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Department Corrections

Program Name Academic and Career & Technical Education

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	Academic Education	Federal Programs	DORS Staff	Retention	Canteen	Total:
GR:	\$4,744,005	\$0	\$52,118	\$46,431	\$0	\$4,842,554
FEDERAL:	\$0	\$1,502,815	\$0	\$15,174	\$0	\$1,517,989
OTHER:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,009	\$2,434,061	\$2,458,070
TOTAL :	\$4,744,005	\$1,502,815	\$52,118	\$85,613	\$2,434,061	\$8,818,612

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Reducing Risk and Recidivism

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Corrections, through a combination of state-operated programs, inter-agency agreements and outsourced services, provides qualified educators to conduct institution-based education and vocational programs for offenders. Incarcerated offenders without a verified high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate are required to be enrolled in academic education classes. Offenders who have obtained a high school diploma or equivalency certificate may apply for admission to vocational, work-related skills training. Providing education services reduces risk and recidivism by equipping offenders with necessary knowledge and skills to increase employability and enhance success in the community. The department continuously assesses the educational needs of offenders from their intake through their release to the community.

Vocational skills training for offenders is a work-based approach to skills training that prepares offenders for employment after release. The department provides a comprehensive training program that prepares offenders to secure meaningful employment upon release from prison. Training courses include skills such as the following:

- Welding
- Auto mechanics
- Commercial vehicle operation
- Technical literacy, which includes computer skills
- Cosmetology
- Heavy equipment operation
- Culinary arts

The department identifies industry-specific skills required of entry-level workers to ensure that training provides required competencies for employment. Department of Labor certificates are awarded for program completion, facilitating employment upon release.

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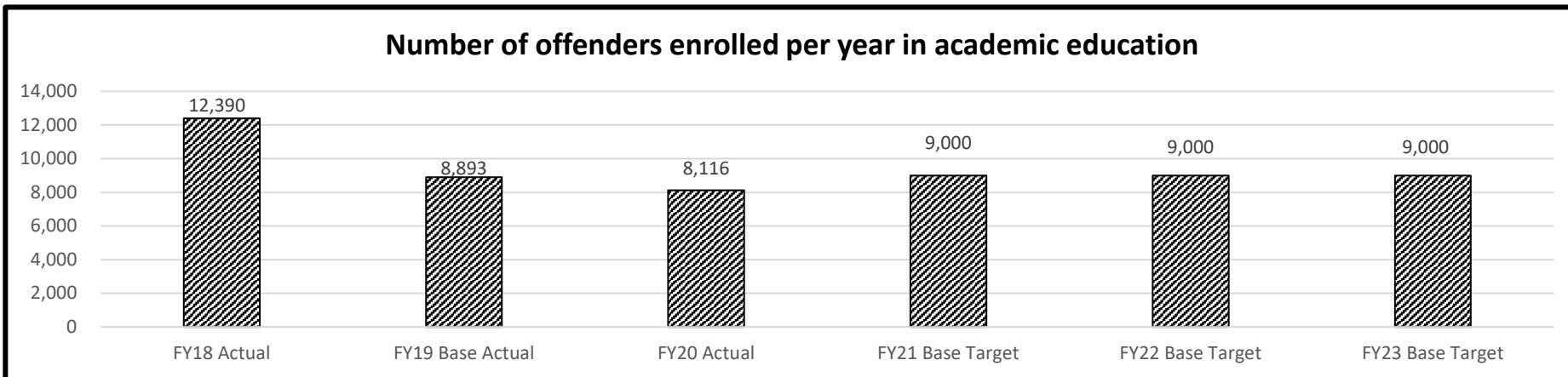
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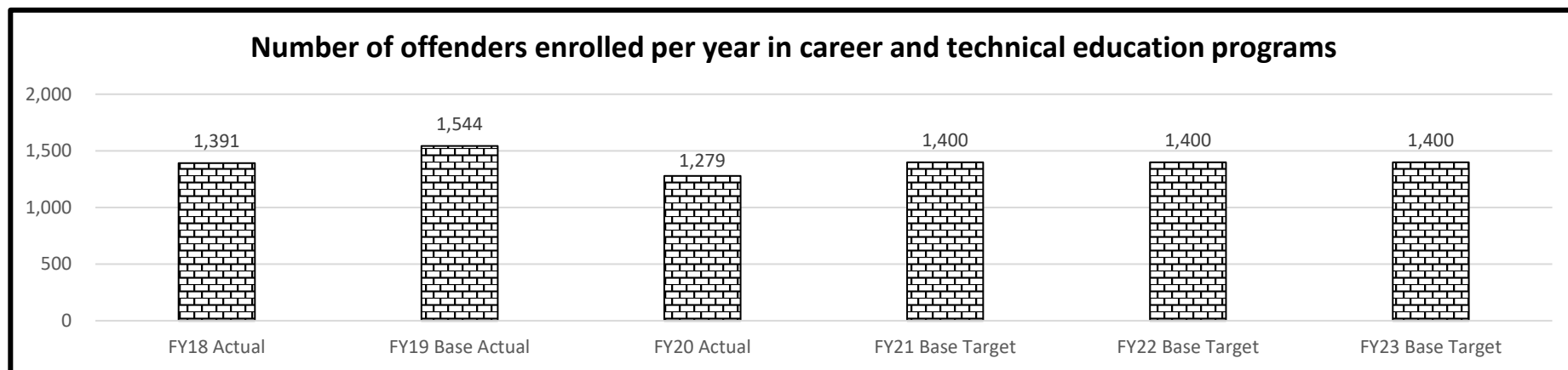
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



