

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.250

High Need Fund

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1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Success-Ready Students & Workplace Development

1b. What does this program do?

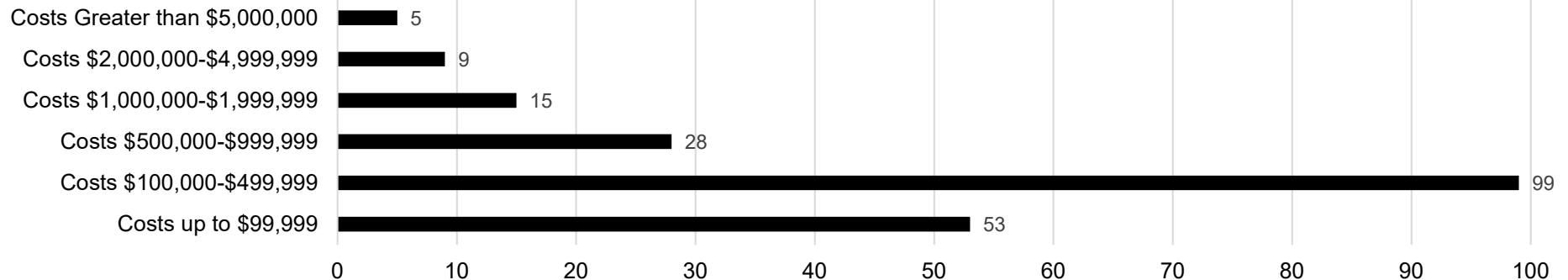
The High Need Fund (HNF) was established to provide additional funding to districts serving high need students with disabilities that are extraordinarily costly to the district. This funding helps reduce the financial stress on districts for increased costs to provide individualized education program (IEP) services that are beyond their control. Districts may claim educational costs that include: Instructional costs, Related Services, Transportation, Tuition, Assistive Technology, and other expenditures directly related to the student's education and supported by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). The fund provides reimbursement to districts when the educational costs exceeds three times the district's Current Expenditure per Average Daily Attendance (ADA). Reimbursement is provided the following year in which educational services were provided.

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

CLIENTS SERVED	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	Fy 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2025 Projected
Number of Districts Paid under HNF	242	217	209	211	213	215
Number of Students Claimed under HNF	3,785	3,636	3,056	3,087	3,117	3,149

NOTE: This chart indicates the number of districts that applied for the HNF and the number of students claimed for reimbursement.

FY21 Number of Districts with High Need Fund Costs Greater than \$100,000



NOTE: This chart indicates the number of districts that incur extreme costs for providing special education services to High Need students. Of the 217 districts that applied, approximately 150 districts had educational costs that exceeded \$100,000 for high need students. These students are very costly to the district.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	Fy 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2025 Projected
State Reimbursement	59,536,351	59,536,351	54,270,839	59,536,351	59,536,351	59,536,351
Federal Reimbursement	1,637,853	2,447,998	1,247,019	1,259,489	1,272,084	1,284,805
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	61,174,204	61,984,349	55,517,858	60,795,840	60,808,435	60,821,156

NOTE: This chart shows the amount of reimbursement paid under the HNF for students with severe disabilities. Federal funds are appropriated through the Special Education Grant appropriation.

HNF COSTS BY CATEGORY	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Instructional Costs	\$ 111,697,913	\$ 113,899,211	\$ 108,270,935	\$ 107,727,606
Related Services Costs	\$ 22,665,721	\$ 24,777,141	\$ 20,548,836	\$ 21,434,359
Transportation Costs	\$ 24,772,696	\$ 28,114,802	\$ 26,141,124	\$ 20,612,279
Tuition Costs	\$ 20,961,959	\$ 25,605,703	\$ 27,962,409	\$ 26,244,569
AT Costs	\$ 265,549	\$ 186,408	\$ 304,430	\$ 180,679
Other IEP Costs	\$ 4,312,219	\$ 4,673,988	\$ 5,197,747	\$ 5,056,938
TOTAL	\$ 184,676,057	\$ 197,257,253	\$ 188,425,481	\$ 181,256,430

NOTE: This chart indicates the categories where high need costs are incurred (this is based on total costs and not the reimbursement the district received).

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

HNF APPLICATION AUDIT PROCESS	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Number of HNF Applications that were Reviewed	236	242	217
Percent of HNF Applications that were Reviewed	100%	100%	100%
Number of HNF Applications with Reduced Costs based on Audit Process	35	42	24
Percent of HNF Applications with Reduced Costs based on Audit Process	15%	17%	11%
Amount of Reduced/Unallowable Costs based on Audit Process	\$ 655,912	\$ 850,167	\$ 1,687,568
Number of HNF Applications with Increased Costs based on Audit Process	7	6	3
Percent of HNF Applications with Increased Costs based on Audit Process	1%	2%	1%

NOTE: This chart indicates the results of the audit process completed on the HNF application to ensure that only allowable costs are claimed.

