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**COVID-19 had a negative statistical impact across the mission set regarding all measures.

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Provide impactful service to Missouri Veterans with honor and integrity

1b. What does this program do?

- Coordinate Military Funeral Honors for all veterans within the State of Missouri (41.958 RSMo)
- Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program has coordinated more than 184,000 funerals since the programs inception in 1999
- Receive requests for honors for all veterans from Funeral Homes, Family Members or Army Casualty Affairs Centers
- Task Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) to support funeral honors within the State of Missouri
- Forward Honors requests to the branch of service of the deceased veteran for tasking and action
- Request discharge documentation for honors and other benefits on behalf of the families unable to locate necessary documentation
- Military Funeral Honors coordinates with over 160 Veteran Service Organizations in performing funeral honors

* Missions Coordinated are requests funeral homes send to the Funeral Honors program to request Honors. Funerals coordinated include all Missouri veterans and veterans buried in this state from all branches of service. Actions required for coordination of honors: notification to the veterans branch of service, request and receive authorized documentations for honors, and tasking of VSOs to meet the full honor's state requirement.

* Missions Provided are requests performed by a Missouri Military Funeral Honor Team. Missouri funeral honors program provides honors for all Army veterans/retirees buried in the State of Missouri. Veterans receive a 2 soldier detail with VSO support and retirees receive a 9 soldier detail. VSO support is used for Color Guard only upon request.

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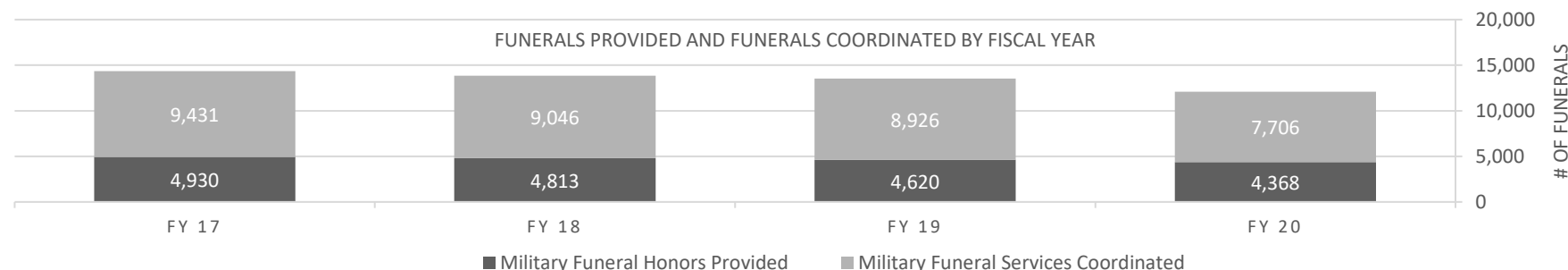
2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

- Missouri is the only state in the nation with both a state and federal mission.

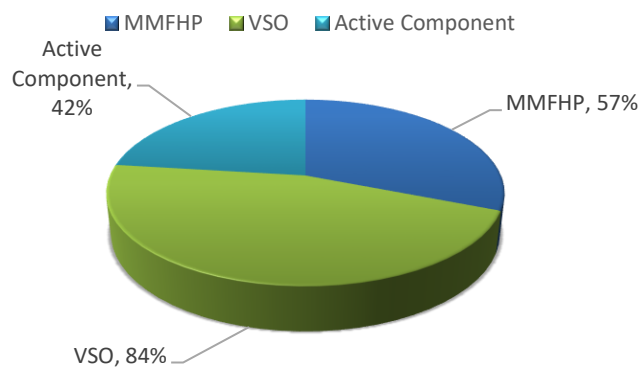
- Missouri Military Funeral Honors Director attends the National Guard Bureau Military Honors Conference annually. At the conference, the director is allotted a presentation period to provide guidance and best practice measures to all states on the Missouri state mission, and how this program is accomplished.

