

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.375

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Advocacy Program

Program is found in the following core budget(s): MCDHH

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

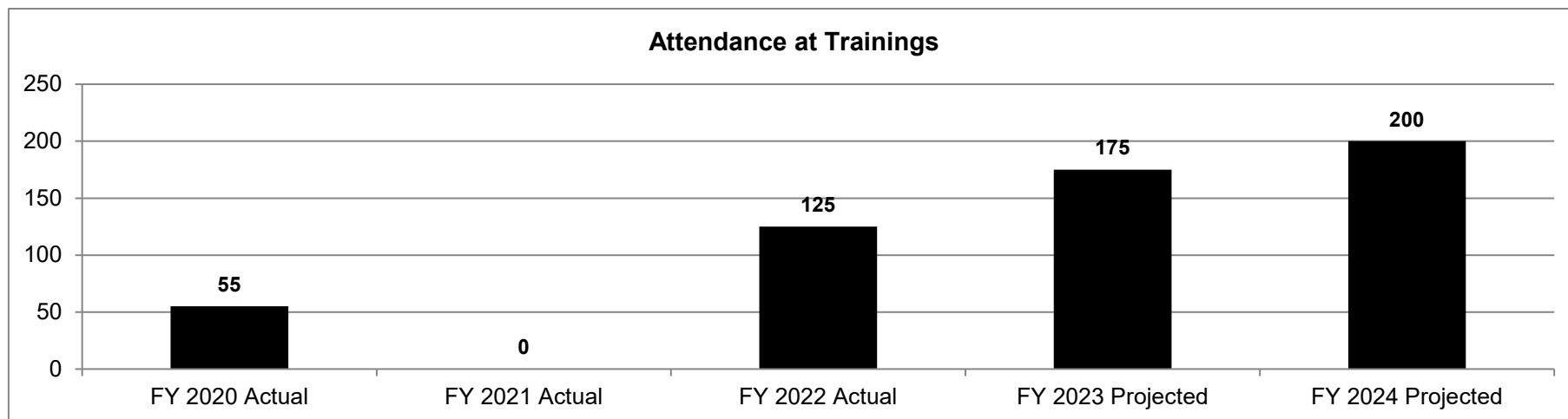
Advocate for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians and build partnerships to educate about the needs of the community

1b. What does this program do?

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) provides advocacy services and trainings to help Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians by making more resources available to them. MCDHH initiates legislation beneficial to deaf and hard of hearing Missourians and advocates for its passage. MCDHH also assists the legislature and other state agencies in the development of non-statutory public policies positively affecting people with hearing loss.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

MCDHH will track the number of requests for advocacy and will also continue reporting the number of trainings conducted.



**MCDHH did not host trainings in FY21 due to COVID-19*

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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

The following comments were received from our feedback form on the MCDHH website:

“Your generous in-kind donation of hand sanitizer and adult and children’s face masks with a transparent window for communication is deeply appreciated by our guest families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for thinking of their daily needs as they focus on healing their children.” –Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mid-Missouri

“I feel less claustrophobic with this mask. When people ask me where I got it, I tell them it's a Ravi Nova mask and it was provided by MCDHH. People like to be able to see my mouth. I always share the information on the inside of the package to those who are interested.” –Jane Shows, Community Interpreter

“...appreciate that they are waterproof for aquatic visits” & “They don’t fog up as much as others we have tried” –Therapists at Capital Region Healthplex West

2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Going forward, MCDHH will measure how many advocacy issues are resolved.

