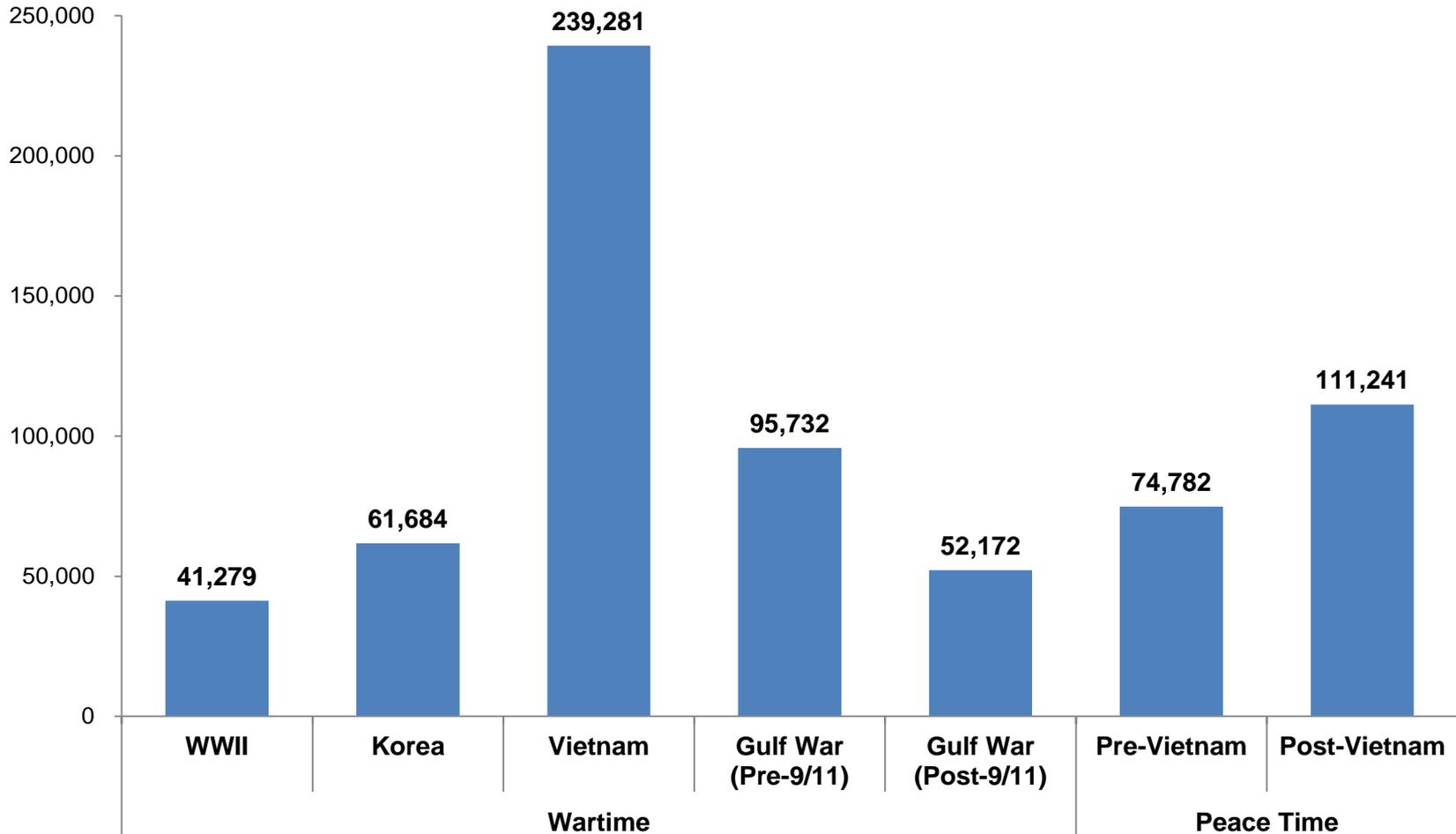
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA)

MVAA Organizational Chart



Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA)

Michigan Veterans Population (est.)