MISSOURI FUNERAL HONORS PROGRAM

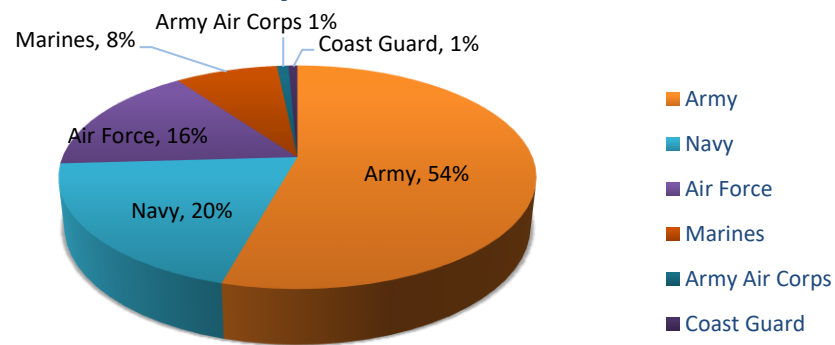
FUNERALS PROVIDED AND FUNERALS COORDINATED BY FISCAL YEAR



Funeral Services by Team FY 20



Funerals by Branch of Service FY20



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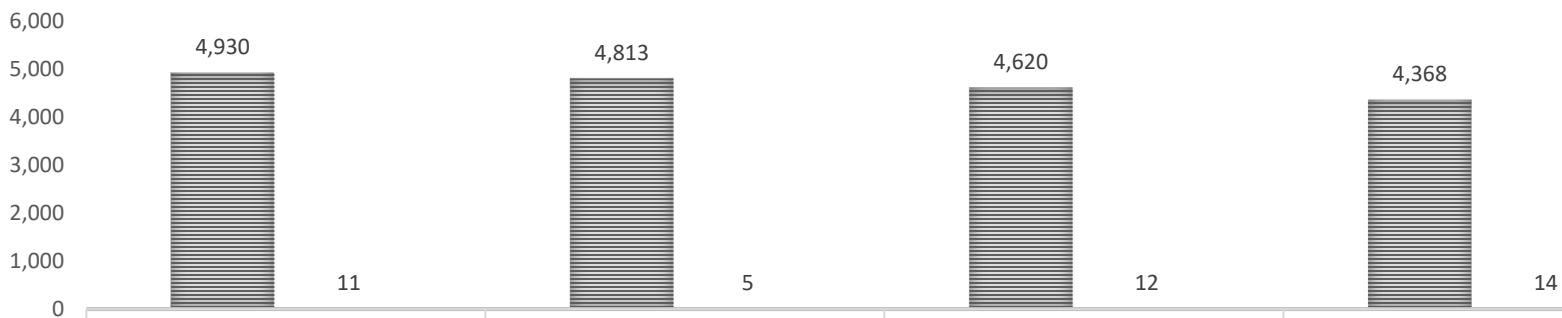
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Missouri Military Funeral Honor's program has provided more than 99% of all funerals requested

FUNERALS PROVIDED VS. FUNERALS NOT PROVIDED

of Funerals Provided by FY



■ Provided	4,930	4,813	4,620	4,368
■ Not Provided	11	5	12	14

Funerals not provided were due to lack of staffing at the time requested

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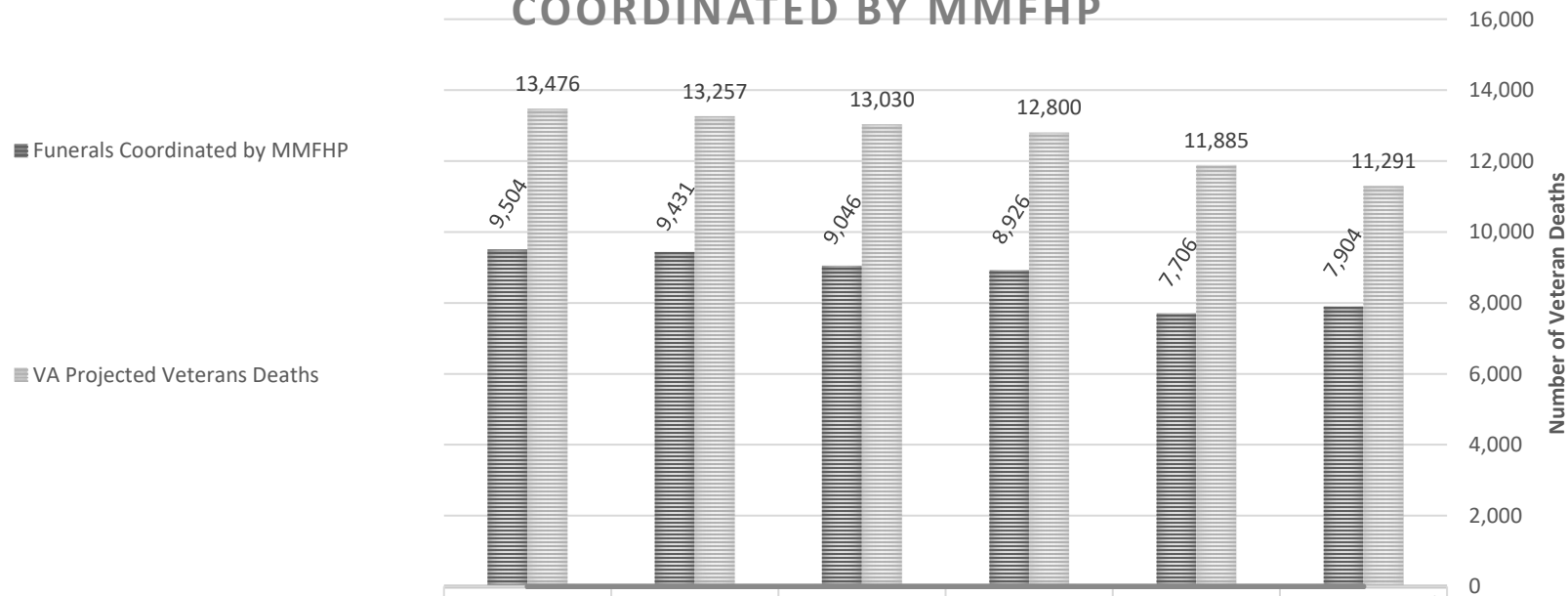
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

