

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Health and Senior Services		HB Section(s): <u>10.740, 10.745</u>						
Office of Rural Health and Primary Care and Primary Care Resource Initiative of Missouri								
Program is found in the following core budget(s):								
	Office of Rural Health and Primary Care	PRIMO, Medical and Nurse Loan Program						TOTAL
GR	0	367,387						367,387
FEDERAL	1,413,432	425,000						1,838,432
OTHER	201,593	2,506,542						2,708,135
TOTAL	1,615,025	3,298,929						4,913,954

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Enhance access to care.

1b. What does this program do?

- The **Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)** is comprised of the **Primary Care Office (PCO)** and the **State Office of Rural Health (SORH)**.
- ORHPC provides funding and technical assistance efforts, such as community-based needs assessment; assists in the developing of viable primary care services in communities to increase access to healthcare services; assist rural providers, hospitals, and communities by operating as a clearinghouse of information and providing innovative approaches to rural health services delivery; and provides training opportunities as identified by the rural providers and communities.
 - The **PCO** evaluates the availability of medical, dental, and behavioral health professionals; submits applications to Health Resources Services and Administration for Health Professional Shortage Areas; develops and expands community-based health systems in areas with a shortage of health professionals; and assists in the recruitment and retention of health professionals into Missouri shortage areas.
 - The **SORH** provides leadership in the development and coordination of rural health initiatives to support, strengthen, and improve rural health care.
 - The **Primary Care Resource Initiative of Missouri (PRIMO)** program addresses the needs of areas with a shortage of health professionals by assisting in the development and expansion of community-based health systems and by providing forgivable student loans to health care professional students who agree to work within shortage areas.
 - The **Health Professional State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)** provides educational loan repayment to practicing medical, dental health, and mental health professionals in exchange for service in Missouri areas with a shortage of health professionals.
 - The **Missouri Professional and Practical Nursing Student Loan (NSL) and Loan Repayment Program (NLRP)** provides forgivable student loans to nursing students and licensed practicing nurses in exchange for nursing service in communities and/or facilities that are experiencing nursing shortages.

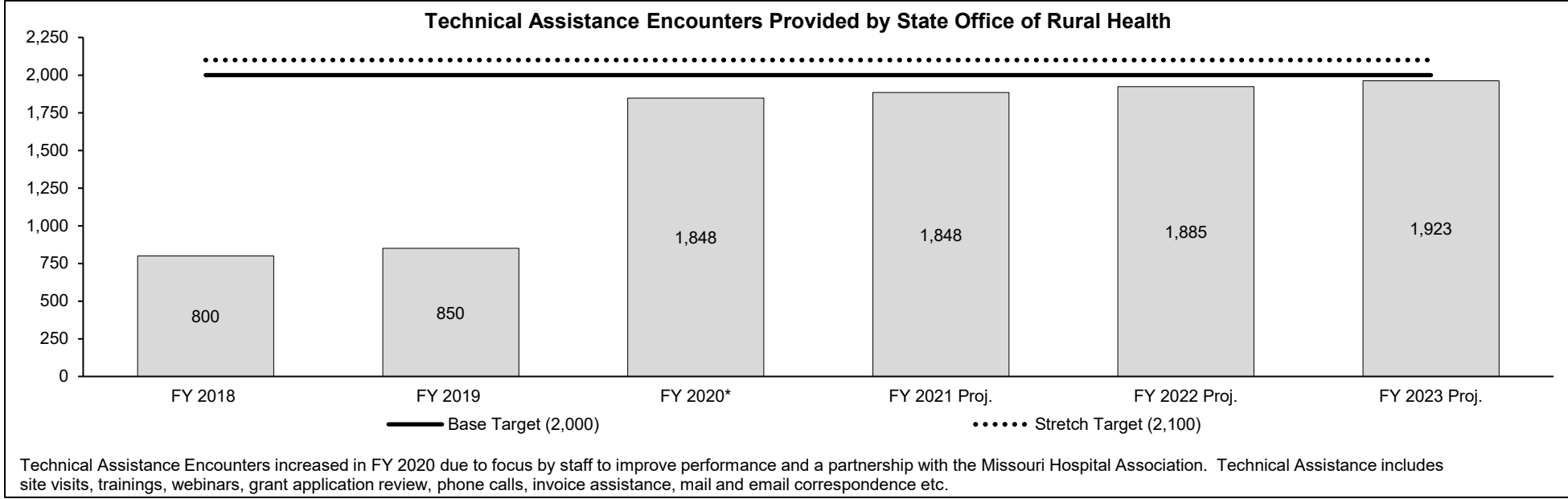
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

