

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Department of Public Safety

HB Section(s): 8.015

Program Name: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Narcotics Control Assistance

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Protection and Service

1b. What does this program do?

The JAG Program issues an annual formula grant to states to fund programs to prevent or reduce crime and violence. The JAG funds may be used for programs within any one of the following purpose areas: 1) law enforcement, 2) prosecution and court, 3) prevention and education, 4) corrections and community, 5) drug treatment and enforcement, 6) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, 7) Crime victim and witness protection and 8) mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. The program includes a requirement to fund a portion to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) to issue awards to local law enforcement agencies. Each award is under \$10,000 per agency and can be used for equipment that impacts officer safety and violent crime prevention through information sharing. DPS also funds projects including: multi-jurisdictional law enforcement drug task forces (DTF) in an effort to impact overall crime and violence problems within Missouri; Projects aimed at providing data to local and state law enforcement to identify narcotics and human traffickers, and criminal actors involved in transnational organized criminal activity, as well as to provide information to law enforcement for AMBER Alerts and other statewide issued alerts; Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Regional Response Package to support local law enforcement receiving equipment from the LESO program; The Missouri Pretrial Project will provide a pretrial administrator to three local courts to facilitate the pretrial process; and the Crime Victims and Witness project through the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. The subawards are 1 year project periods (July 1 - June 30).

NOTE: The Department of Public Safety administers the grant monies to subrecipients, and the subrecipients implement the program and utilize the funding. The Department of Public Safety is not involved in the delivery of services or the outputs of such services.

This program is run in conjunction with the State Drug Task Force Grant located in HB Section 08.005

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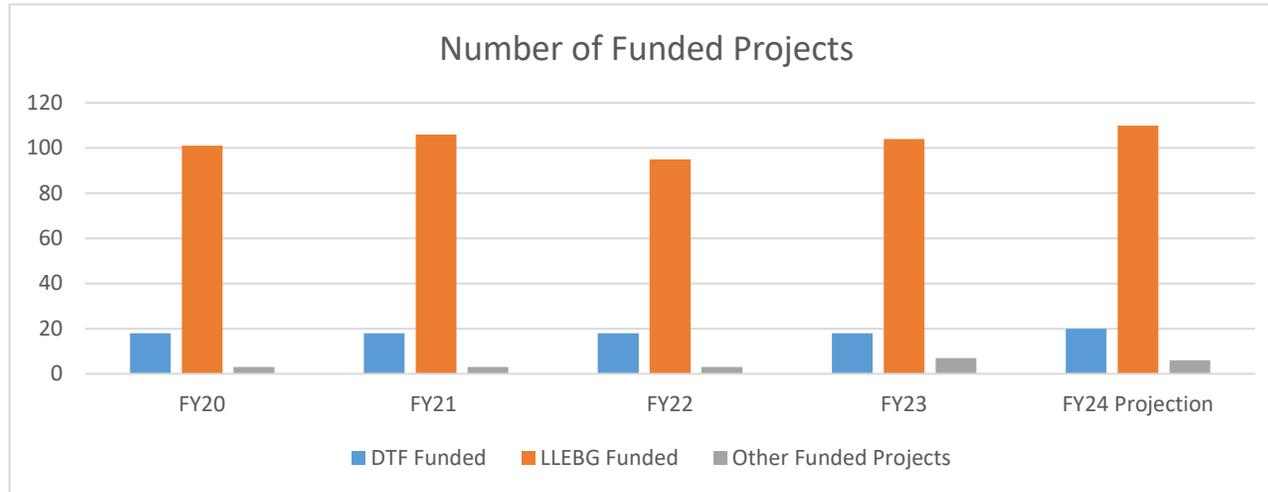
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

Measure: Make grant funding available to the DTF's, local law enforcement for LLEBG and support other law enforcement programs

Base Target: Support the existing drug task forces, LLEBG and other programs, use funding for other projects that prevent or reduce crime and violence

Stretch Target: Explore areas of consolidation and/or expansion to ensure effective coverage of the entire state, explore programs that are necessary to prevent or reduce crime and violence



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

FY24 will be year 10 of a plan started by DPS in FY14 to impose minimum goals and objectives for drug task forces receiving JAG funds. The intent was (and continues to be) to ensure all JAG-funded drug task forces possess the minimum level of training to initiate drug investigations and result in successful prosecution, adopt policies and procedures to ensure efficient and effective operational activities, and proactively engage the public to bring better awareness to the subject of illicit drug use and rehabilitation. FY16 was Year 3 of the 3-Year plan (and thus is the baseline data to compare to), and all JAG-funded drug task forces were expected to be compliant with the goals and objectives by FY16. Compliance has resulted in incentives of grant funding from FY16 - FY20 and subsequent incentive to become (and stay) compliant in order to receive maximum funding.

