

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

**Department**    Corrections **HB Section(s):**    09.005, 09.015

**Program Name**    Reentry/Women's Offenders/Restorative Justice

**Program is found in the following core budget(s):**    Reentry, OD Staff

	Reentry	OD Staff				Total:
GR:	\$1,528,729	\$9,603				\$1,538,332
FEDERAL:	\$0	\$0				\$0
OTHER:	\$46,668	\$0				\$46,668
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>\$1,575,397</b>	<b>\$9,603</b>				<b>\$1,585,000</b>

**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Reducing Risk and Recidivism

**1b. What does this program do?**

This program addresses the needs of individuals under the supervision of the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) by providing the tools offenders need to be successful, law abiding citizens. The department accomplishes this through the Missouri Reentry Process (MRP), a system of resources, programs and partnerships designed to decrease offender risk and enhance offender self-sufficiency to improve public safety. This process coordinates the efforts of the state and the community to successfully transition offenders from prison and ensure that they are released to the community with job training, sustainable employment, appropriate substance use and recovery treatment, mental health and behavioral health treatment services, transportation and housing, thereby, enhancing public safety in Missouri. The process targets the approximately 15,000 offenders per year who return to Missouri communities following a period of confinement in a state correctional institution. The Reentry Unit manages a number of programs and initiatives related to the MRP and provides offender reentry assistance and direction to divisions within the Department of Corrections, partnering agencies and the community. Successful reintegration into the community is a responsibility shared by the department, other state and federal agencies, law enforcement, and local stakeholders.

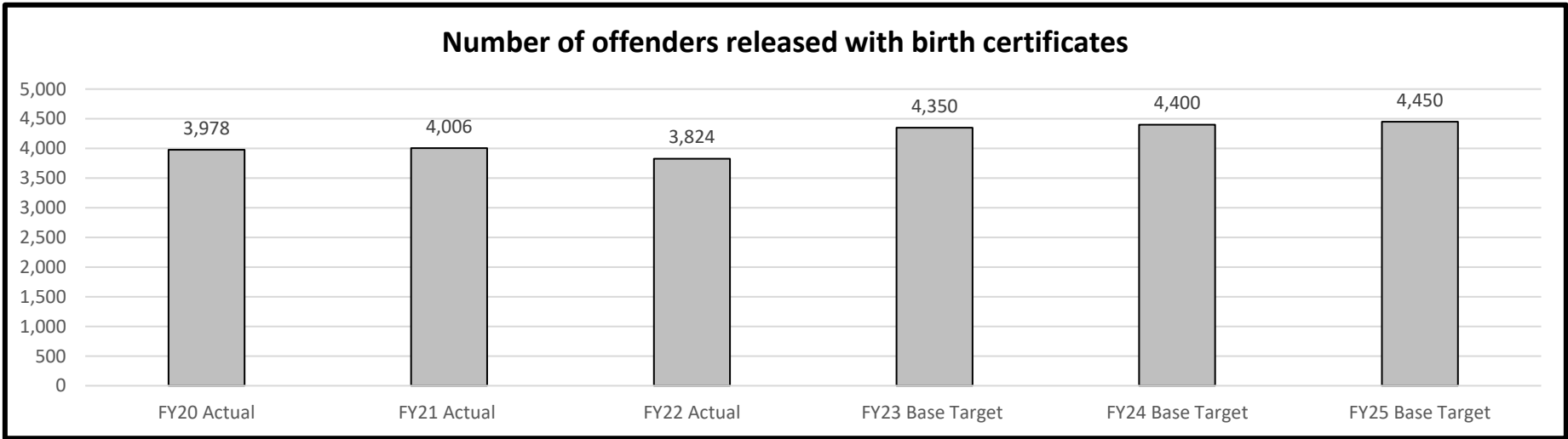
The Women's Offender Program was established to ensure accountability, reliability and continuous improvement in meeting the department's commitment to provide gender responsive resources and interventions. In accordance with House Bill 1355, the Women's Advisory Committee addresses the needs of women in the criminal justice system as they are affected by the changes in their community, family concerns, the judicial system and the organization and available resources of the Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections understands the value of partnership and works closely with other state, federal and community agencies, organizations and faith-based groups to enhance public safety.