FY21, FY22, and FY23 reflect a stabilization in the overall offender population and continued struggle to fill vacant teaching positions.



Lack of growth in participants corresponds to decrease in the offender population.

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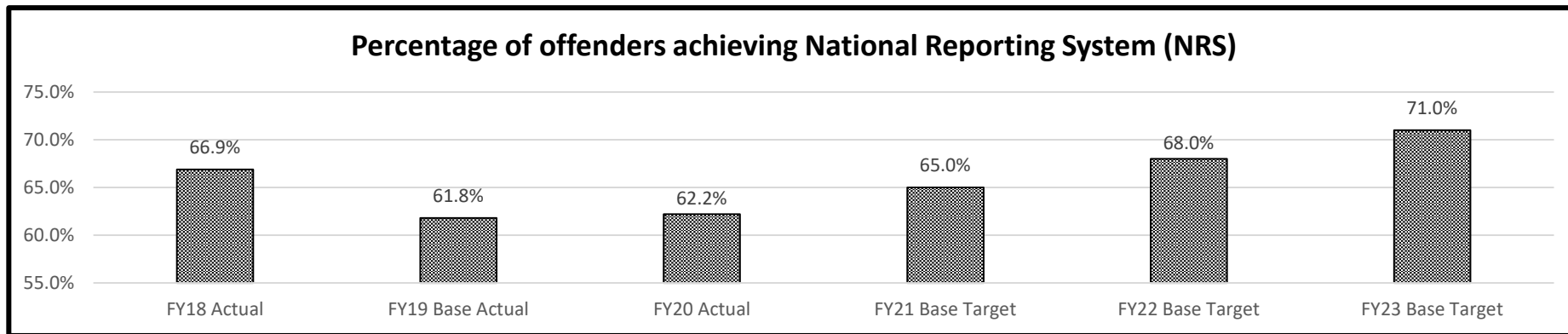
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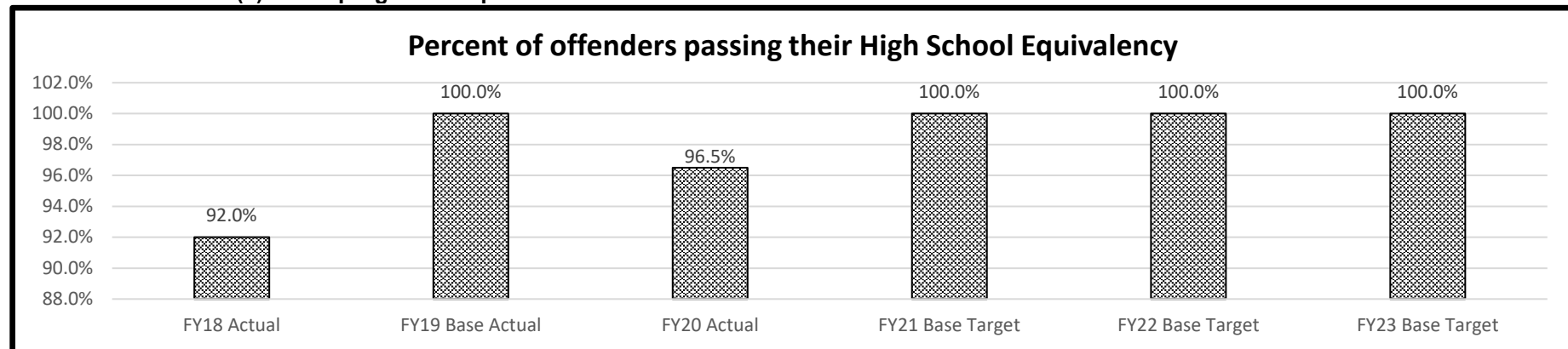
2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



The National Reporting System (NRS) is an outcome-based reporting system for Adult Basic Education (<http://www.nrsweb.org/>). Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) is the test most widely used to assess the skills and knowledge of adult learners (<http://tabetest.com>).