Measure: Compliance with goals and objectives established for all drug task forces

Base Target: 100% compliance

Stretch Target: Continue 100% compliance for all new and continuing projects

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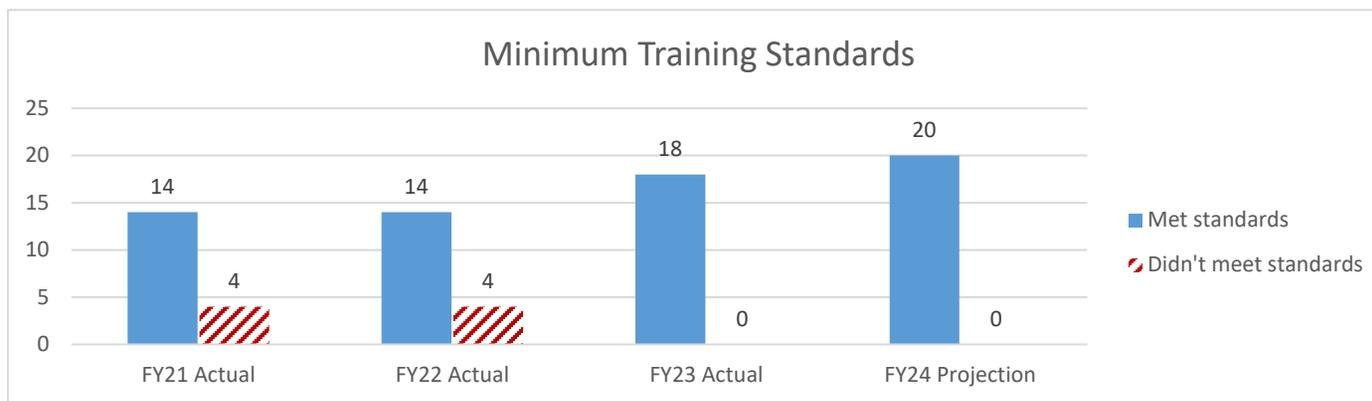
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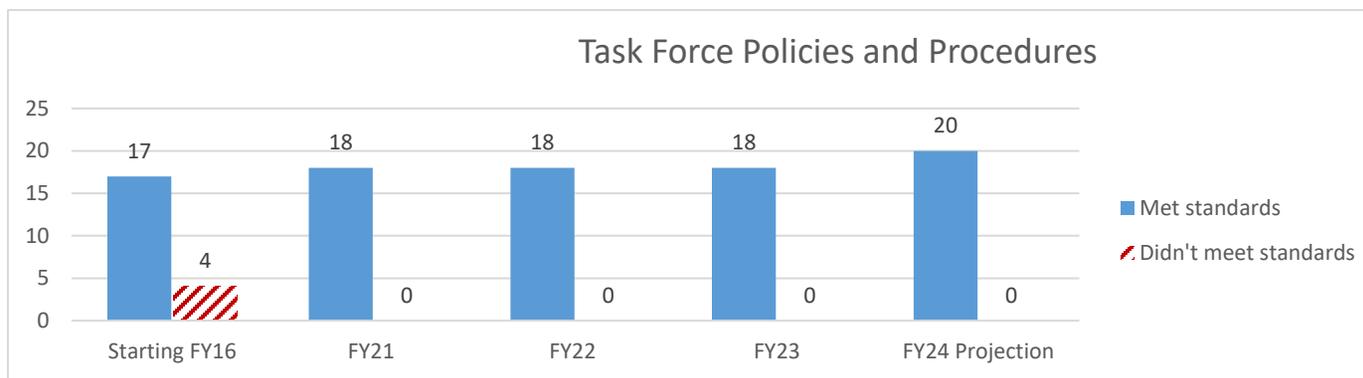
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Grantees' Completion of Minimum Training Standards



NOTE: Minimum training standards include: 1) basic narcotic training, 2) advanced narcotic training, and 3) clandestine methamphetamine lab certification, where applicable if tasked with clean-up and disposal of clandestine methamphetamine labs



