

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.295

Readers for the Blind

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Readers for the Blind

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Success-Ready Students & Workplace Development

1b. What does this program do?

Through an application process, the Readers for the Blind (RFB) Fund reimburses up to \$500 annually per visually impaired student to school districts and higher education institutions for the assistance of a reader in order for the student to fully participate in instructional activities. Payments may be prorated based on the annual appropriation amount and the number of applications received.

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

Indicator	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21 Proj	FY22 Proj	FY23 Proj
Approved Number of Readers	146	123	0	120	121	122
Number of Visually Impaired/Blind Students Assigned Readers	139	126	0	125	126	128
Number of Districts that Applied	10	5	0	5	5	5

NOTE: This chart indicates the number of readers, the number of students assigned readers, and the number of districts that applied for the RFB application. Allotment was not allocated in FY20 so no applications were processed.

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

Indicator	FY18	FY19	FY20
Number of Applications that were Audited during Review Process	14	5	0
Percent of Applications that were Audited during Review Process	100%	100%	0%
Number of Applications that had Reduced Costs based on Audit Process	6	3	0
Percent of Applications that had Reduced Costs based on Audit Process	43%	60%	0%
Number of Applications that had Increased Costs based on Audit Process	0	0	0
Percent of Applications that had Increased Costs based on Audit Process	0	0	0

NOTE: This chart indicates the results of the audit process completed on the RFB application to ensure that only allowable students are claimed. Allotment was not allocated in FY20 so no applications were processed.

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

Measure	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21 Proj	FY22 Proj	FY23 Proj
Number of Blind/Visually Impaired Students Who Reached Age 21 Without Attaining a High School Diploma	0	2	1	0	0	0
Statewide Blind/Visually Impaired Students Graduation Rate (6 Yr. Adjusted Cohort Rate)	82.1%	92.9%	96.0%	97.0%	97.9%	98.9%

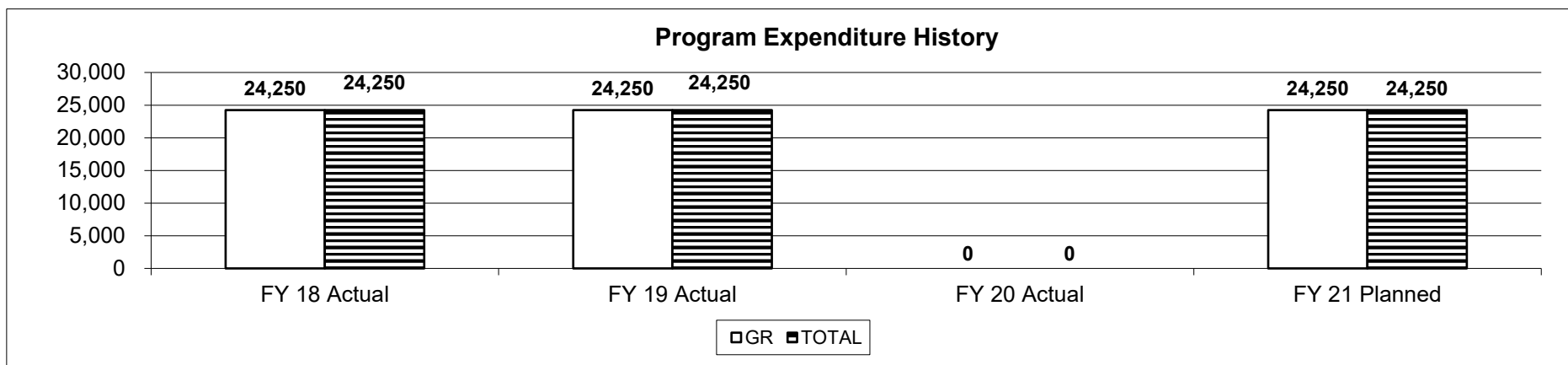
NOTE: This chart indicates that Blind/Visually Impaired students are graduating successfully based on the services and supports they receive.

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

Indicator	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21 Proj	FY22 Proj	FY23 Proj
Average Payment for each Reader per Student	\$ 174.46	\$ 196.56	\$ -	\$ 198.53	\$ 200.51	\$ 202.52

NOTE: This chart indicates the amount of funding the school receives for each reader per student.

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: FY21 planned amount includes 3% Governor's reserve.

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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 Section 187.169

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

No.

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

No.