	New Awards Per Fiscal Year					
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 Proj.	FY 2022 Proj.	FY 2023 Proj.
PRIMO Student Loan Program*	12	7	7	10	10	10
Nursing Student Loan Program (NSL)*	28	44	20	10	10	10
Nursing Student Loan Repayment Program (NLRP)**	22	46	33	69	48	48
Health Professional State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**	16	20	26	20	20	20

*Student Loan Program = current medical professional student; payments are applied to educational costs (tuition, etc.).
 **Repayment = medical professional has completed degree coursework; payments are to pay for loans previously received while in student status.



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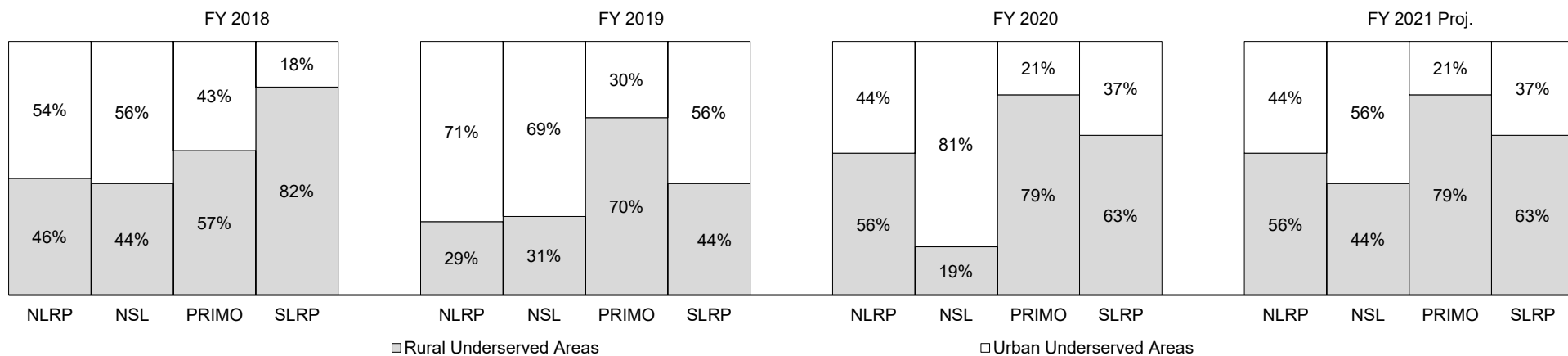
Retention Rate of PRIMO Student Loan Recipients

	FY 2019			FY 2020			FY 2021 Proj.			FY 2022 Proj.		
	Recipients that earned forgiveness	Recipients working beyond obligation	Retention Rate*	Recipients that earned forgiveness	Recipients working beyond obligation	Retention Rate*	Recipients that earned forgiveness	Recipients working beyond obligation	Retention Rate*	Recipients that earned forgiveness	Recipients working beyond obligation	Retention Rate*
Physicians	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%
Dentists	1	1	100%	0	0	0%	2	2	100%	2	2	100%
Dental Hygienists	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	1	1	100%
Behavioral	1	1	100%	0	0	0%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%

*Retention rate is based on the number of health professionals who stayed in health shortage areas beyond their obligation to provide services. Some PRIMO Student Loan Recipients receive up to 11 PRIMO loans while obtaining their undergraduate and medical school diplomas and for three years of residency. Each PRIMO loan is for one year only.

