PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development **HB Section(s):** **3.105**

Program Name: Wartime Veteran's Survivors Grant Program

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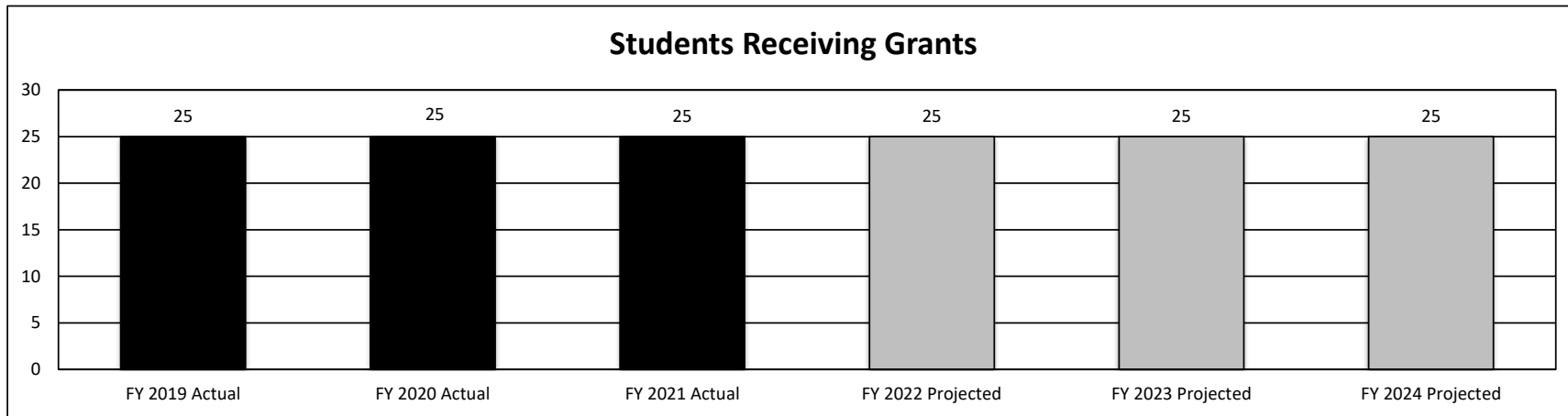
1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Affordability

1b. What does this program do?

Section 173.234 RSMo established the Wartime Veteran's Survivors Grant Program to provide up to 25 grants annually to spouses or children of Missouri veterans who died or became disabled from combat after 9/11/2001. The grant encourages persistence and completion by reducing the cost of education for the maximum number of recipients allowed by statute whose families have suffered significant personal and financial loss. Grants include tuition (capped at the rate charged by the University of Missouri - Columbia), plus up to $2,000 for room and board and $500 for books per semester. In FY 2021 the average annual grant award was $10,834. For FY 2022 it is projected to increase to approximately $11,500 as a result of tuition increases.

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

Students Receiving Grants

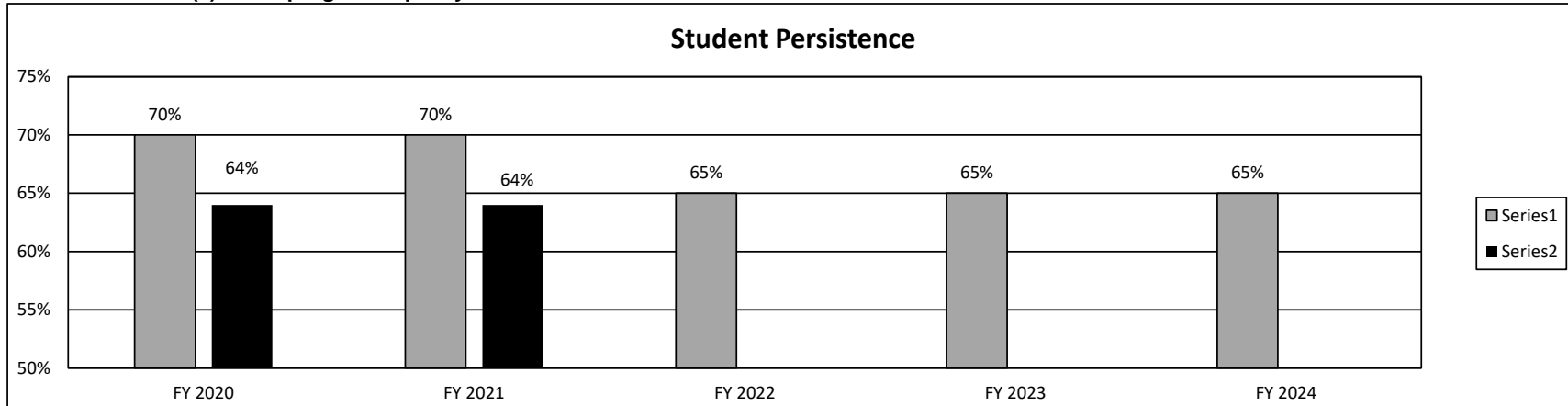|	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Projected	FY 2024 Projected
	25	25	25	25	25	25

