PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education   **HB Section(s):** _2.340_
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	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2025 Projected
Approved Number of Readers	0	118	67	68	68	69
Number of Visually Impaired/Blind Students Assigned Readers	0	125	123	124	125	127
Number of Districts that Applied	0	6	5	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	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Number of Applications that were Audited during Review Process	0	6	5
Percent of Applications that were Audited during Review Process	0%	100%	100%
Number of Applications that had Reduced Costs based on Audit Process	0	4	3
Percent of Applications that had Reduced Costs based on Audit Process	0%	67%	60%
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.

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

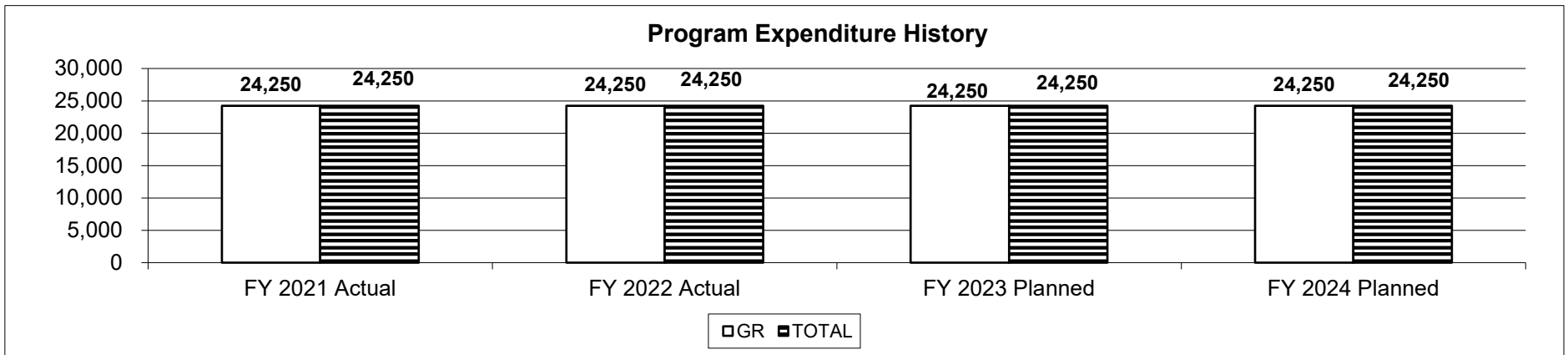| Measure	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2025 Projected
Number of Blind/Visually Impaired Students Who Reached Age 21 Without Attaining a High School Diploma	1	2	3	2	2	2
Statewide Blind/Visually Impaired Students Graduation Rate (6 Yr. Adjusted Cohort Rate)	96.0%	82.2%	79.4%	80.2%	81.0%	81.8%

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	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected	FY 2025 Projected
Average Payment for each Reader per Student	$ -	$ 198.53	$ 197.15	$ 199.12	$ 201.11	$ 203.12

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.*)

Program Expenditure History

FY 2021 Actual: 24,250 24,250
FY 2022 Actual: 24,250 24,250
FY 2023 Planned: 24,250 24,250
FY 2024 Planned: 24,250 24,250

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NOTE: FY23 & FY24 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 178.160

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.
   No

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.
   No