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

Loan Repayment Program by Geographic Working Location



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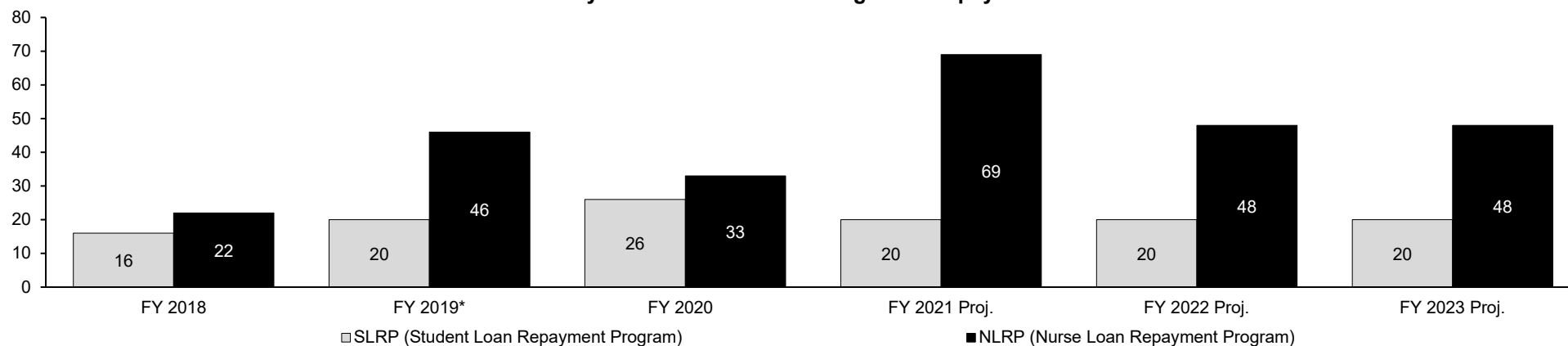
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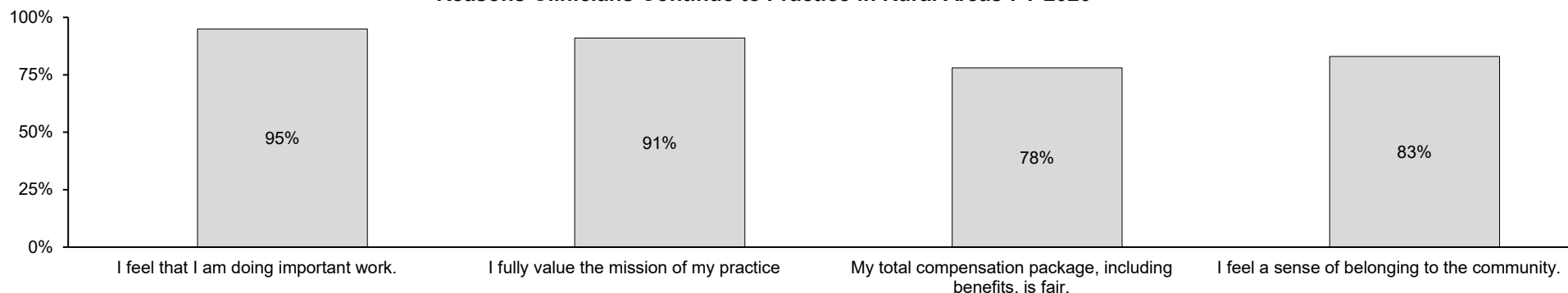
2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact. (continued)

Primary Care Providers Receiving Loan Repayment



*The NLRP received a one time \$300,000 and \$100,000 ongoing spending authority. NLRP is anticipated to award more loans in FY 2019 and forward.

Reasons Clinicians Continue to Practice in Rural Areas FY 2020



Data for Clinician Satisfaction and Retention acquired from Practice Sights Retention Collaborative and Data Management System.

