

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.150

Stephen M. Ferman Fund-Gifted

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Stephen M. Ferman Fund-Gifted

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

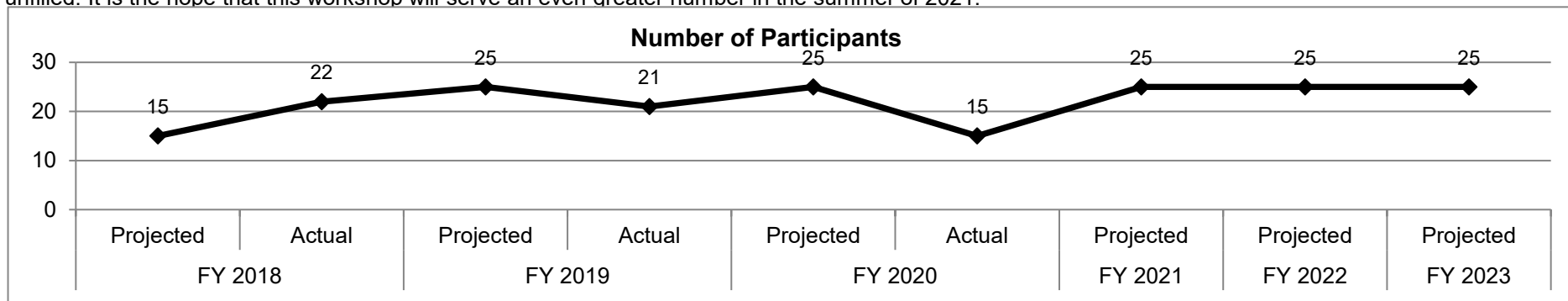
Success-Ready Students & Workplace Development

1b. What does this program do?

The Stephen M Ferman Memorial Fund was created to honor the memory of a gifted child who committed suicide and to support gifted education in Missouri. The Department has access to interest earned by the fund to use at its discretion each year to help meet any of the three dedicated purposes of the fund: 1. to promote awareness among parents, educators, and the public of characteristics, needs and educational requirements of gifted children and youth; 2. to provide training and advancement of educational opportunities for teachers of the gifted; and 3. to support the development and funding of programs for the gifted.

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

New Teacher workshop hosted 15 teachers virtually and provided 2 days of virtual training for these teachers so that they were prepared to serve gifted learners effectively in the fall. With COVID-19 the number of participants was lower, partially due to the fact that hiring was later and several positions remain unfilled. It is the hope that this workshop will serve an even greater number in the summer of 2021.



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

The funds have been used to provide a training for teachers new to teaching gifted students. One hundred percent of the available funds will continue to be used by DESE and/or distributed to organizations outside of DESE to support travel expenses of experts in the field to give presentations to promote awareness among parents, educators, and public of the characteristics, needs, and educational requirements of gifted children and youth; and to provide training and advancement of educational opportunities for teachers of the gifted.

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

Ninety percent of the participants in previous year's new teacher in-service opportunities supported by the Ferman Funds will rate the opportunities as being of high quality (4 out of 5 on a 5 point scale).

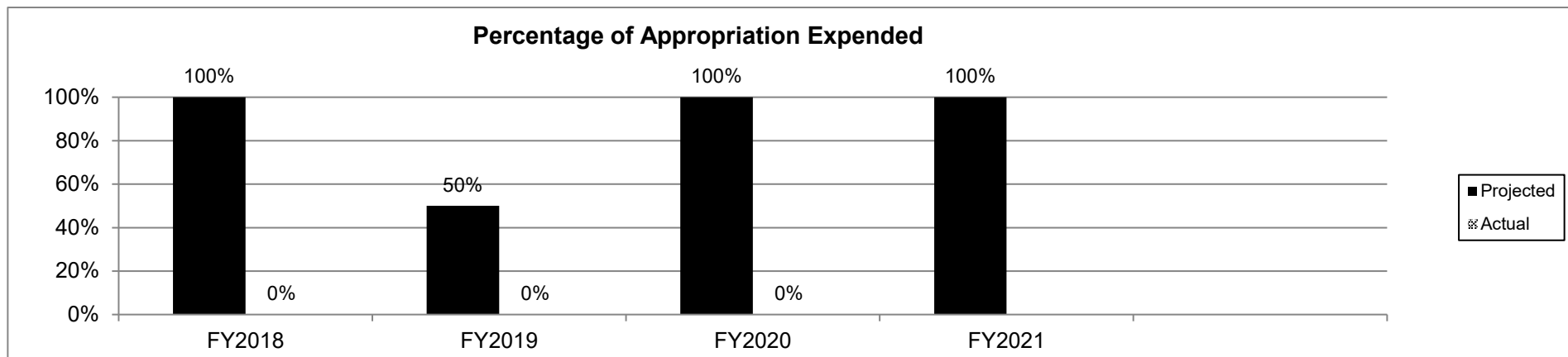
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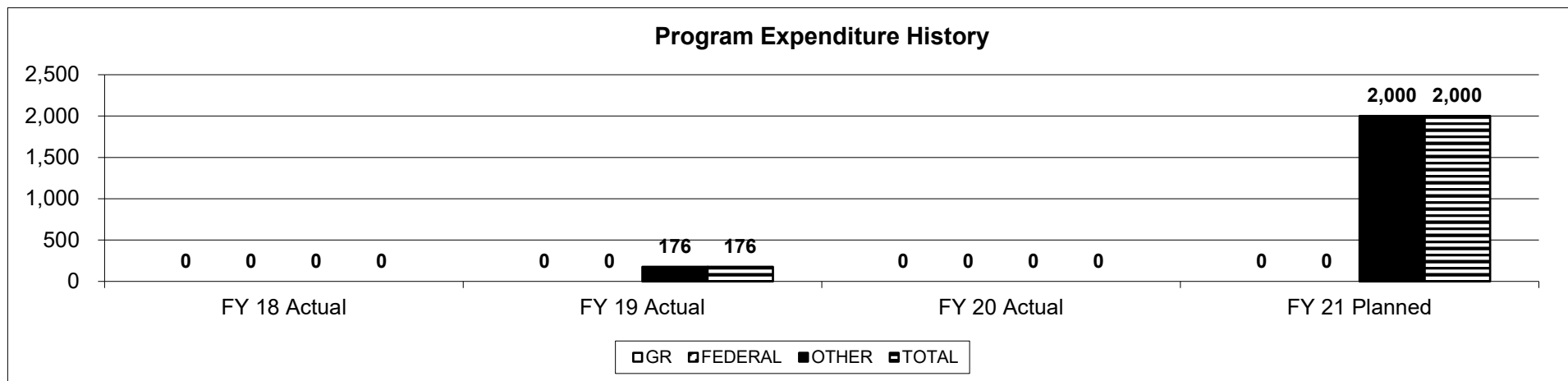
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

One hundred percent of the appropriation will be expended on intended programs and practices by FY 2021.



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.)



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

State School Moneys Fund (0616-5640)

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

Article IX, Section 5 as implemented by Sections 166.001-166.121 RSMo.

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

No.

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

No.