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

Cost and Reimbursement Information	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	Fy 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2025 Projected
Total Cost for Students Reported on HNF Applications	\$ 197,257,252	\$ 188,425,481	\$ 181,256,430	\$ 183,068,994	\$ 184,899,684	\$ 186,748,681
Total Reimbursement for HNF Students	\$ 61,174,204	\$ 61,984,349	\$ 55,517,858	\$ 60,795,840	\$ 60,808,435	\$ 60,821,156
Percent of Reimbursement Compared to Total Cost	31%	33%	31%	33%	33%	33%

NOTE: This chart indicates how the HNF reimbursement helps offset the educational costs of HNF students.

Student Placement (FY22 Data)	% of HNF Students
Inside the regular classroom less than 40% of the day	35%
Inside the regular classroom between 79% and 40% of the day	20%
Inside the regular classroom more than 79% of the day	6%
Private Separate Day Facility	11%
Public Separate Day Facility	11%

NOTE: This chart shows that HNF students may be placed in regular education classrooms with supports and HNF funding.

Disability (FY22 Data)	Average Cost per Disability	Number of Students	Percent of Students
Hearing Impairment	\$ 71,298	182	5%
Deaf/Blindness	\$ 69,892	5	< 1%
Traumatic Brain Injury	\$ 59,819	22	1%
Multiple Disabilities	\$ 67,200	309	9%
Speech Impairment	\$ 60,921	7	< 1%
Autism	\$ 58,373	1,218	34%
Intellectual Disability	\$ 55,525	463	15%
Emotional Disturbance	\$ 53,786	211	6%
Specific Learning Disability	\$ 29,648	23	1%
Vision Impairment	\$ 62,430	63	2%
Development Disability	\$ 54,894	81	2%
Orthopedic Impairment	\$ 59,054	36	1%
Other Health Impairments	\$ 52,891	410	11%
Language Impairment	\$ 49,395	23	1%

NOTE: This chart indicates the number of students claimed by disability and the average cost per disability.

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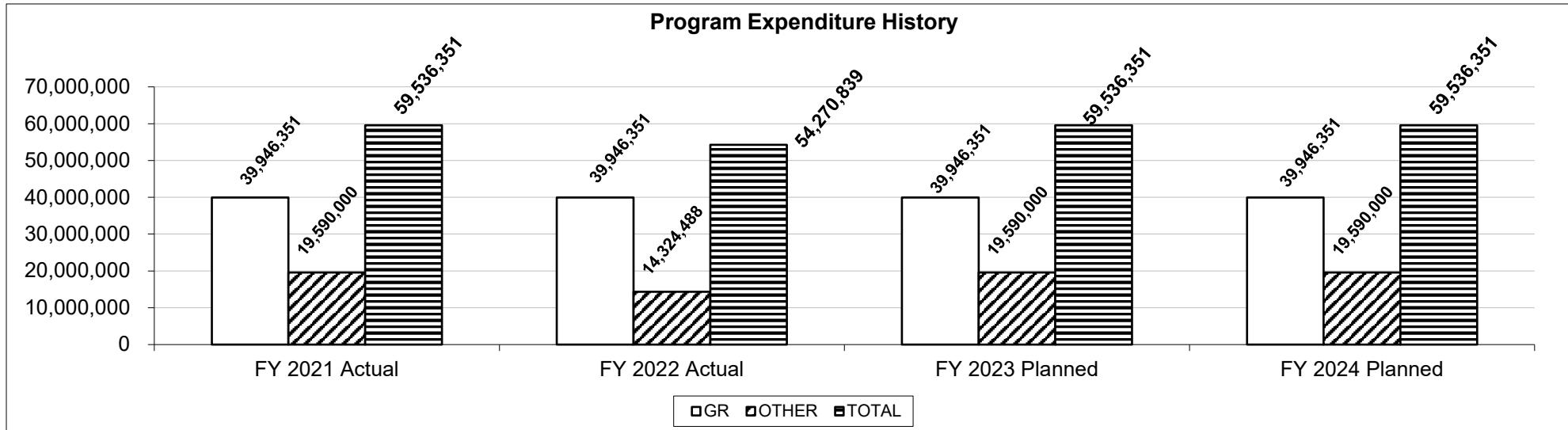
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Indicator	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Applications are received, reviewed, logged, and processed for payment by January 1 each year	100%	100%	100%	100%
The first state HNF payment is paid in the January payment cycle or before	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: This chart indicates how efficiently applications are processed and paid. Payment is dependent on available cash reserves and appropriation allotments.

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.)



NOTE: Federal funds are not included in program expenditure history as these funds are appropriated through the Special Education Grant.

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

Lottery (0291-0657), Federal Funds (0105-2265) appropriated under the Special Education Grant

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

RSMo Section 162.974; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 34 CFR 300.704

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

There are Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements related to the IDEA Part B federal grant. MOE requires the state to appropriate the same amount of state funds for special education programs as it did the previous year. The threshold must be maintained or the state will forfeit federal funding for each year the state does not meet the original threshold.

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

Yes, there are federal funds from the Special Education Grant that are allowed to go towards state high need programs if certain conditions are met.