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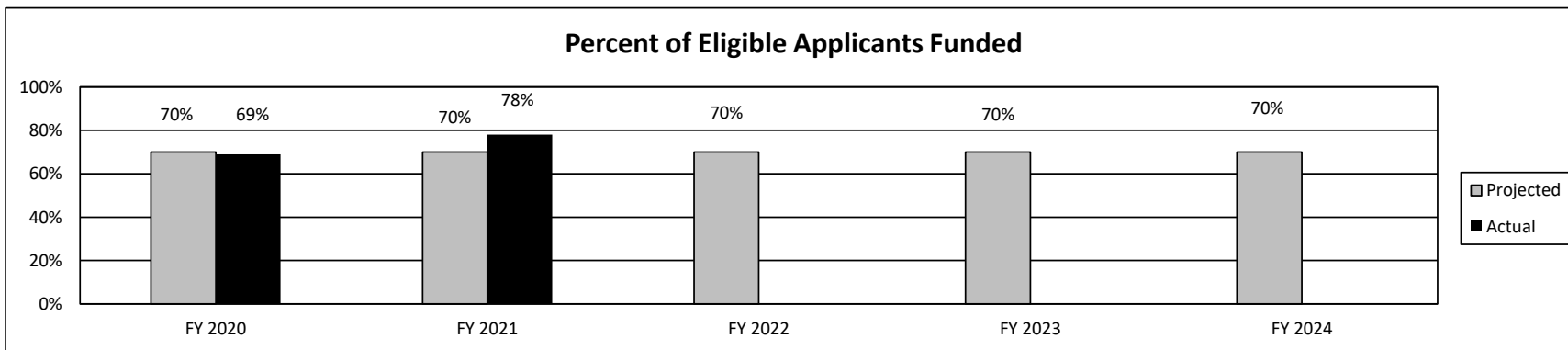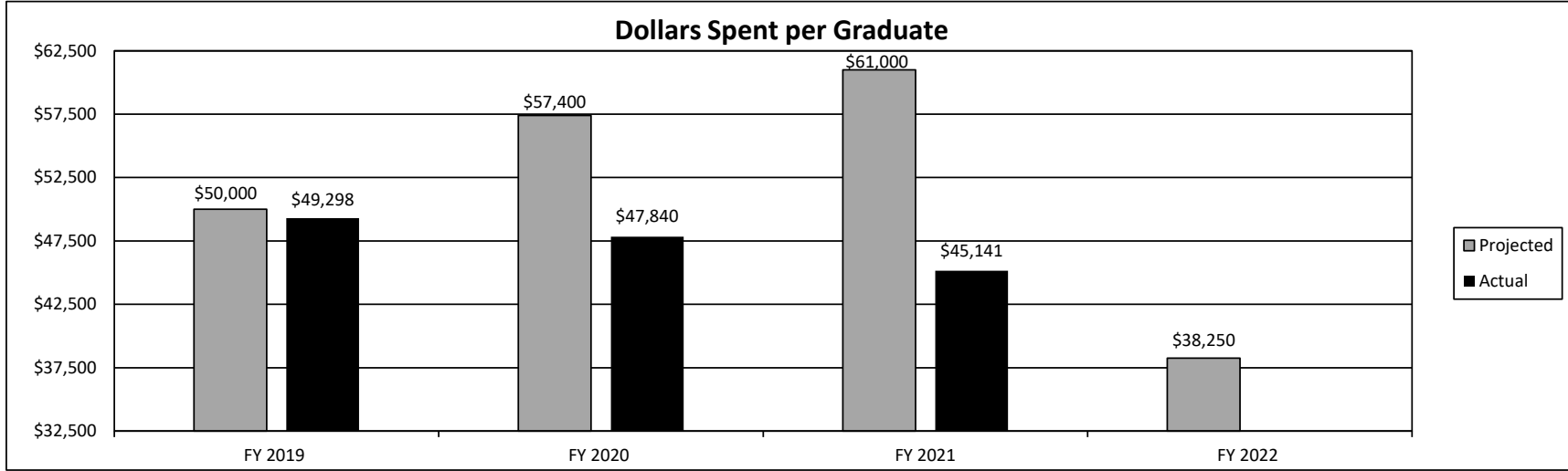**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Wartime Veterans Survivor Grant Program**