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The Reentry Unit also provides oversight and support to the Department of Corrections' Restorative Justice efforts. Through restorative justice initiatives, offenders are encouraged to reflect on the harm caused by their criminal activity and to make restoration to victims, the community and their families as part of their sentence to prison. Restorative Justice holds the offender accountable, provides a means for them to repay their debt to the victim and the community, and allows for the identification of cognitive deficits or distortions that lead to criminal behavior. Through the concentrated efforts of offender volunteers, not-for-profit agencies and victims statewide received reparative products and services. Examples include donation of quilts, fruits and vegetables harvested from offender gardens, wooden toys, etc., to organizations such as the Salvation Army, children's hospitals, senior citizen homes, schools, KidSmart, Newborns in Need, Head Start, Boys and Girls Club, Veterans Administration Hospitals, homeless shelters, and many more. In addition, many offenders attend Victim Impact: Listen and Learn classes which enable offenders to develop a sensitivity and respect toward victims that helps prevent further victimization. Understanding the need to engage in Restorative Justice activities allows justice-involved individuals to participate in activities that positively impact local communities.

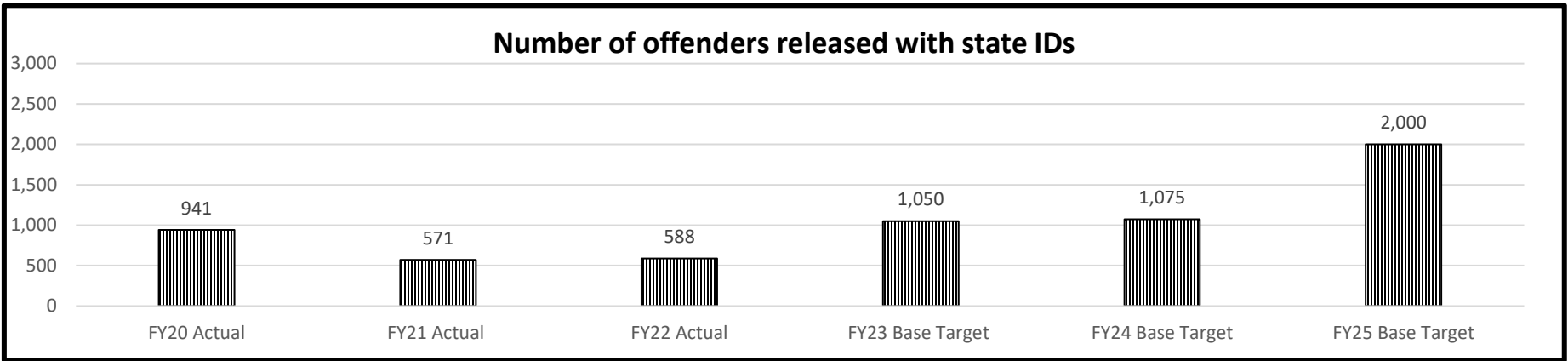
**2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.**



The goal is to increase the number of secured out-of-state and in-state birth certificates through collaborative work between DOC and the Department of Social Services. Inquiring with the offender population upon intake to obtain the birth certificate earlier in their incarceration will allow time to overcome barriers in obtaining birth certificates before their release. Training for staff will also be facilitated.