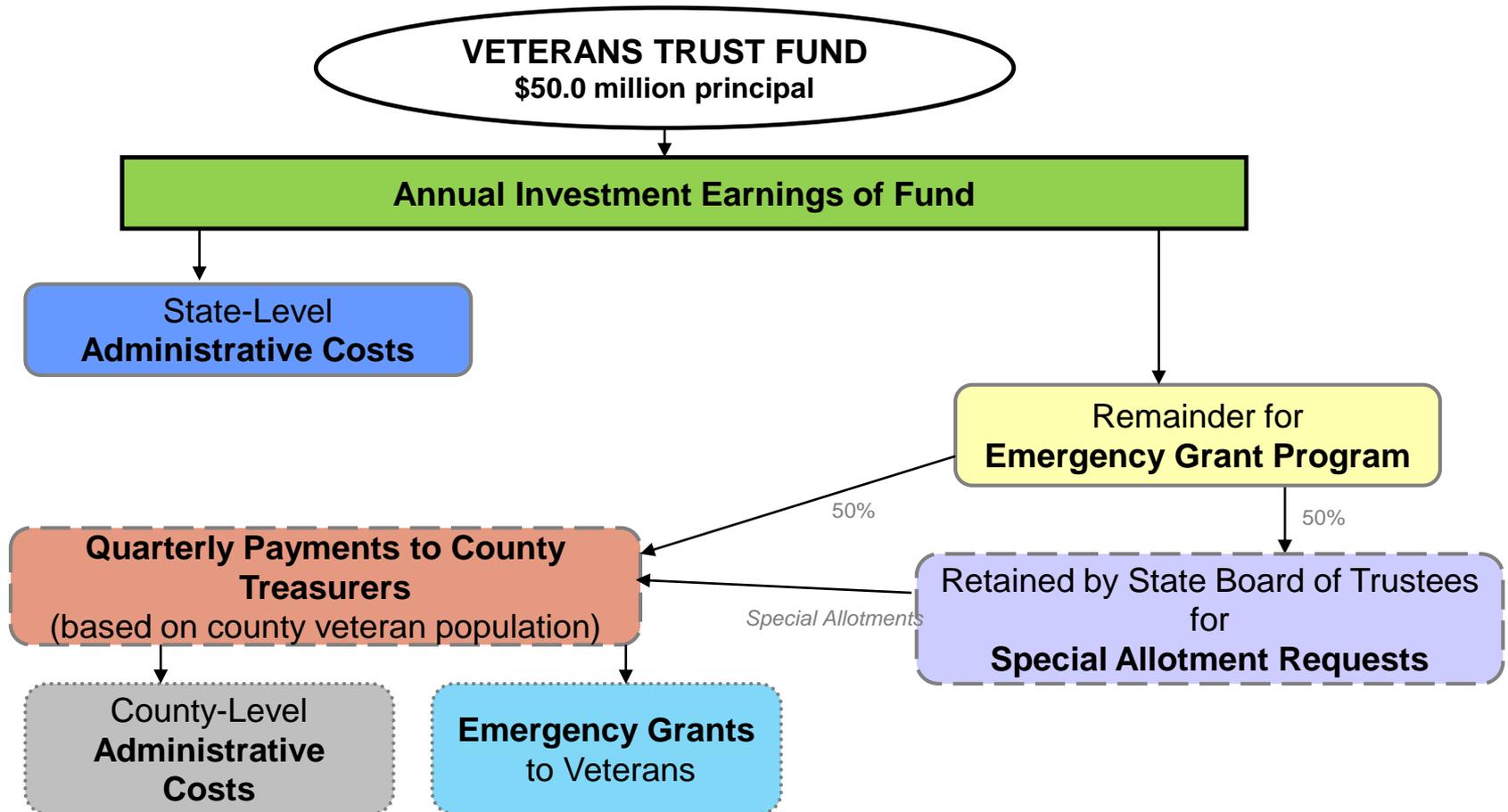


Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Actuary – VetPop 2014.

Note: Veterans who have served in multiple theaters are counted only in the theater in which they first served.