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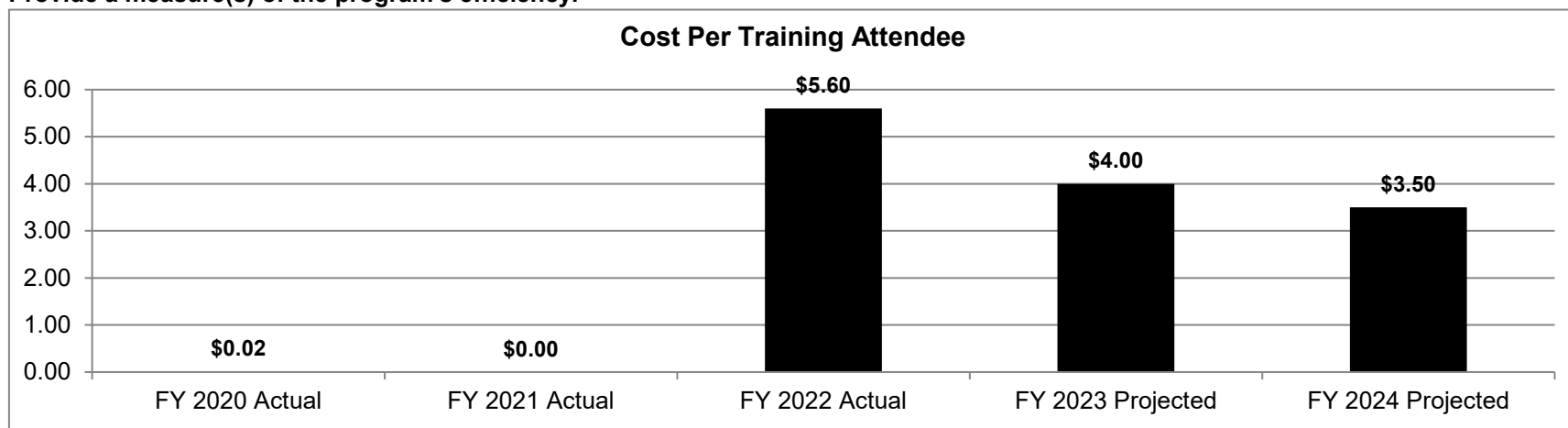
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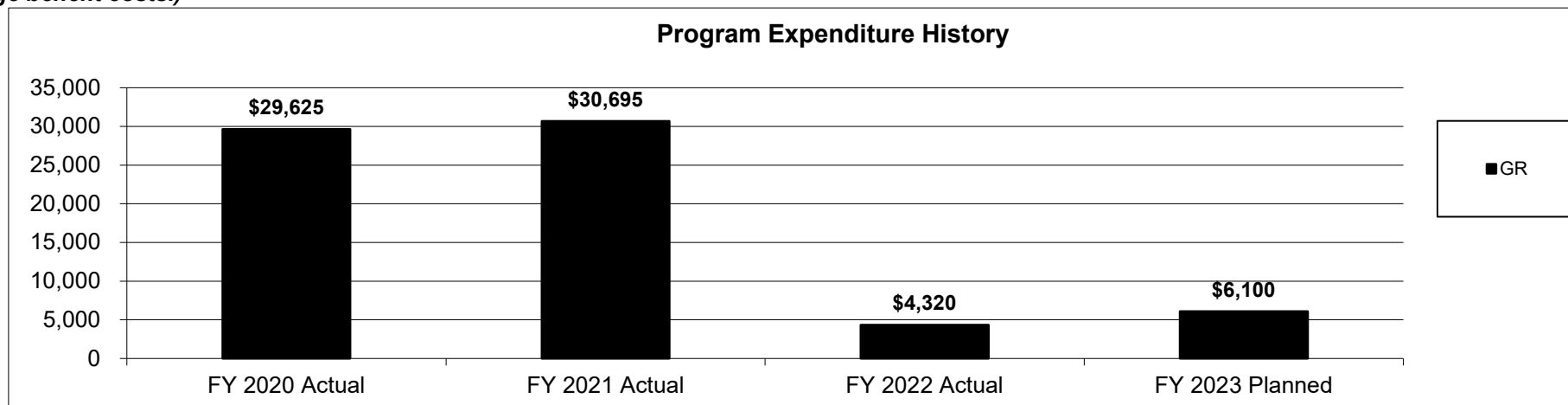
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

Some funding from the CARES Act was used to pay for shipping of clear face masks.

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

RSMo 161.405: The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing functions as an agency of the state to advocate public policies, regulations, and programs to improve the quality and coordination of existing services for deaf and hard of hearing persons, and to promote new services whenever necessary. The commission shall promote deaf awareness to the general public and serve as a consultant to any public agency needing information regarding deafness.

Mission: Provide effective and efficient leadership, education, advocacy and programs to eliminate barriers and to meet the social, economic, educational, cultural and intellectual needs of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf Blind Missourians.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

No.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No.