NOTE: Adoption of policies and procedures extends to, at a minimum, a policy addressing: 1) deconfliction, 2) hiring/selection of personnel, 3) information sharing, 4) development and use of informants, and 5) evidence storage and handling

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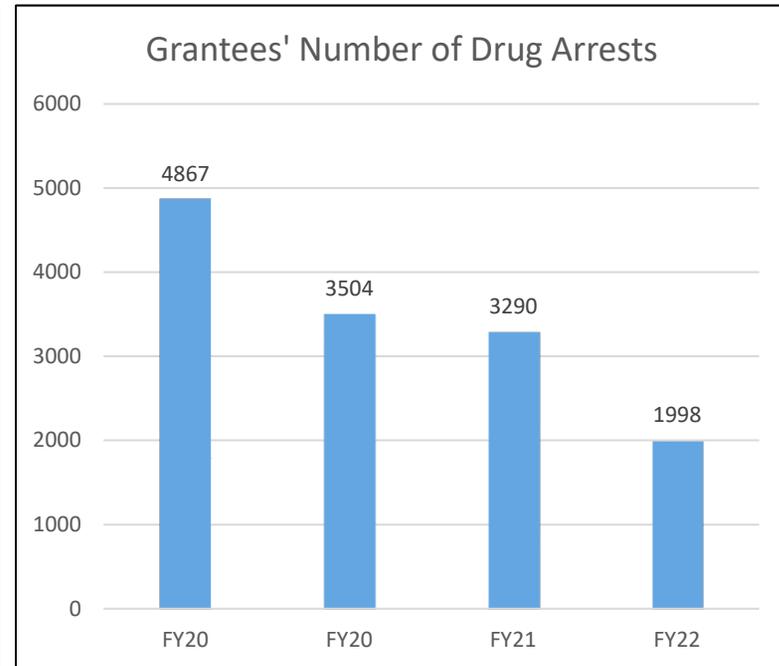
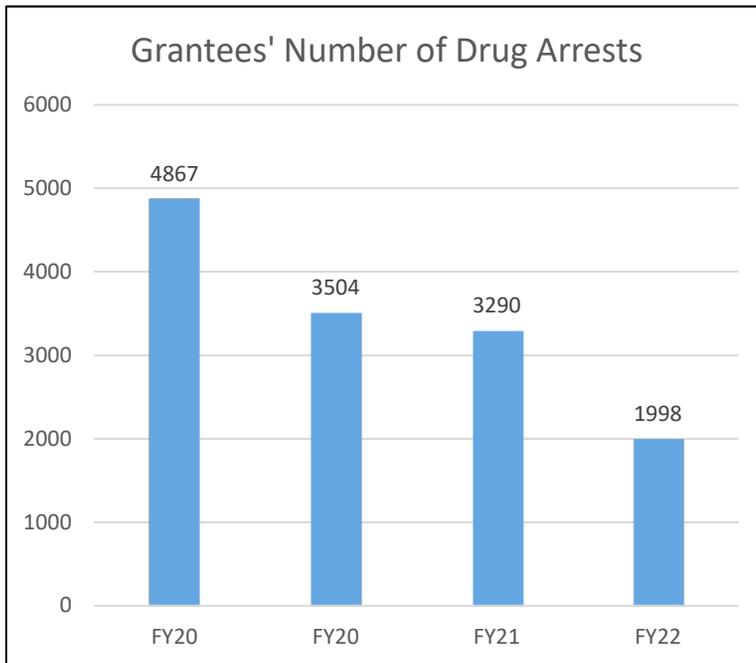
2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Realistically, the possession and distribution of illicit drugs is not a problem that will be eradicated completely. History has shown that a "drug of choice" will always exist in some capacity. Rather, as a result of the program quality measures, the hope is to further identify individuals possessing and distributing illicit drugs and to prevent teens and adults from starting to use illicit drugs. This can be assisted through the arrest of abusers and the seizure/removal of drugs from the street.