- Missouri Military Funeral Honors has provided over 184,000 military funeral services since the program's inception in 1999.
- On average, since 2015, Missouri's Military Funeral Honor's program has coordinated more than 75% of Missouri's deceased veterans funerals for all branches of service.

PROJECTED MISSOURI VETERAN DEATHS VS. FUNERALS COORDINATED BY MMFHP



Funerals Coordinated by MMFHP	9,504	9,431	9,046	8,926	7,706	7,904
VA Projected Veterans Deaths	13,476	13,257	13,030	12,800	11,885	11,291
% of MO Veterans Deaths Coordinated by MMFHP	71%	71%	69%	70%	65%	70%

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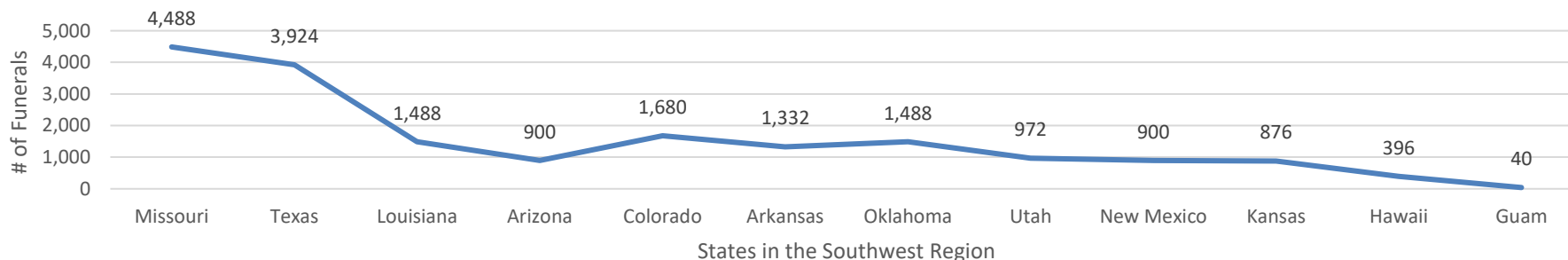
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Missouri leads the nation in funerals provided and lowest cost per funeral.

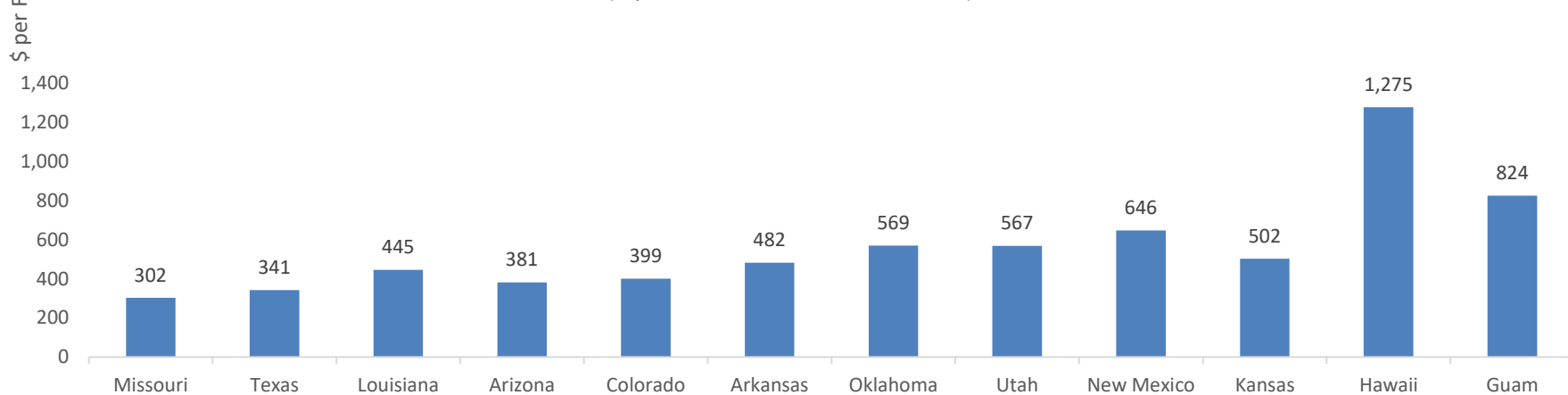
FY 20 Missouri Funeral Honors Provided vs. Southwest Region Funeral Honors Provided

