

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

**Department of Elementary & Secondary Education**

**HB Section(s):** 2.070

**Missouri Fine Arts Academy (MFAA)**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Missouri Scholars and Fine Arts Academies**

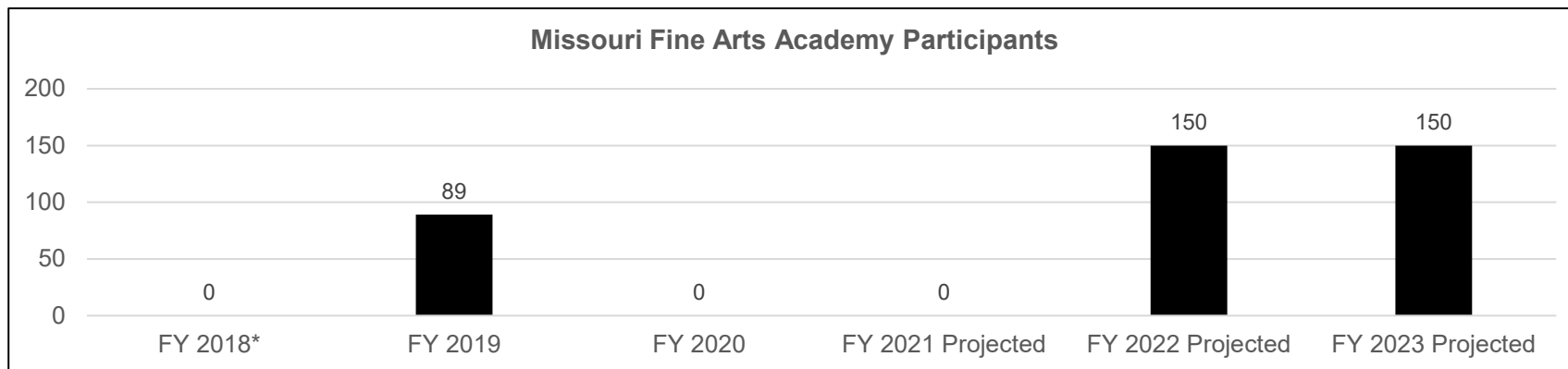
**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Success-Ready Students & Workplace Development

**1b. What does this program do?**

The Missouri Fine Arts Academy (MFAA) is a two-week residential program, held on the campus of Missouri State University, for Missouri's students who are gifted in the arts and ready to begin their junior or senior year of high school. The mission of MFAA is to offer unique opportunities for students to learn and develop skills for personal and professional development as they pertain to the arts. Such programming, due to the interdisciplinary focus of the Academy, cannot be provided through curriculum and instruction in a traditional high school environment. The Academy is designed to allow students with unique artistic abilities to flourish with peers and assist these students with realizing their full potential with accessibility to creative outlets, materials, and varied modalities. Students are accepted into the Academy by highly qualified assessment teams. The faculty and staff specifically design curriculum with the goal of personal development, team building, creativity, and professional outcomes.