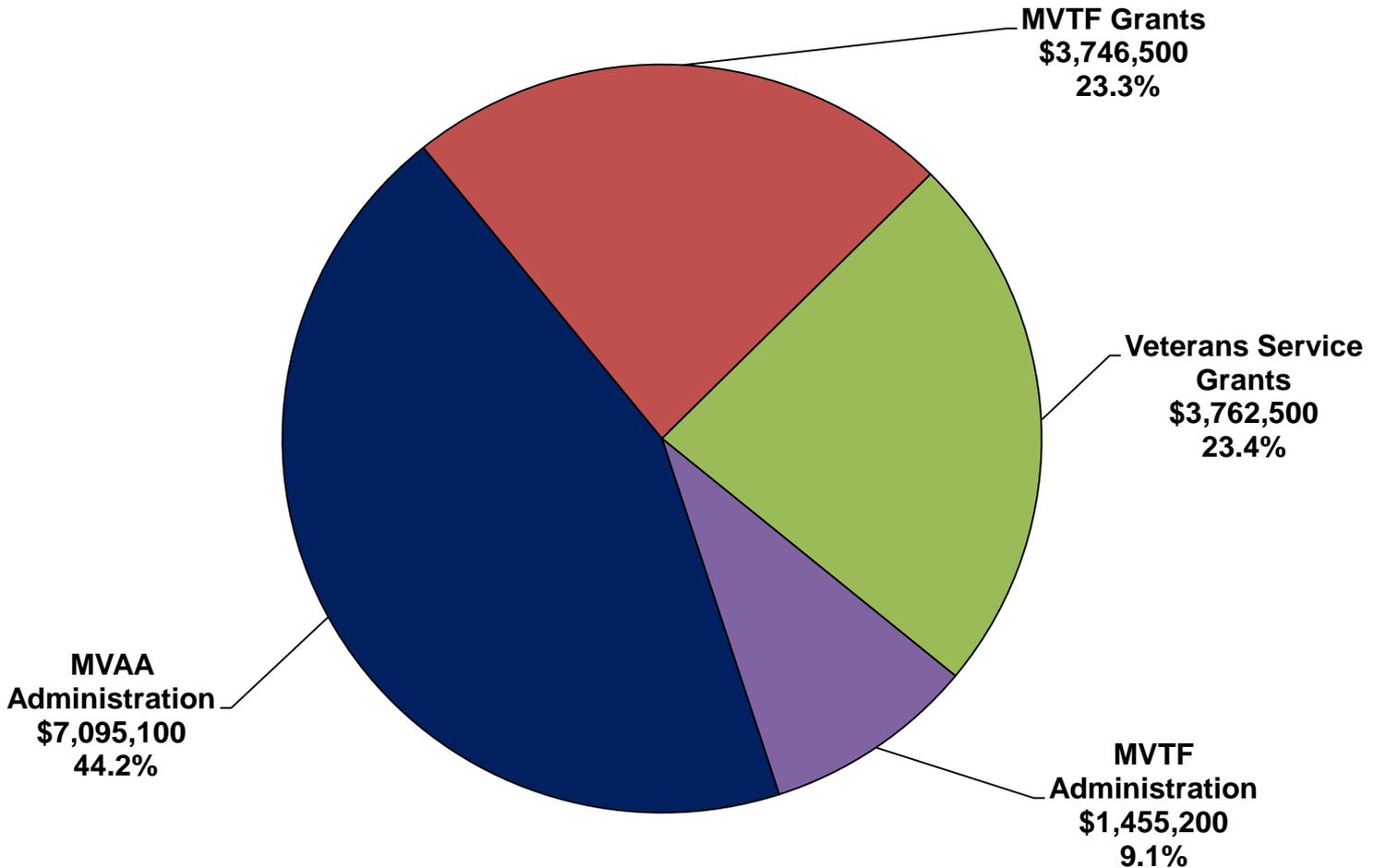
Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund

Established in 1946 with \$50.0 million principal; trust fund investment earnings provide emergency financial assistance grants to veterans for temporary, unforeseen hardships – housing, utilities, food, medical, transportation, and taxes.



Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (Programs)

FY 2014-15 Total Appropriation = \$16,059,300
(Excluding the Veterans' Homes)



Veterans' Homes

The state's veterans' homes provide traditional skilled nursing care, residential domiciliary care, and other special needs care for residents with Alzheimer's or dementia.

- **Grand Rapids Veterans' Home (GRVH):** Established by 1885 PA 152, located on 90+ acres in Grand Rapids.
 - Skilled Nursing Bed Capacity: 450 (incl. 115 special needs beds)
 - Domiciliary Bed Capacity: 140

- **D.J. Jacobetti Veterans Home (DJJVH):** Established in 1981, at the site of the former St. Mary's Hospital in Marquette.
 - Skilled Nursing Bed Capacity: 182
 - Domiciliary Bed Capacity: 22

Board of Managers – A 7-member board responsible for general oversight and supervision of the homes – setting policies and establishing rates.

