

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

HB Section(s): 2.165

Stephen M. Ferman Fund-Gifted

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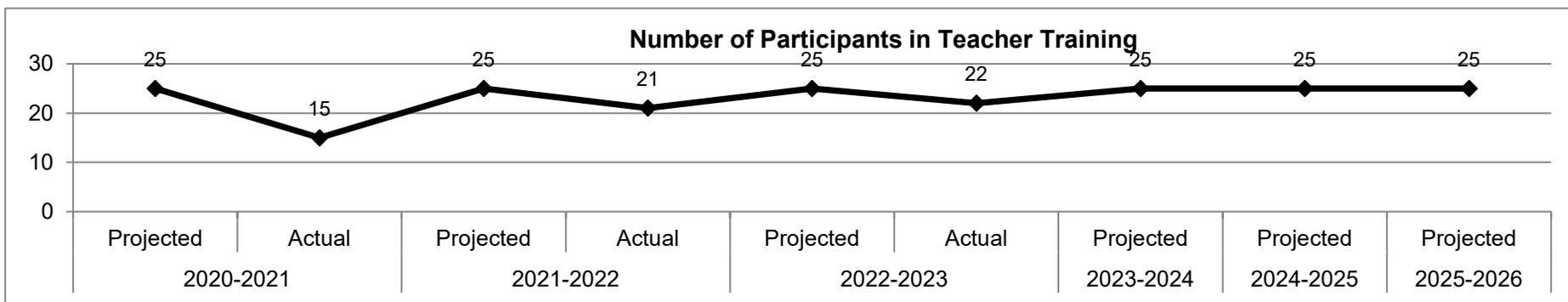
1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

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.



NOTE: Due to COVID-19, the number of participants was lower in 2020-2021, partially due to the fact that hiring was later and several positions remain unfilled.

Note: Data is reported based on school year.

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

The funds have been used to provide training for teachers new to teaching gifted students. 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 the 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, especially teachers new to gifted education.

The 2020 and 2021 programs were held virtually and so no funds were expended.

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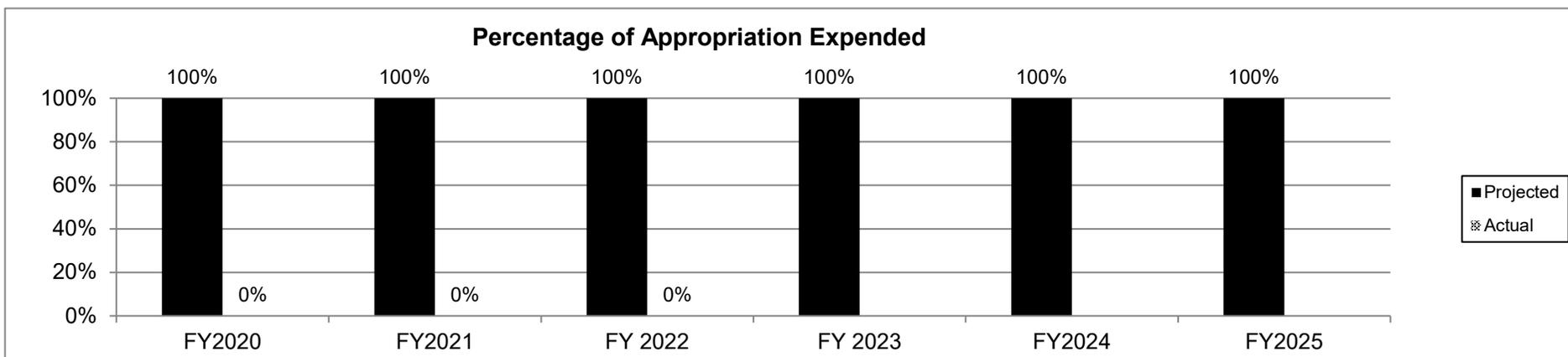
2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Ninety percent of the participants in the 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).

No funds were expended in FY 2020, FY 2021 or FY 2022 due to COVID-19 and events were held virtually. Updated data will be available once in-person events are held.

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

By FY 2023, 100% of the funds will be expended on the intended programs. The 2020-2022 workshops were held virtually and funds were not needed.



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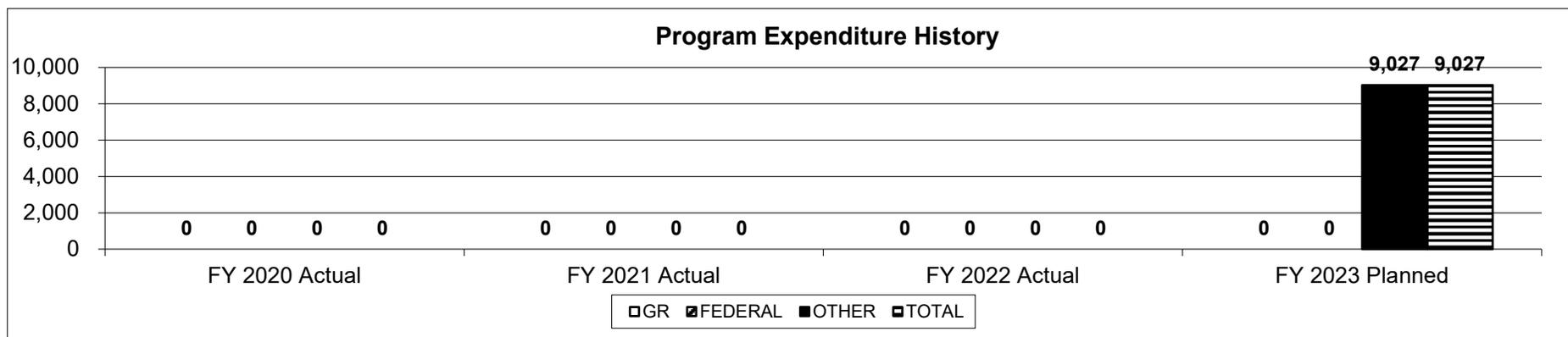
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



No funds were spent in 2020-2022 because the workshops were virtual.

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