Measure: Number of arrests made and number/value of drug seizures

Base Target: Make as many arrests as possible and seize as many drugs as possible (it should never be the target to increase or decrease these numbers because neither an increase nor a decrease is indicative of the problem that exists)

Stretch Target: Make as many arrests as possible and seize as many drugs as possible (it should never be the target to increase or decrease these numbers because neither an increase nor a decrease is indicative of the problem that exists)



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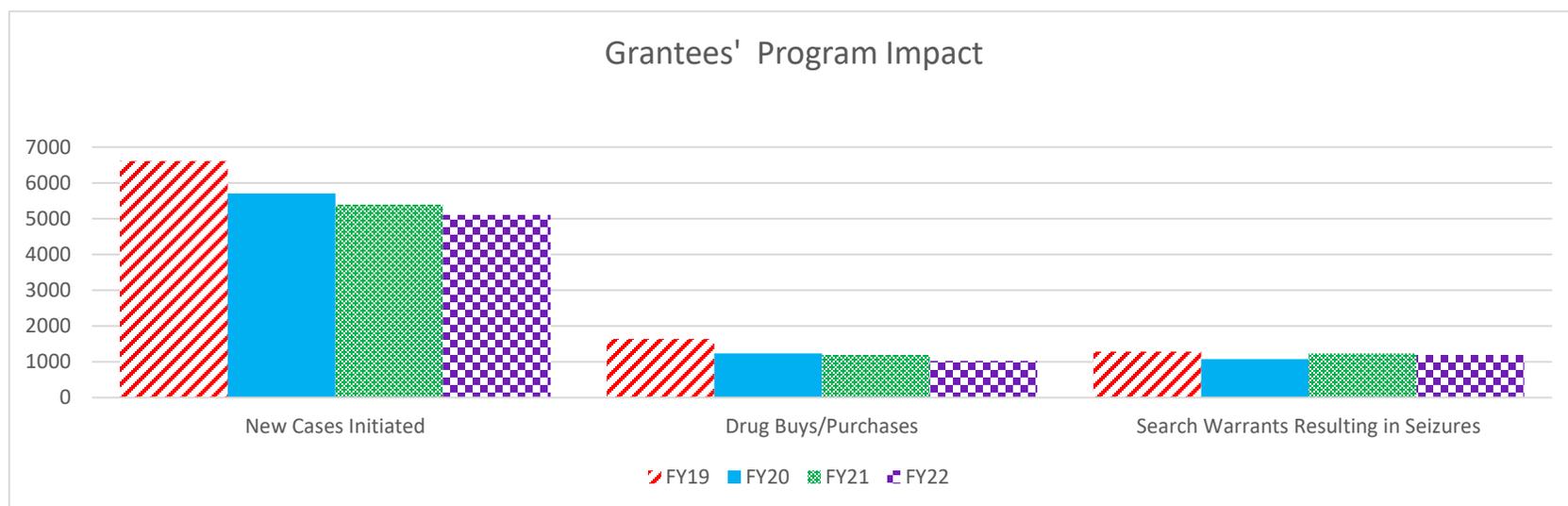
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The possession and distribution of illicit drugs is not a problem that will be eradicated completely. Rather, as a result of the program quality measures, the hope is to further identify individuals possessing and distributing illicit drugs and to prevent teens and adults from starting to use illicit drugs. Each case (and each drug type encountered) presents unique circumstances though. Each case is labor intensive in different ways, and the increasing presence of fentanyl has presented great officer health and safety concerns. In addition, personnel and funding are a huge factor in each task force's overall capabilities. The statistics below depict a general decrease in activity, but the decrease doesn't represent a decreasing presence of illicit drug use and sale in the State.

Measure: Number of new cases opened, number of drug buys made, and number of search warrants resulting in drug seizures

Base Target: Open as many new cases as possible following receipt of a drug tip and/or proactive investigations, make as many drug buys as possible to affirm the possession and/or sale of illicit drugs, and execute search warrants that will result in positive identification (it should never be the target to increase or decrease these numbers because neither an increase nor a decrease is a clear indicator of the problem that exists)

Stretch Target: Open as many new cases as possible following receipt of a drug tip and/or proactive investigations, make as many drug buys as possible to affirm the possession and/or sale of illicit drugs, and execute search warrants that will result in positive identification (it should never be the target to increase or decrease these numbers because neither an increase nor a decrease is a clear indicator of the problem that exists)