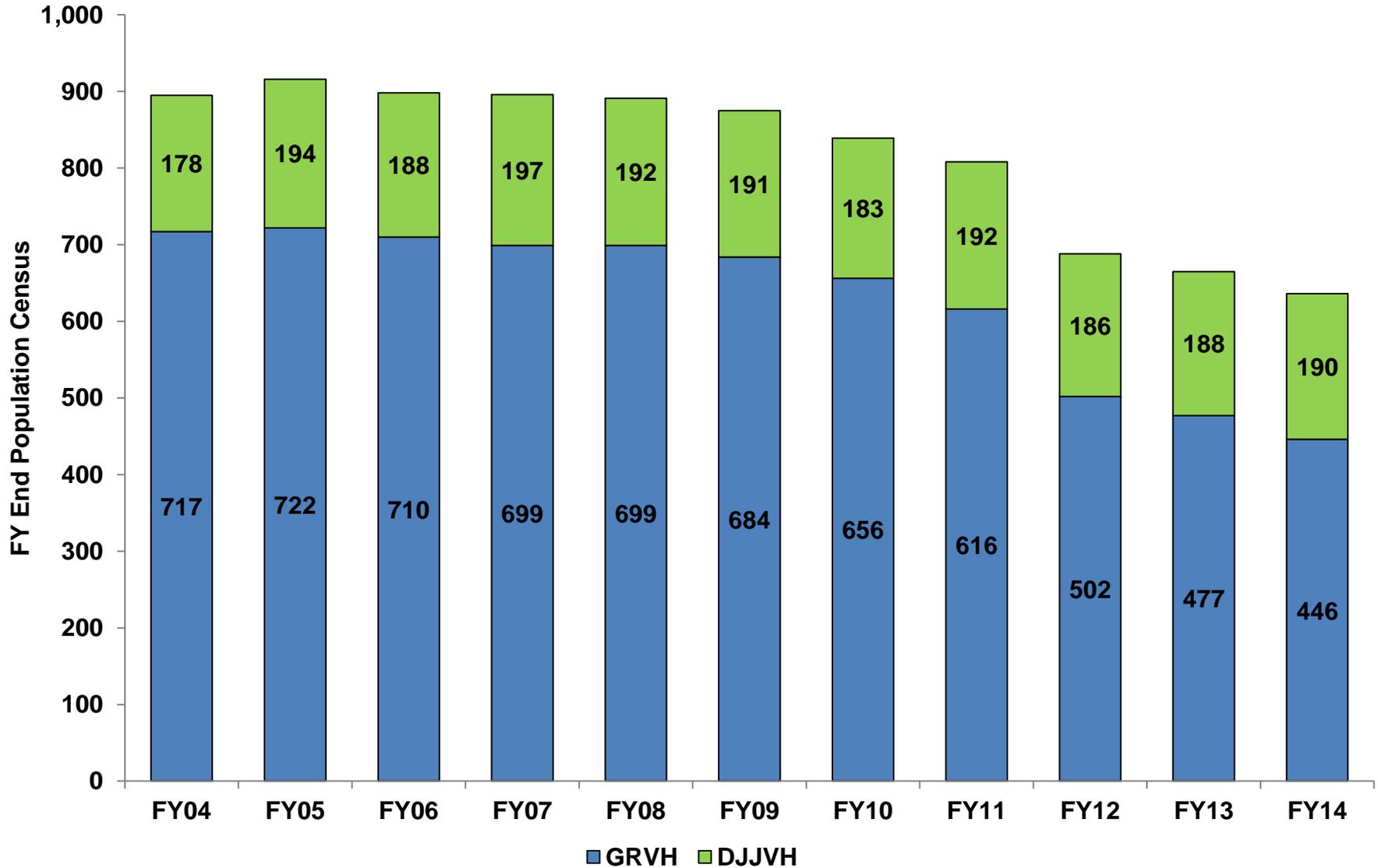
Eligibility – Michigan residents who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces honorably discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

Veterans who served in active duty or enlisted since 1980-81 must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which they were called to active duty.

Spouses of veterans may be admitted, subject to space limitations.

