

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.375

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Program

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

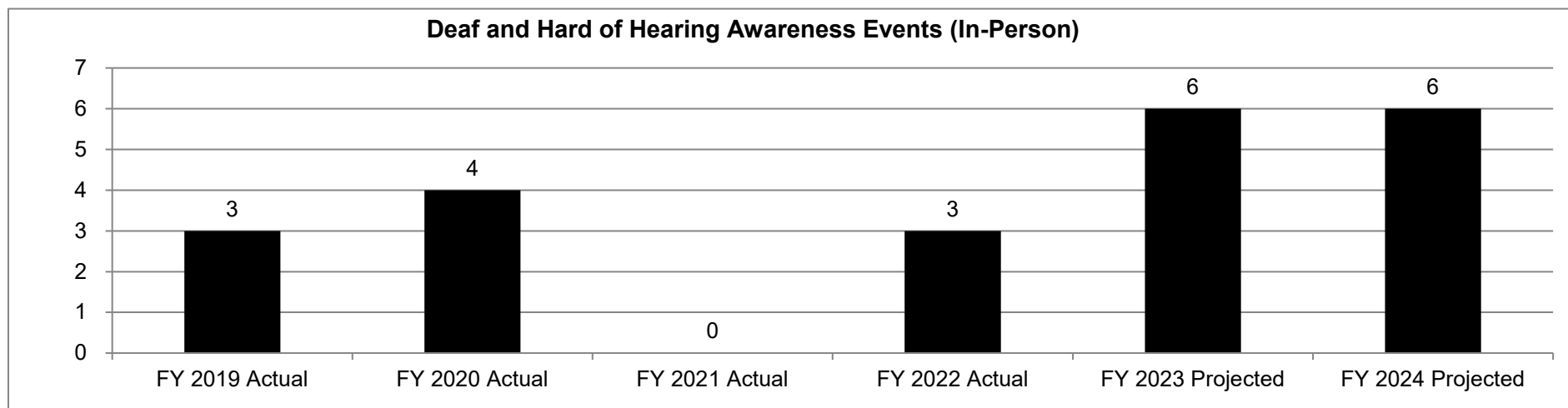
Efficiency and Effectiveness

1b. What does this program do?

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) raises awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing culture and issues surrounding hearing loss in order to help Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians by creating a more accepting and accessible community.

This year, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Programs continued to be limited due to COVID-19. However, MCDHH hopes to keep the spirit of the program alive with alternative programming.

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



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

The most obvious sign that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness events have been high-quality is the volume of inquiries about the status of the events following COVID-19. The community values these events and looks forward to attending them annually. Moving forward, MCDHH will develop new ways to gauge the satisfaction of attendees as programs are reinstated.

