

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.100

School Broadband

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Success-Ready Students & Workplace Development

1b. What does this program do?

The legislature approved funding for the purpose of providing funds to public schools, eligible for Federal E-rate reimbursement. The goal of the broadband internet access initiative is to close the fiber gap in State's public education by assisting districts in obtaining high-speed, fiber-optic connections to the school buildings.

This funding is to be used as a state match of up to ten percent (10%) of E-rate eligible special construction costs under the Federal E-rate program pursuant to 47 CFR 54.505, and to provide additional funds to eligible public schools in the amount necessary to bring the total support from Federal universal service combined with state funds under this section to one hundred percent (100%) of E-rate eligible special construction costs, provided that no funds are used to construct broadband facilities to schools and libraries where such facilities already exist providing at least 100mbps symmetrical service; and further provided that to the extent such funds are used to contract broadband facilities, the construction, ownership and maintenance of such facilities shall be procured through a competitive bidding process; and further provided that funds shall only be expended for telecommunications, telecommunications services, and internet access and no funds shall be expended for internal connections, managed internal broadband services, or basic maintenance of internal connections.

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

98.9% of school districts have the minimum required bandwidth of 100kbps per student.

4,782 students in 6 school districts still need bandwidth upgrades.

Source: Education SUPERHIGHWAY - Closing the K-12 Connectivity Gap

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

N/A

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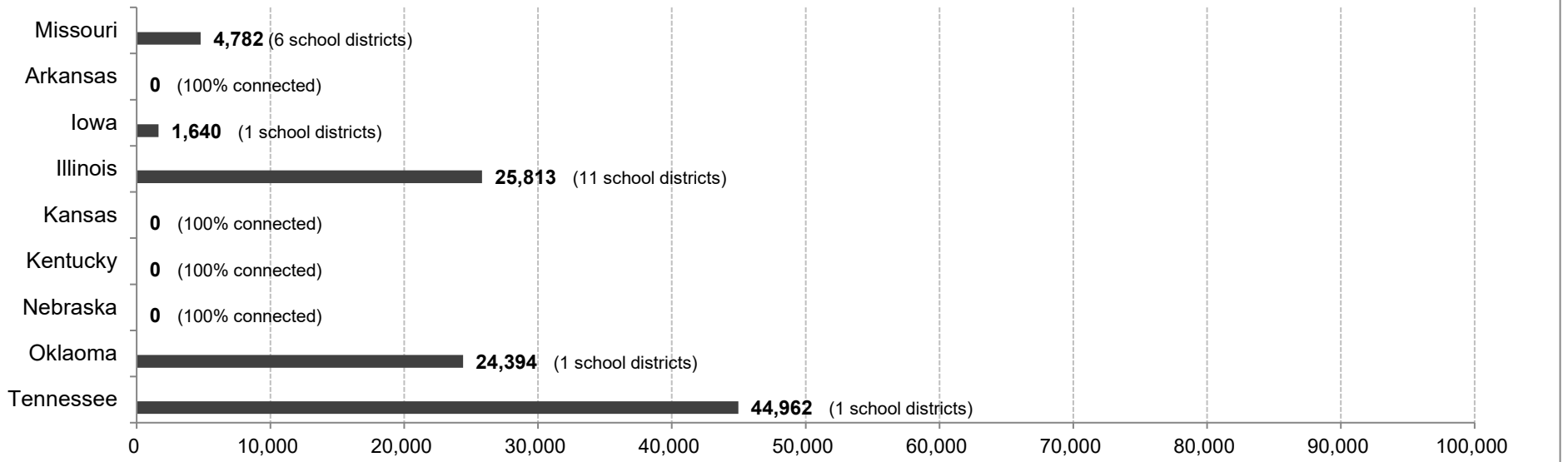
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Increase the number of schools with high-speed, fiber optic connections.

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**Students and School Districts that Still Need to be Connected
(in surrounding states)**



Source: Education SUPERHIGHWAY - 2019 State of the States - Closing the K-12 Connectivity Gap