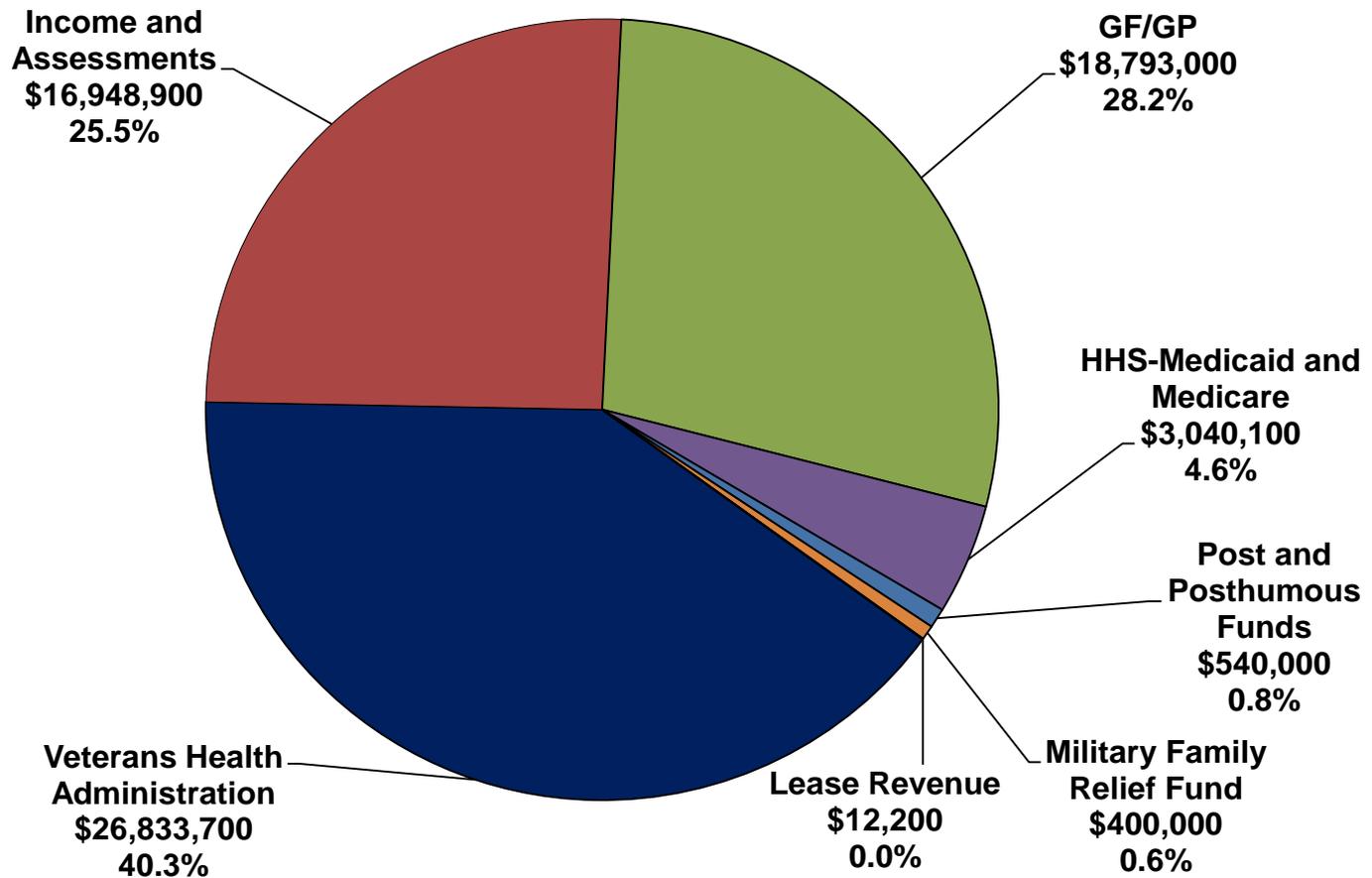
Veterans' Homes

Fiscal Year End Population Census



Veterans' Homes Funding Sources

FY 2014-15 Total Appropriation = \$66,567,900



Capital Outlay

FY 2014-15 Total Appropriation = \$16,500,000

– Special Maintenance – National Guard: \$15,000,000

- Includes basic facilities improvements, such as heating and air conditioning systems, roofs, windows, doors, frames.
- Costs generally shared on a 1:1 state-federal basis

– Special Maintenance – Veterans' Homes: \$500,000

- Large repair projects and facility maintenance projects at Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti veterans' homes

– Land and Acquisitions: \$1,000,000

- Authorization to acquire new properties
- Future Project: Acquire a suitable facility to replace the Flint armory.

One-Time Appropriations

FY 2014-15 Total Appropriation = \$3,400,000

– Special Maintenance- Veterans' Homes: \$3,000,000

- Large repair projects and other facility maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Homes.

– National Guard Tuition Assistance Program Reserve: \$400,000

- Additional funds set aside for the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program to be used if the initial appropriation is exhausted.

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