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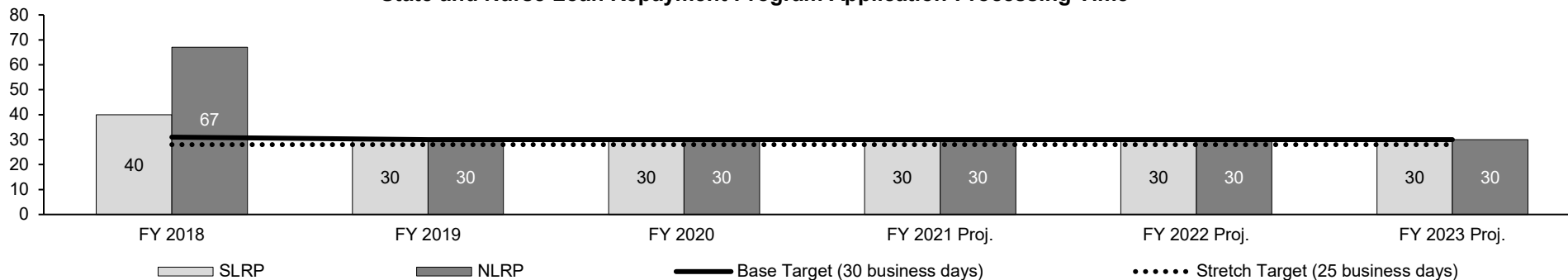
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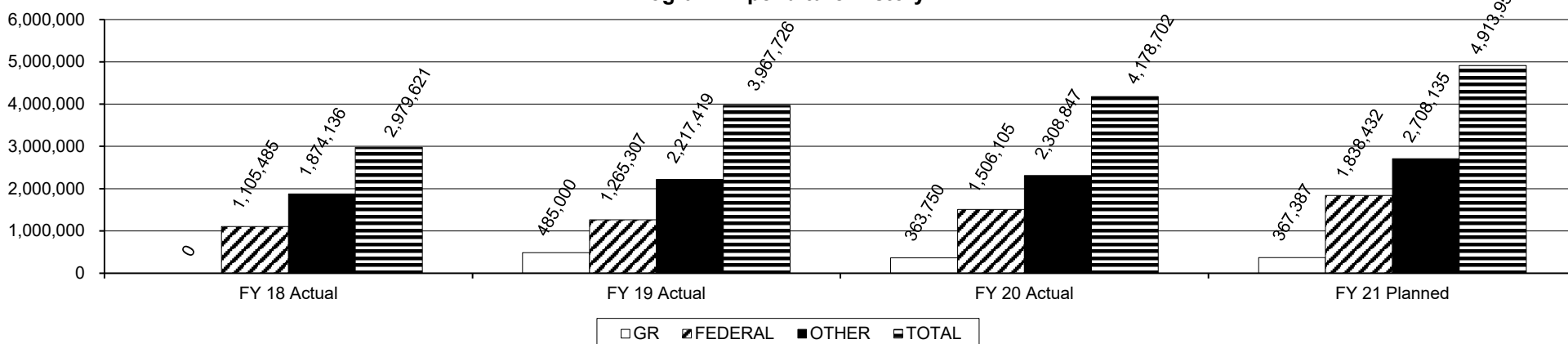
State and Nurse Loan Repayment Program Application Processing Time



Past information based on annual application cycle from January 1 to March 31 and in business days. Starting FY 2020, the application cycle is January 1 to March 1. Processing time increased in FY 2018 due to staff vacancy.

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

Health Initiatives (0275), Health Access Incentive (0276), Professional and Practical Nursing Student Loan and Nurse Loan Repayment (0565), and Department of Health and Senior Services - Donated (0658).

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

Section 191.411, RSMo (PRIMO); Section 191.500, RSMo (Student Loans); Section 191.600, RSMo (Loan Repayment Program); Section 192.604, RSMo (Office of Rural Health); Section 335.212, RSMo (Nurse Loan Program); Section 335.245, RSMo (Nurse Loan Repayment Program); and Section 333(D), Public Health Service (PHS) Act (Primary Care Office).

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

Yes, the State Loan Repayment Program Grant requires one dollar of state funds for each dollar of federal funds. The State Office of Rural Health requires a three dollar state to one dollar federal match.

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

No.