

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

HB Section(s): 3.005

Program Name: Out-of-State Program Approval

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Coordination Administration

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Coordination

1b. What does this program do?

This program allows the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) to provide appropriate oversight of out-of-state public institutions offering postsecondary education to Missouri residents, as directed by Section 173.005.2(14), RSMo. The approved out-of-state institutions had increased significantly until 2016 but has declined dramatically primarily due to Missouri's membership in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which allows out-of-state institutions who have joined SARA to be authorized to offer online education in all SARA-participating states without additional approval. However, some out-of-state public institutions that have not joined SARA in their state require DHEWD to authorize them if they want to offer education in Missouri.

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

Percent of initial applications meeting the standard. Out-of-state institutions' authorization to operate in Missouri is granted for one year only to ensure the quality of programs being offered. Out-of-state institutions are required to submit the following information to DHEWD yearly, for review and to receive authorization for the next year:

1. Good standing with their authorizing state agency: **100 percent of initial applications met the standard.**
2. Evidence of accreditation by a USDE recognized accrediting body: **100 percent of initial applications met the standard.**
3. The list of degree programs and projected number of Missouri residents enrolled: **100 percent of initial applications met the standard.**
4. Assurance from the institution that they are abiding by the CBHE Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning and Web-based courses: **100 percent of initial applications met the standard.**

Forty-nine institutions were authorized during the 2016-2017 year and 12 during the 2017-2018 year. During the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years, only 5 institutions, all from the state of California (a non-SARA state), were authorized. In the 2020-2021 academic year, DHEWD approved 7 California public institutions to offer programs in Missouri. In 2021-2022, DHEWD approved 6 California public institutions.

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

All institutions must provide documentation of accreditation and assure that they are following the CBHE Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning and Web-Based Courses. All students can file a formal complaint with the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development if these schools are in violation of any of these practices as well as complaints of a more general nature. DHEWD has received no formal complaints on any of the approved schools.

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

This program served a total of 21 Missouri students, all of which were Master's Degrees from the approved California state institutions receiving certification in FY 2022.

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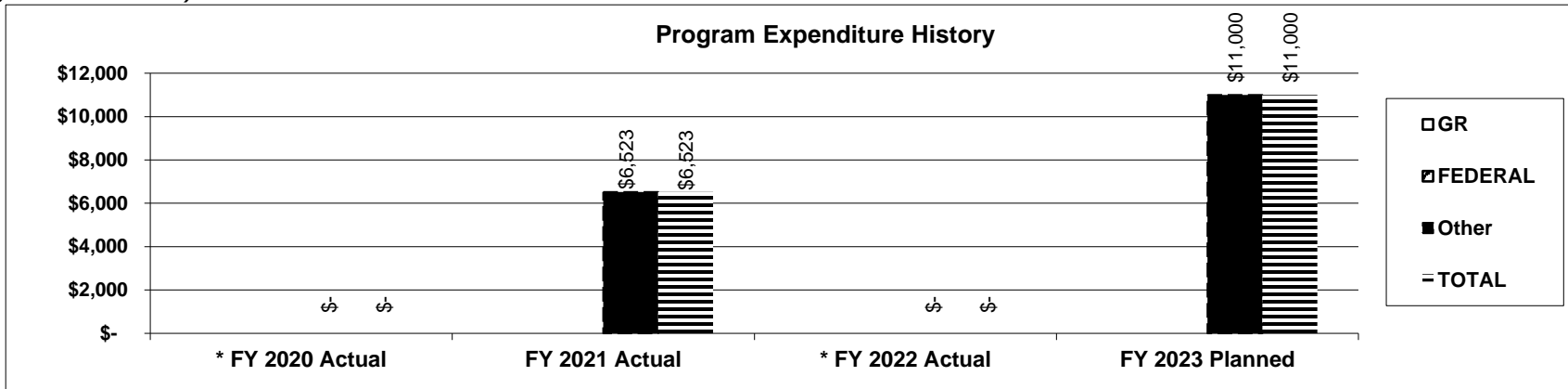
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Percent of approvals completed within the established timeline. Data to measure efficiency is based on initial contact by the out-of-state institution through time of approval, based on the following parameters:

1. Date the application materials were sent from DHEWD to the institution goal was within 10 working days: **100% met.**
2. Date official authorization was issued goal was within 20 working days: **100% met.**

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.)



* There were no expenditures for FY 2020 or FY 2022.

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

DHEWD Out-of-State Program Fund (0420)

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

Section 173.005.2(14). and 173.030(6), RSMo

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

No

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

No