

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.140

Missouri Project AWARE

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Missouri Project AWARE

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safe & Healthy Schools

1b. What does this program do?

Funding is used to implement school based mental health related promotion, awareness, prevention, intervention, and resilience activities for youth.

- Utilizing a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS), LEAs and their on-site licensed mental health professionals will build Student Assistance Programs (SAP) that provide for various levels of interventions, both direct service and referral.
- Licensed mental health professionals will provide on-site interventions, especially for students experiencing serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious mental illness (SMI), per the SAP.

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

DESE's Project AWARE includes external evaluation services with reports including:

- Data Analysis through a web-based data management system to collect quantitative data and information on program activities.
- Reports on tasks that create awareness, provide and facilitate training, and connect school aged youth with mental health services.
- Mid-Year and Annual Reports providing background and overview of program activities, and evaluation of questions and indicators.

** Note: No current data available due to program not being implemented until December 1, 2022. DESE did not have an appropriation for this program in FY2022, and in FY2023 DESE did not receive approval from the Feds to begin program operations until December 1. Data to reflect measures projected in 3-6 months.*

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

DESE's Project AWARE includes external evaluation services with reports including:

- Data Analysis through a web-based data management system to collect qualitative data and information.
- Progress monitoring to identify areas that require technical assistance from DESE or other resources to achieve program goals.
- Mid-Year and Annual Reports providing background and overview of data collection methods, results/findings, and recommendations for improvement.

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

DESE intends to measure impact on Missouri Project AWARE goals:

1. Increase school-based mental health infrastructures within participating LEA's schools.
2. Increase capacity of school staff to employ evidence-based tools and systems of support to detect and respond to mental health issues.
3. Increase early identification of student mental health needs.
4. Increase timely access to culturally competent and developmentally appropriate interventions.
5. Increase student/family access to treatment, wrap-around resources, and services for students with behavioral health issues.
6. Improve social-emotional environment for learning at schools.

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

Measures include:

- The number of policy changes completed as a result of the grant.
- The number of people in the mental health and related workforce trained in mental health-related practices/activities that are consistent with the goals of the grant.
- The number of individuals who have received training in prevention or mental health promotion.
- The percentage of individuals who have demonstrated improvement in knowledge/attitudes/beliefs related to prevention and/or mental health promotion.
- The number of individuals referred to mental health or related services.
- The percentage of individuals receiving mental health or related services after referral.

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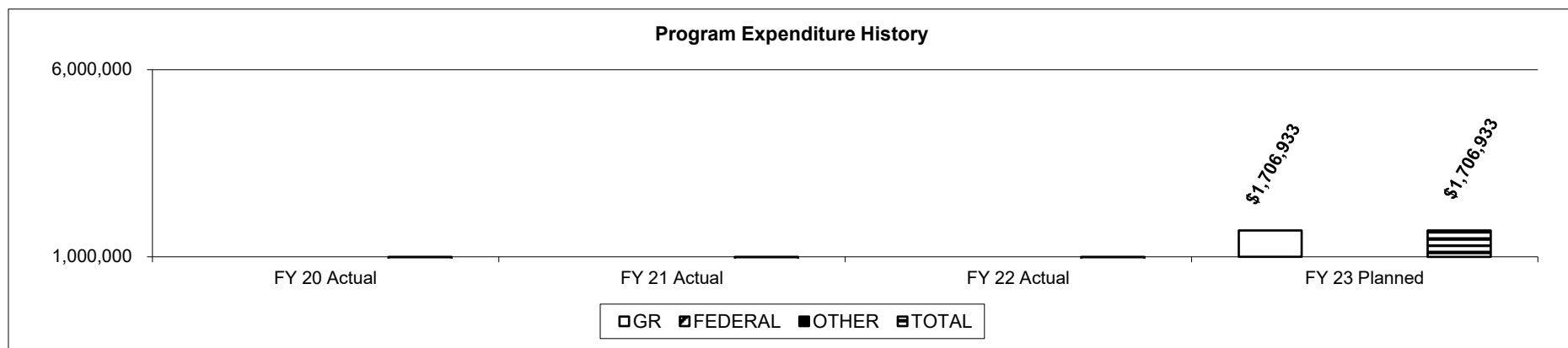
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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.)

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

no

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

no