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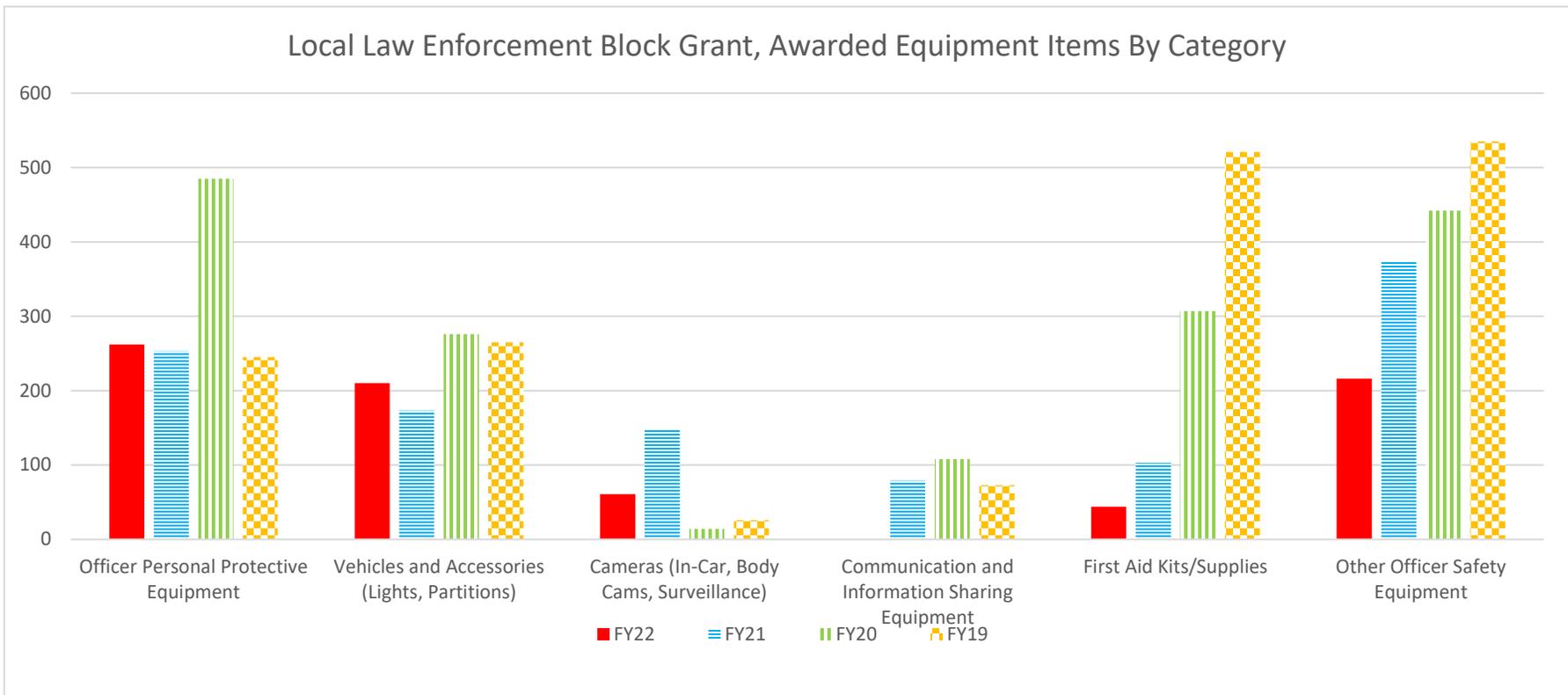
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Measure: Number of equipment items awarded to local law enforcement agencies by category for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

Target: Provide equipment to local law enforcement agencies to provide officer safety and combat violent crime through information sharing

Stretch Target: Ensure equipment awarded will increase officer safety and assist in combatting violent crime through information sharing

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, Awarded Equipment Items By Category