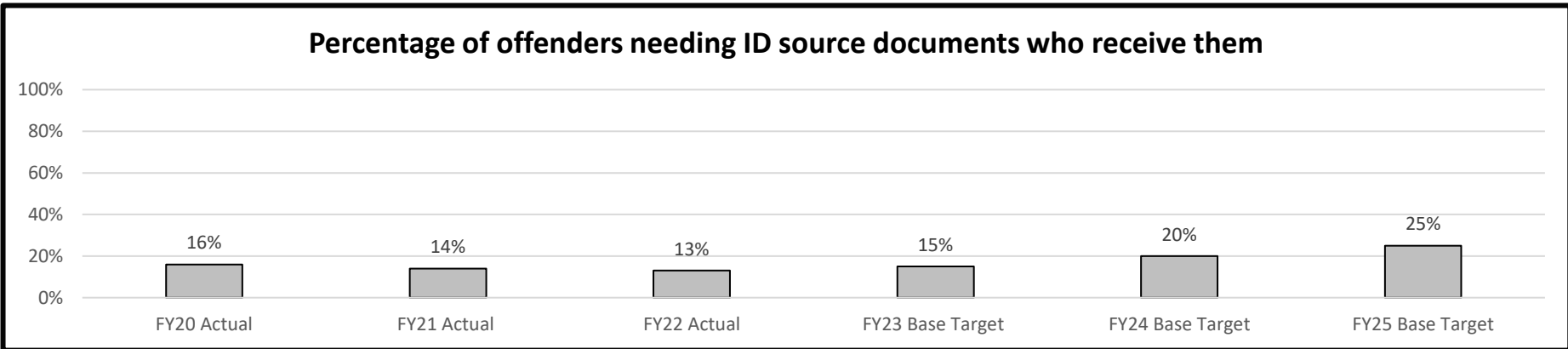
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Overall, our collaborative work with the Department of Social Services and the utilization of TANF block funds will positively impact the procurement of those who have previously been unable to secure an additional Missouri Non-Driver's License Identification Card prior to release. Due to COVID-19, there was a 90 day period where no SS card applications were able to be processed by the SSA Federal Offices. This adversely affected the number of Missouri Non-Driver's License Identification Card applications which could be submitted. The SS card is a requirement to procurement of a Missouri Non-Driver's License Identification Card.

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



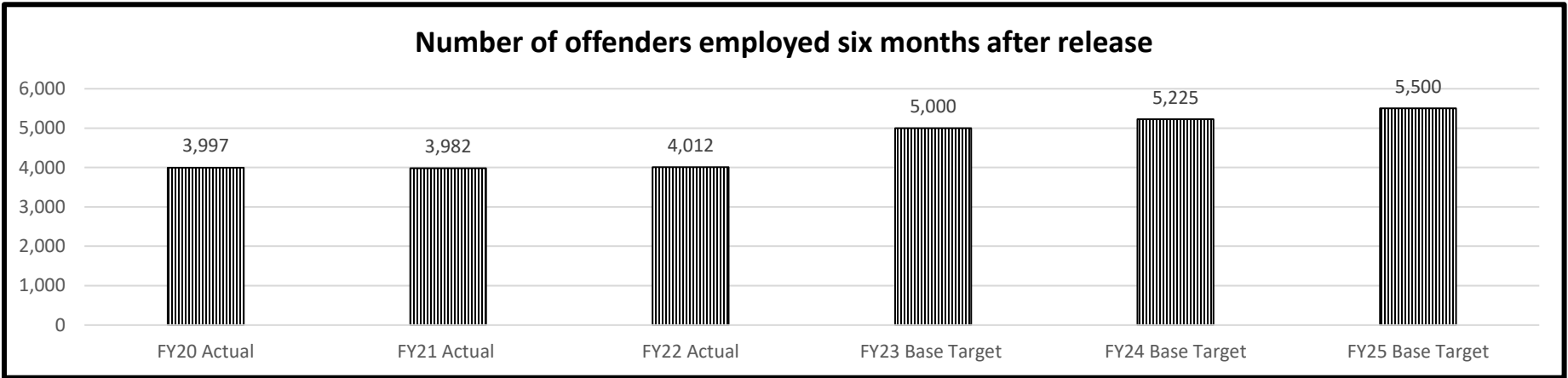
Includes birth certificates, state identification cards and social security cards. This number has decreased slightly due to staffing and after effects of the pandemic. This number should increase as more effort is put towards obtaining the birth certificates sooner in the offender's incarceration period.