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



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

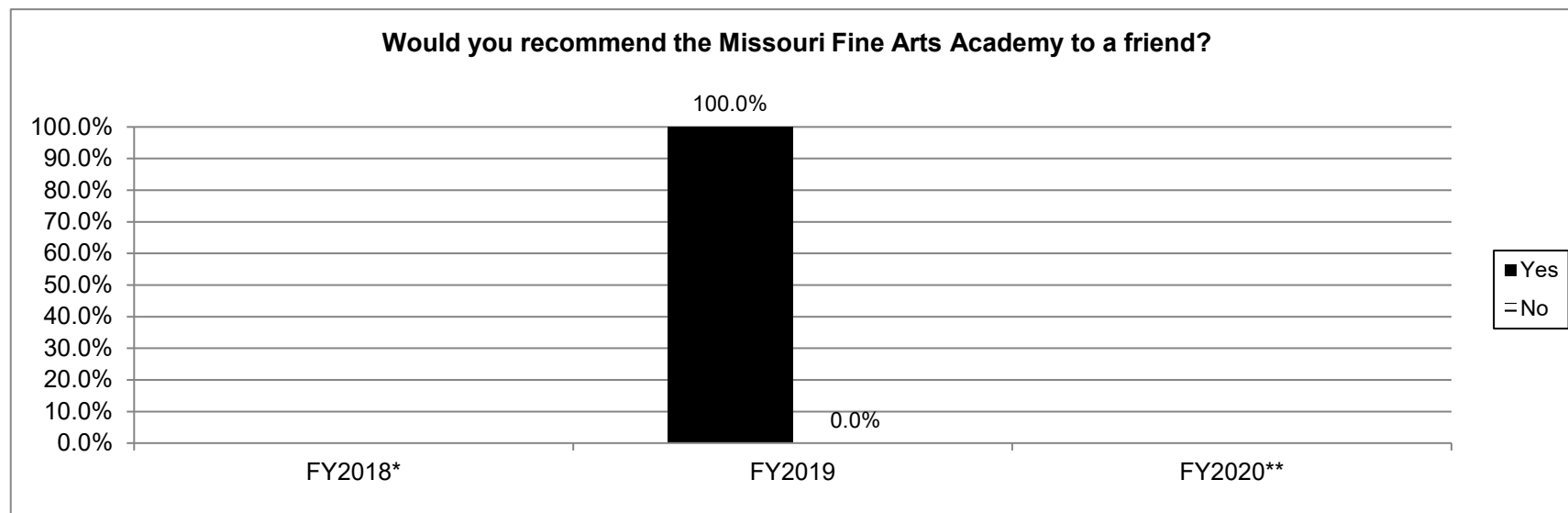
Comments from Missouri Fine Arts Academy Participants from previous years:

*"MFAA gave me confidence in my future, specifically in my future career."*

*"I became more motivated and I realized my potential as an artist, a thinker, a teammate, a student, and as a friend. In just 3 weeks, I've done things I didn't even know I could do and met some really incredible people who helped me realize that whatever I put my mind to doing, it can happen."*

*"I was extremely fortunate to be given this opportunity to involve myself with so many talented peers and faculty."*

*"For the first time, I felt like I belonged and took my responsibilities as an artist and contributor to society very serious."*



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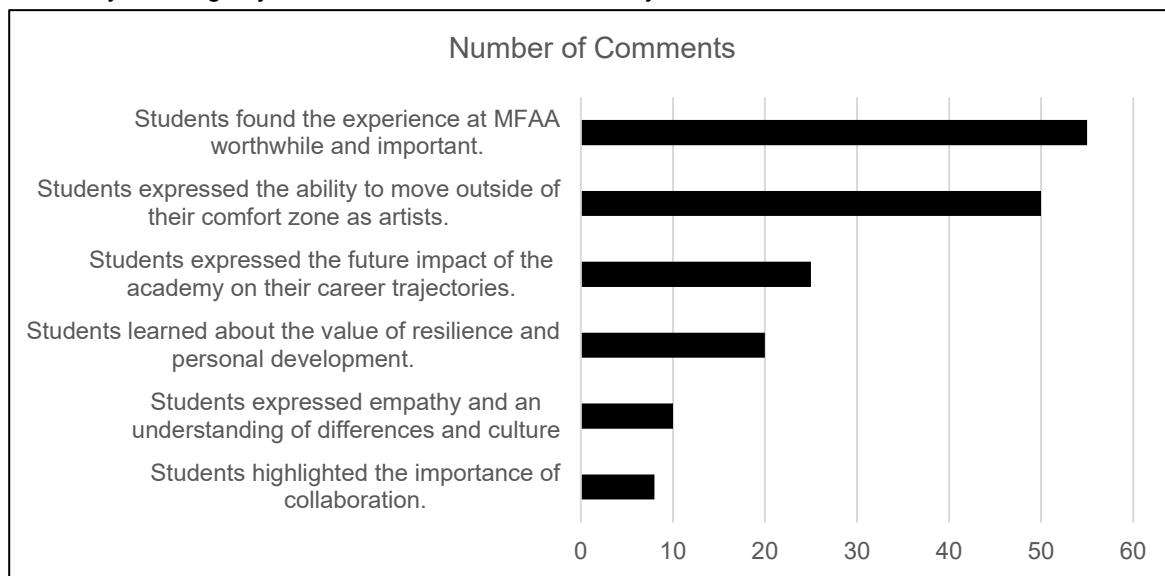
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### 2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Upon completion of the Academy, students previously enrolled have encouraged the next class of students to participate through presentations and on-on-one conversations. Each year the feedback is extremely powerful and positive. As a follow up, participants are asked to come back to the Academy periodically to share their time and talent. Many are successful entrepreneurs and artists who have shared their stories over the years. In 2019 the Missouri Fine Arts Academy used the "Piece in Process" project to gather data from the students. MFAA had a 97% completion rate for the final product and received a 50% response rate of student reflections. The Academy director planned to conduct a more comprehensive assessment (pre/posttest) of academy learning objectives in 2020, but the Academy was cancelled due to COVID-19. A more comprehensive assessment will be conducted in 2021.