(#s provided herein are based on Federal FY20)



FY 20 Missouri Funeral Cost vs. States in the Southwest Region

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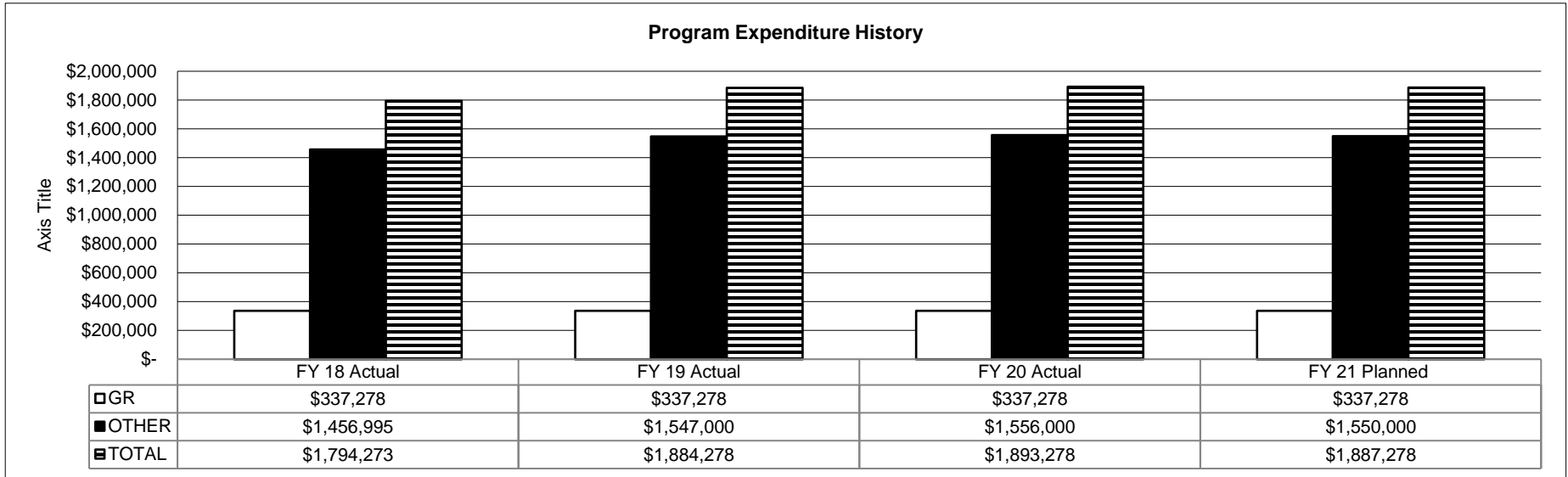
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

Gaming Commission Fund

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

RSMo 41.958: When requested by the commander of any recognized veterans' organization, military commander or by any friend or relative of a deceased person or the director of a funeral home for any deceased person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during a time of war or is otherwise entitled to military honors at the person's burial, internment or memorial service, the adjutant general shall, subject to appropriation, order the appropriate requested uniformed honor detail to attend and render the appropriate services or request and coordinate the appropriate detail with a recognized veterans' organization.

Title 10 USC-Armed Forces Chapter 49 and 75; AR 600-25; DODI 1300.15: Commanders at all levels must support paying a final tribute on behalf of a grateful nation to comrades in arms, and must respond expeditiously and sensitively to requests for military funeral support. Rendering military honors reflects the high regard and respect accorded to military service and demonstrates military professionalism to the United States and the world.

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

No federal matching requirements

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

Yes. Title 10 USC requires military honors for all veterans.