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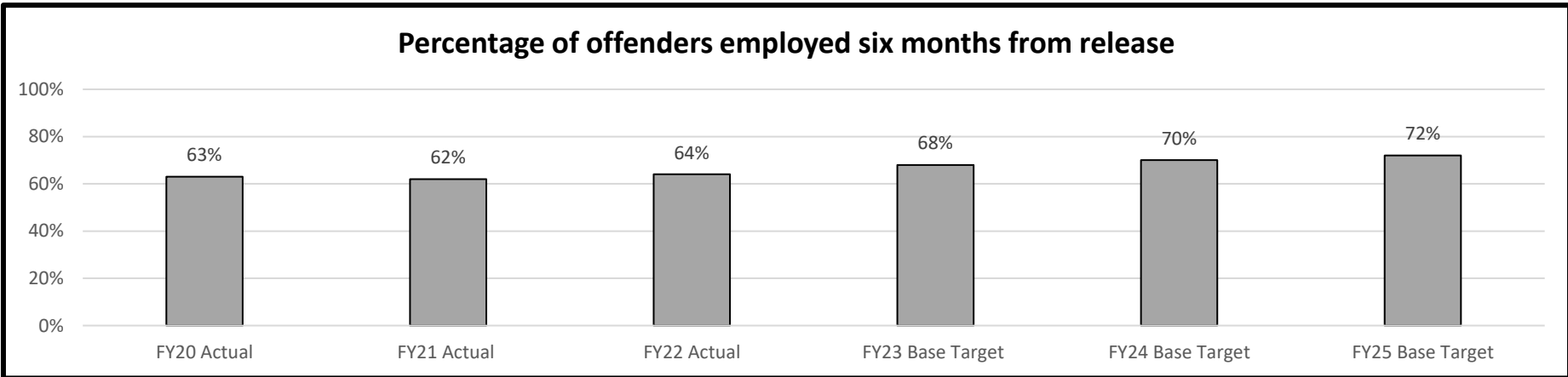
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**2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.**



This number should increase due to hiring positions to specifically assist with employment services.

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



This number should also increase due to collaborative efforts within the department divisions and state agencies.

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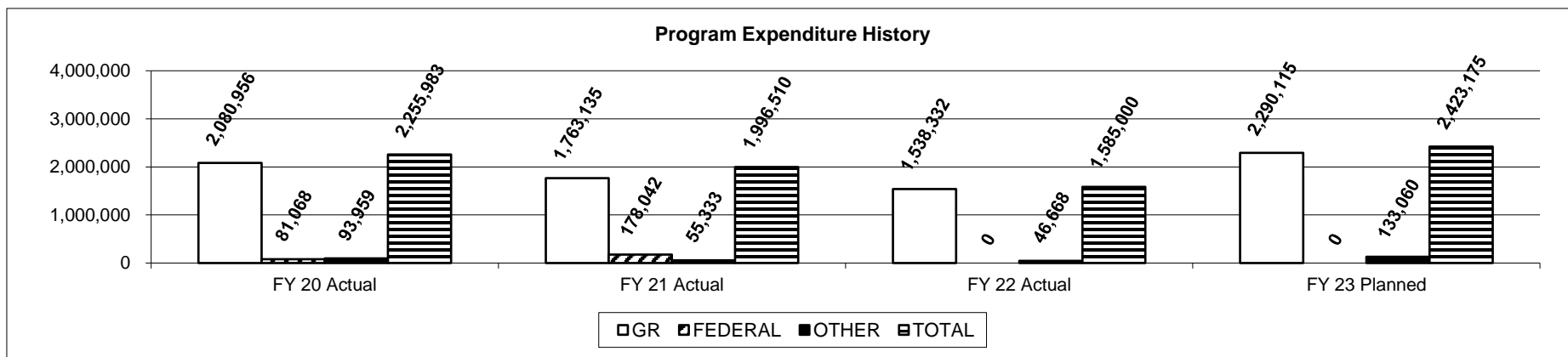
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



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

Inmate Revolving Fund (0540)

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

Chapter 217.020 RSMo. and Executive Order 09-16

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

No.

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

No.