Beginning in FY18, NRS level gains are considered as achieved when gain is made in any subject matter.

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



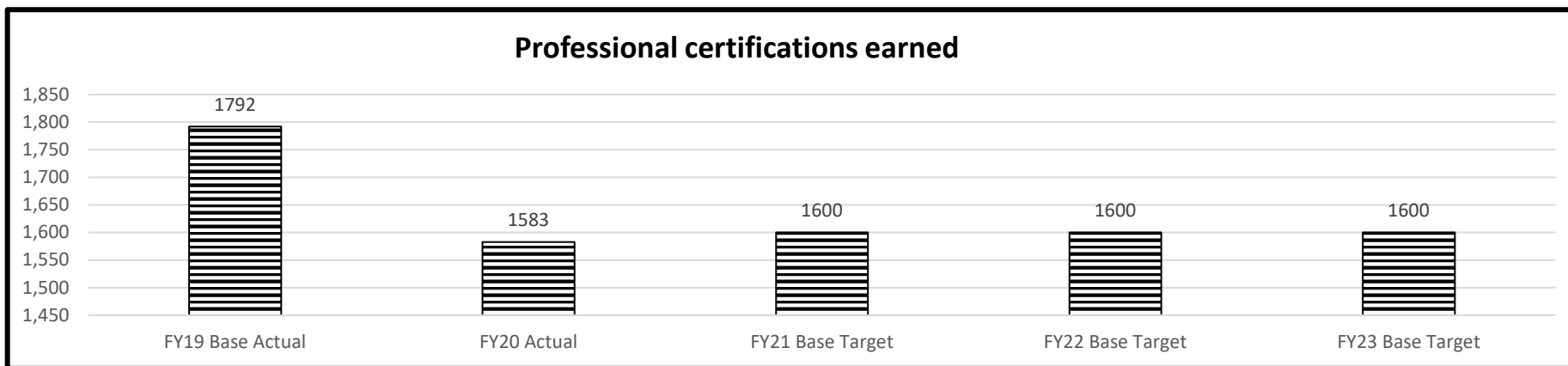
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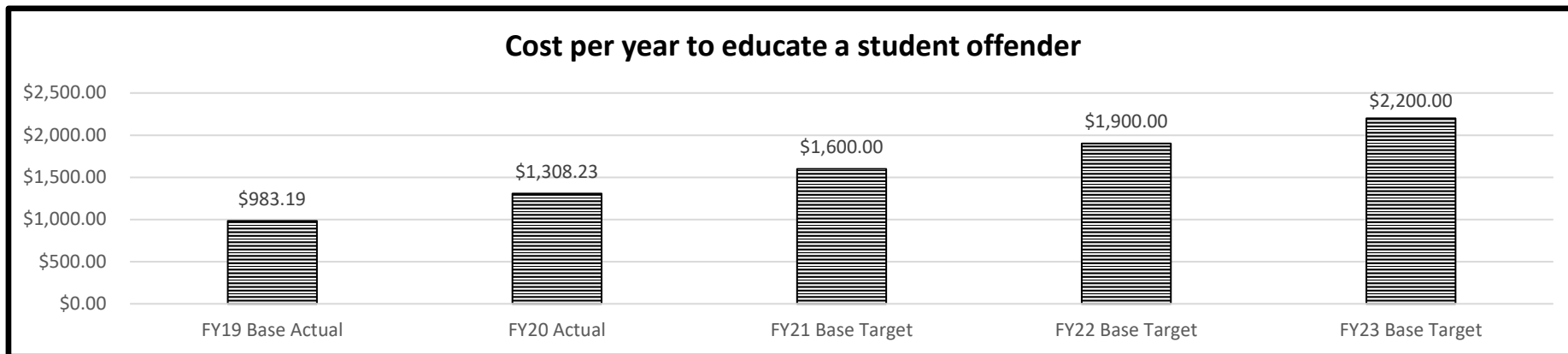
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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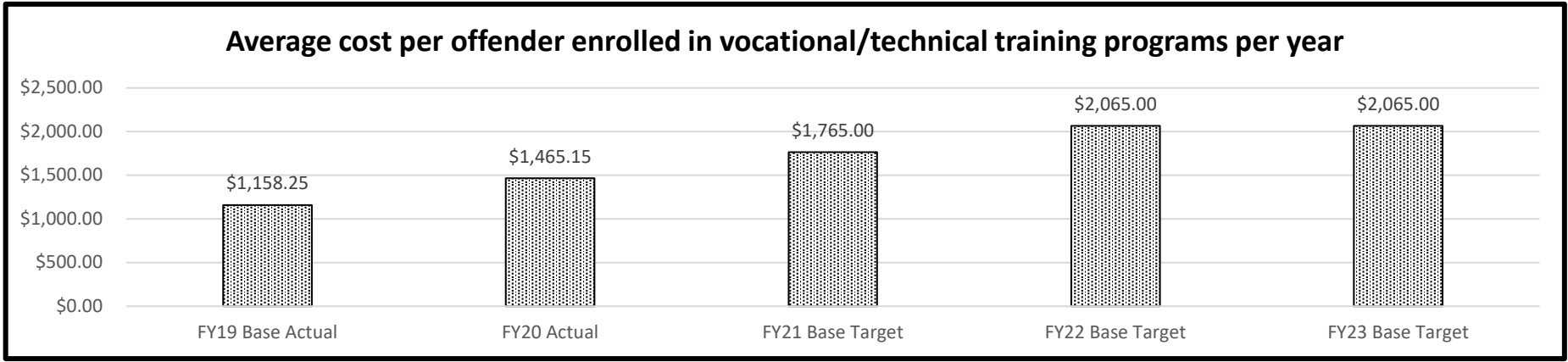
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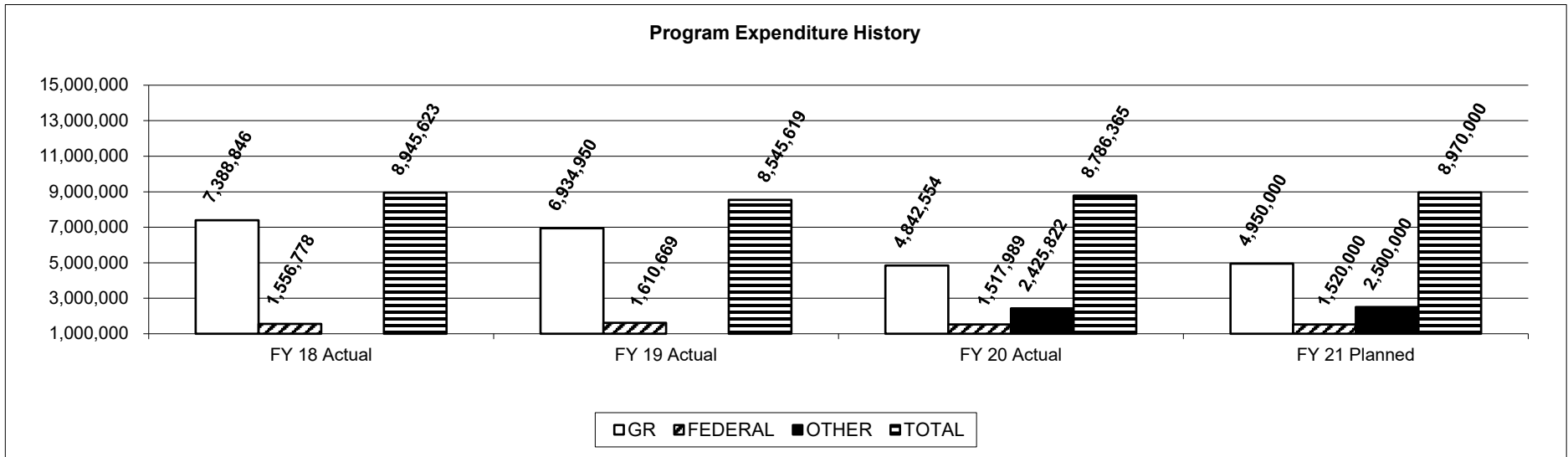
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

Offender Canteen Fund (0405)

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

Chapter 217.355 RSMo., Public Law 94-142 (Federal), Title I, II, IV and V, Title II-Work Force Investment Act/Adult Education and Literacy, Supreme Court decisions regarding offender libraries (Federal).

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

No. There are no matching requirements, however, the federal government does require "maintenance of effort" which means that the state must spend at least as much on education each year as in the previous year.

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

Federal Supreme Court decisions require the provision of "access to courts" through the provision of legal resources, reference material provided in the offender libraries and self-improvement materials. Offenders under age 22 who qualify as special needs children under provisions of Part B of the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), must be provided a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).