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

Student Persistence

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Series1	70%	70%	65%	65%	65%
Series2	64%	64%			

Note: Persistence represents recipients who received a Wartime Veteran's Survivors Grant or other state award in the prior academic year and current academic year. This measure compares the recipients who persisted to the total recipients each year. It does not account for first-year freshmen or students who may have graduated.

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

To demonstrate the program's impact the number of students paid will be compared to the number of eligible applicants, including those on the waiting list, to determine the number of eligible applicants receiving the grant.

Percent of Eligible Applicants Funded

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Projected	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
Actual	69%	78%			

Note: Beginning with FY 2018, the percent of eligible applicants who are funded is expected to decline as the number of eligible applicants exceeds the 25 recipient limit. Although there is a priority deadline for renewal students, applications can be filed year round, making projections difficult. At the end of FY 2021, all students on the waiting list who had maintained eligibility were paid. Four students on the waiting list were considered but had not maintained eligibility.

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

Dollars Spent per Graduate

Note: Compares the total number of graduates in each fiscal year to the total amount each graduate received (initial and renewal aw ards) through the program. This measure demonstrates the average cost-per-student to achieve the program's purpose of encouraging completion.

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

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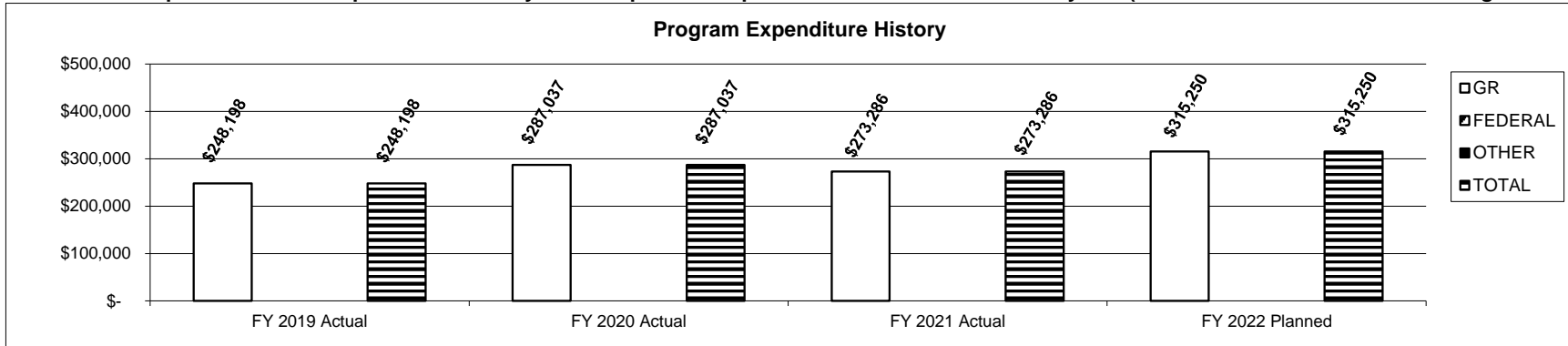
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4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

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

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

No

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

No