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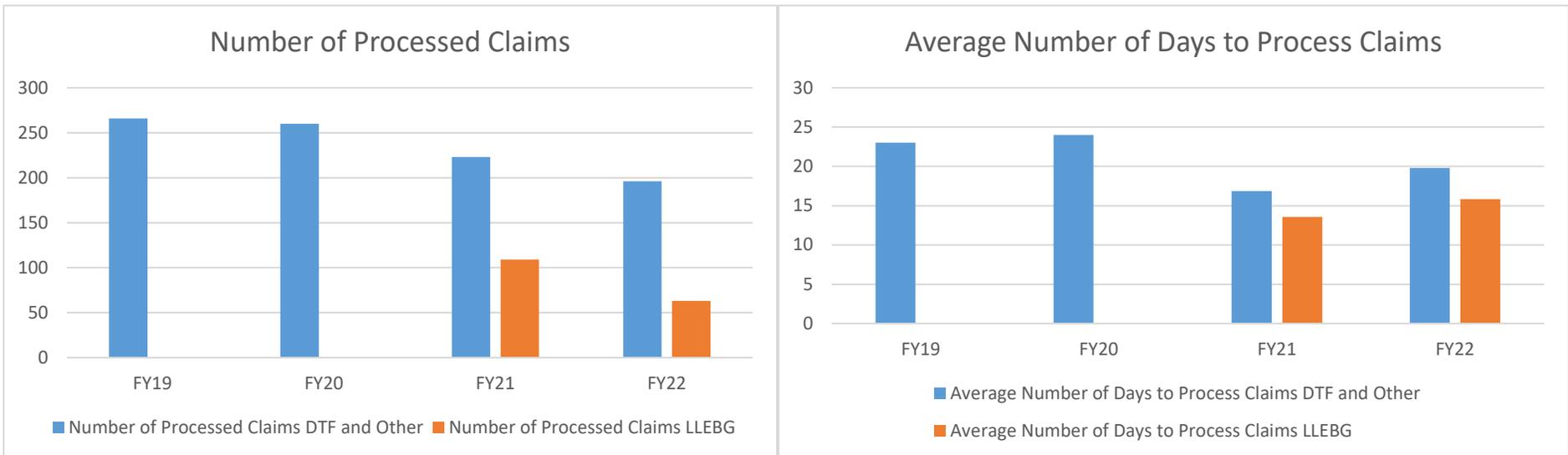
2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program’s efficiency.

The Department of Public Safety administers the grant monies to subrecipients, and the subrecipients implement the program and utilize the funding. The Department of Public Safety is not involved in the delivery of services or the outputs of such services. The following measures are part of the grant administrative process.

Measure: Number of grantee claims processed throughout the grant cycle, average number of days to process claims

Base Target: Process all claims submitted during the grant cycle

Stretch Target: Decrease average number of days to process claims to 20 days



**** Prior to FY22 funds were provided upfront to local agencies. This caused excess work for local agencies and grant staff****

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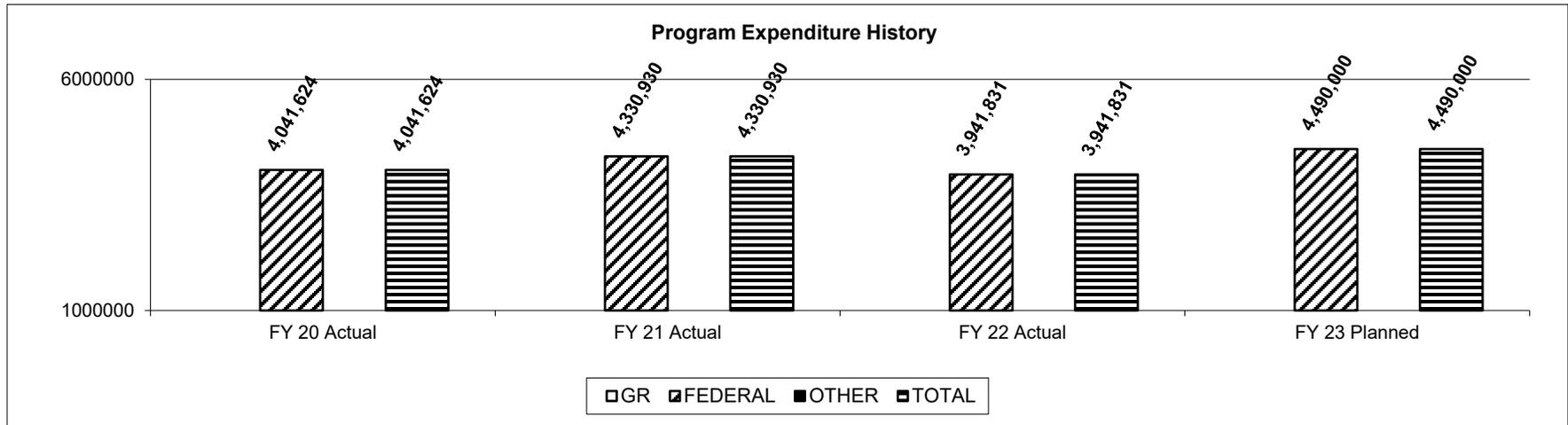
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

N/A

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

The JAG Program is authorized under 34 U.S.C. §§ 10151-10158.

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

No

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

No