

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Public Safety / Fire Safety

HB Section(s): 08.160

Program Name: Elevator Safety Program

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Fire Safety Core

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

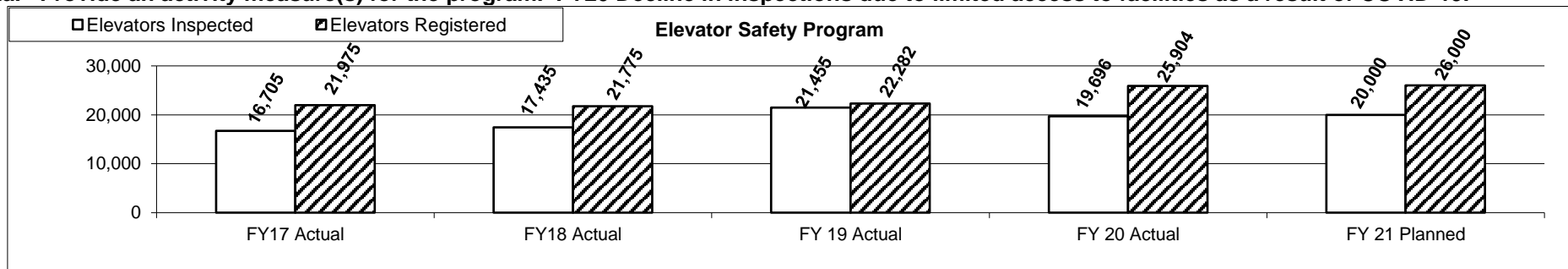
Public safety on elevator-related equipment

1b. What does this program do?

The Elevator Safety Program is responsible for enforcing nationally recognized safety standards for the maintenance, inspection, testing, and operation of all elevator equipment. New elevator equipment installations, as well as modifications/alterations to existing equipment, are required to comply with a plan review process based upon nationally recognized standards through the Division and a permit issued before such work begins. This program also has regulatory authority over the issuance of state licenses to qualified elevator inspectors performing inspections, as well as elevator mechanics and contractors within the State. The program is charged with enforcing safety rules and regulations, collecting prescribed fees, registering and permitting elevator equipment and processing and issuing variance requests.

Functions of this program are overseen by the Governor-appointed Elevator Safety Board. Fees collected are deposited into the Elevator Safety Fund (0257).

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program. FY20 Decline in inspections due to limited access to facilities as a result of COVID-19.



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

Division Inspectors are responsible for all plan reviews of new installations and conduct acceptance inspections on new equipment prior to permitting. Division of Fire Safety Elevator Safety Inspectors are QEI (Qualified Elevator Inspectors) as certified by the National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities.

Division staff also conduct required annual training for 85 state-licensed elevator inspectors, as well as license and regulate 743 elevator mechanics and 62 elevator contractors who must re-license every 2 years. ASME codes and standards are adhered to stringently in the inspection of all elevator-related equipment in order to ensure the safety of the public.

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

The Elevator Safety program issues operating permits to nearly 20,000 elevators and related objects, but more importantly, the program helps to ensure the safety of our citizens and visitors when using elevators and related equipment in our State.

The Division of Fire Safety's program cited safety violations on 6,320 (32%) objects inspected in FY20 which were corrected to ensure the safety of the public.

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

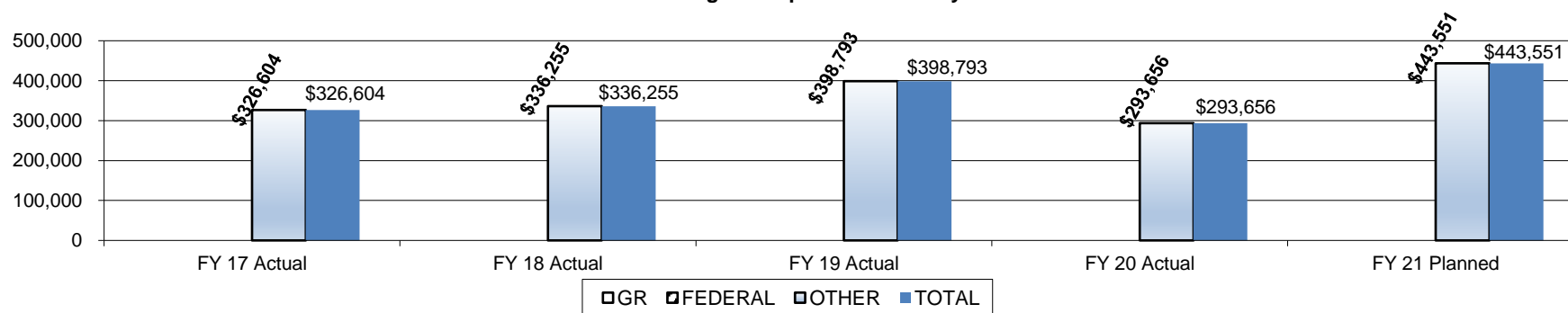
Four Division of Fire Safety inspectors and 91 approved third-party inspectors conducted inspections on 19,696 elevators and related equipment in our State in FY20.

Periodic quality control reviews are conducted by Division staff to ensure all licensed inspectors are performing thorough and adequate inspections per state law and regulations.

Inspection and certificate fees allow the Elevator Safety program to be self-supporting. Fees are set by rule, kept at a minimum and are below average of neighboring states. Certificate fees in Iowa are \$50; Arkansas fees are \$55; whereas Missouri certificate fees are \$25.

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.) Turnover and vacancies result in reduced expenditures for FY20.

Program Expenditure History



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

Elevator Safety Fund (0257)

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

RSMo Chapter 701. 350-380

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

No

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

No