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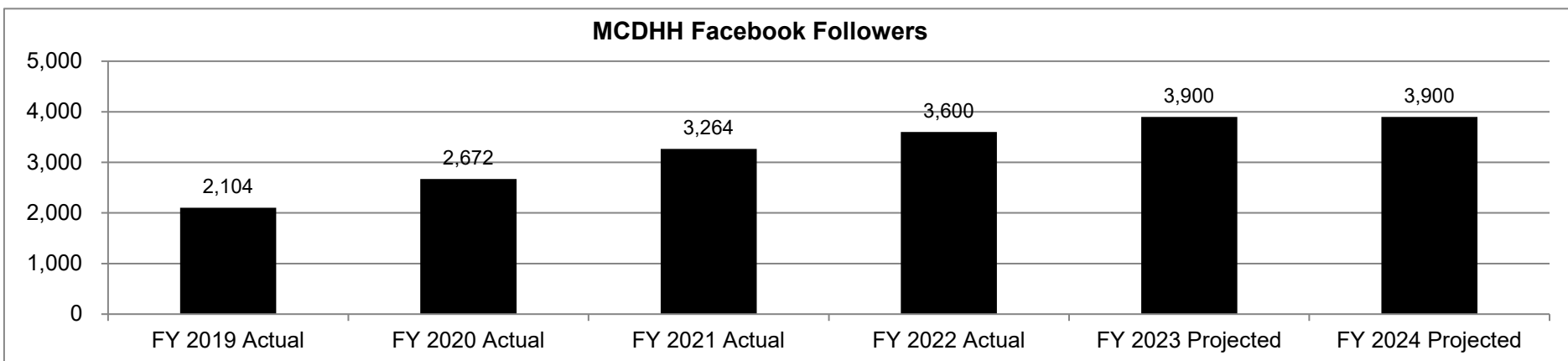
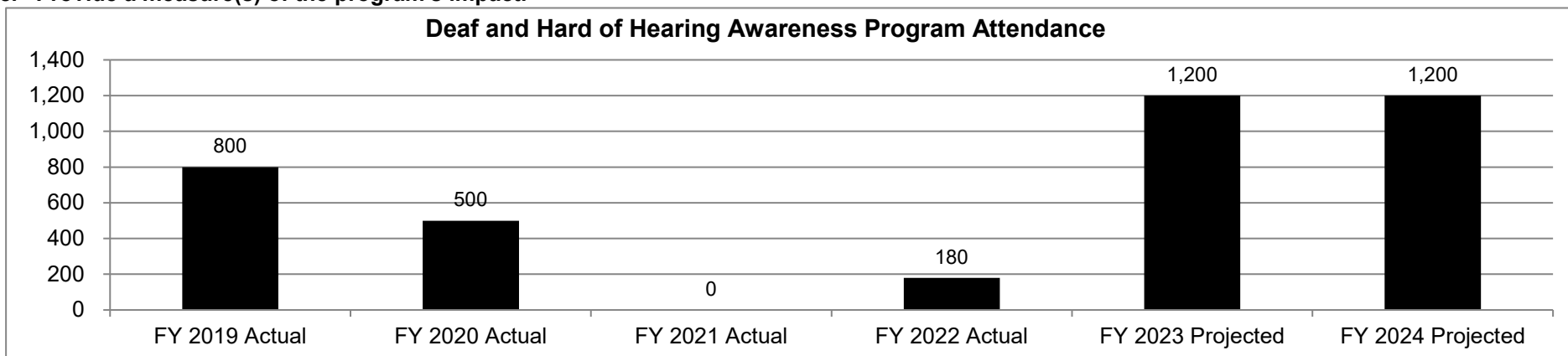
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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

MCDHH evaluates the efficiency of the awareness programs by looking at how many individuals are reached at events compared to the expenses and staff hours used to plan and attend them. Over the past several years, MCDHH has been sending fewer staff members to events, encouraging carpooling, and planning travel times to be the most cost effective in terms of both hotel costs and comp time earnings. As most of the recent events have been cancelled, there is no new data to provide. MCDHH will continue to consider the ratio of quality and impact to cost as MCDHH moves forward in developing new Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness programs that are compatible with conditions during the pandemic.

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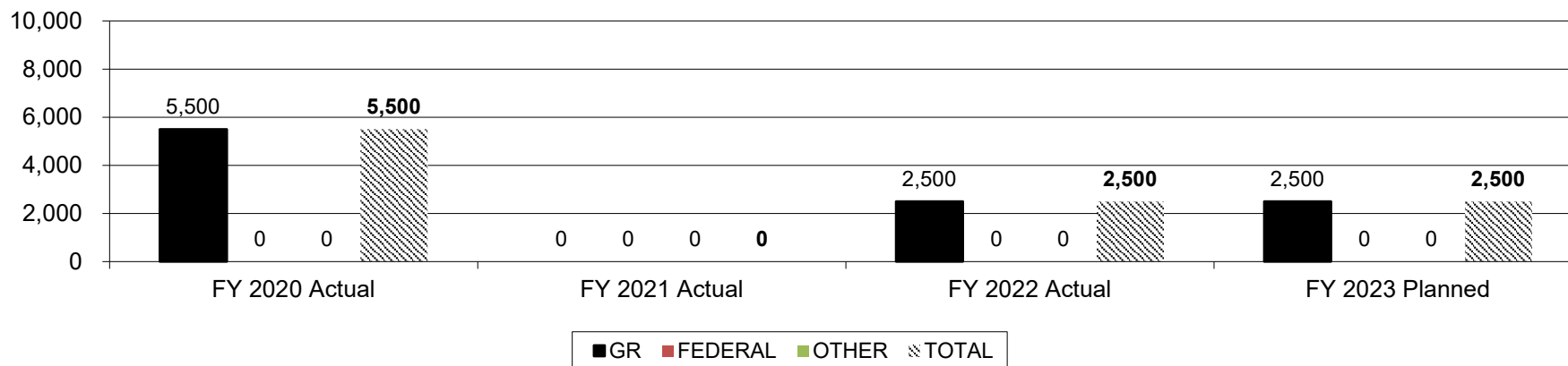
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)

Program Expenditure History



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.)

RSMo 161.405: The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing functions is 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