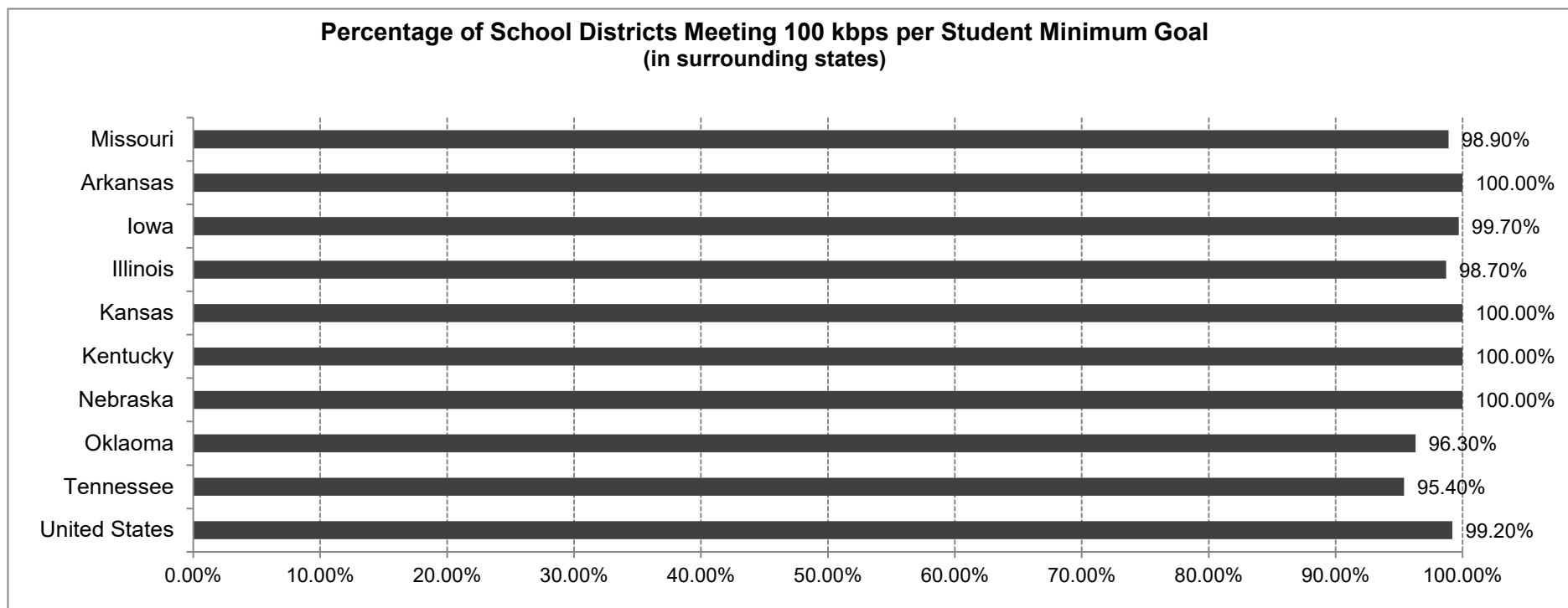
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Increase bandwidth to all school districts in the state.



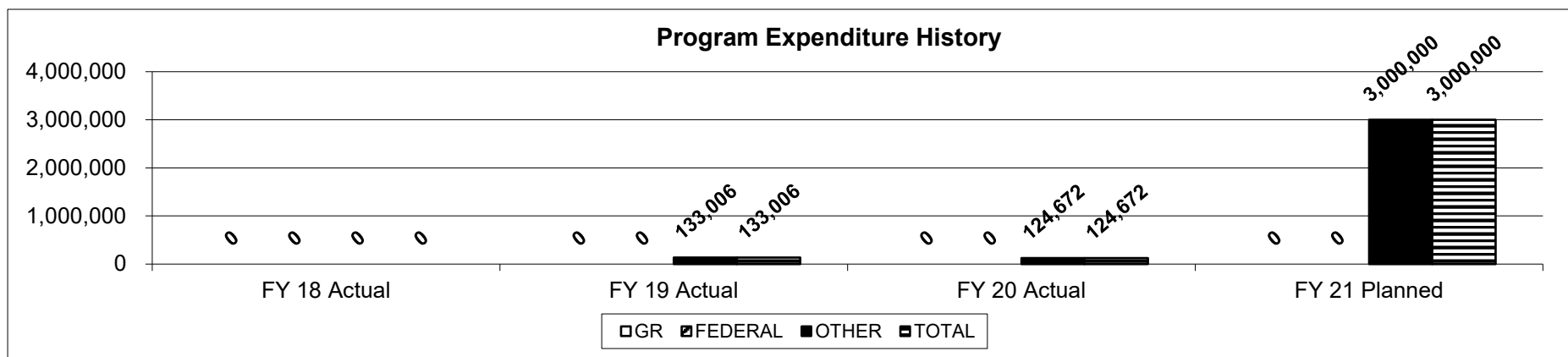
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

School Broadband Fund (0208-3928)

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

House Bill 2.085

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

Yes, The E-rate program will match 100% of the State match of up to ten percent (10%) of E-rate eligible special construction costs under the Federal E-rate program.

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

No.