\*57 of the 89 students who participated voluntarily submitted feedback on their experience at MFAA.

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

The Missouri Fine Arts Academy achieves excellence while managing costs responsibly. In the previous year's parent survey of the MSA participants, 97% reported that family expenses associated with the MFAA were "about the right amount", "definitely worth the expense", or "a bargain". The MFAA has improved concerns and accessibility with cost by lowering the fee from \$1500 in 2017 to \$500 in 2019. The work of the academy continues throughout the following academic year, as the team reviews all written feedback and suggestions from student reflections and social media outreach. The MFAA is constantly reviewing and refreshing curriculum and the program components through collaboration with other artists and scholars across Missouri. The Academy has a history of

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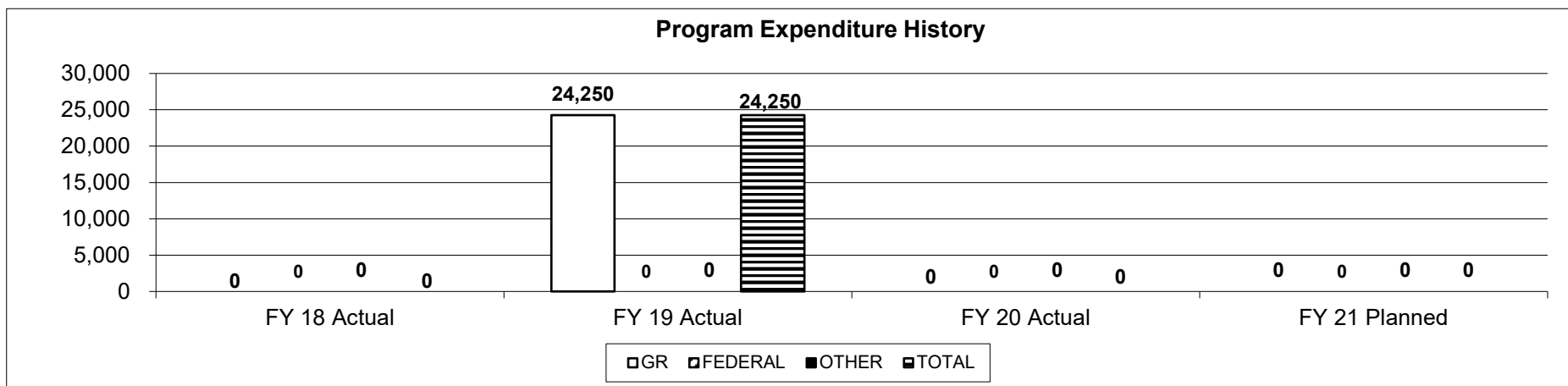
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

N/A

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

Section 161.092, RSMo

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

No.

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

No.