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**Department: Public Safety - State Emergency Management Agency**

**HB Section(s): 08.325 & 08.330**

**Program Name: Missouri Emergency Response Commission (Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) & Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP))**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): SEMA Operations and MERC**

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

Protect Missourians from Hazardous Materials

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

- The Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) is responsible for administering the State and Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA) Act. Industries affected by this legislation are required to report to the MERC annually to comply with state and federal laws.
- Fees are collected annually according to established reporting procedures.
- Provides training to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) and HAZMAT Responders on the response to and mitigation of hazardous chemical incidents.
- Provides guidance and supervision for Local Emergency Planning Committees in their month to month activities.
- Assists LEPC's in the development and review of Hazardous Materials Plans.
- Follows up with and investigates reported facilities for not reporting as required by Federal and State statute, and for non payment of Tier II fees.
- Locates new facilities needing to report and file according to law.
- Administers federally funded Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant which provides hazardous materials emergency planning and training funds to local emergency planning committees and responders.

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

Each county must submit a CEPF application annually to receive funding. The Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) then use these funds to mitigate risks through planning and the training of first responders, healthcare providers, and the citizens of their jurisdiction. During FY20, staff concentrated on assisting LEPCs that were delinquent in filing for their funding from previous years, assisted in helping re-establish LEPC's into jurisdictions that have allowed their LEPC to become inactive, and apply for their CEPF funding, train and re-train LEPC's in their responsibilities to their jurisdiction involving HAZMAT, EPCRA, and Tier II reporting.

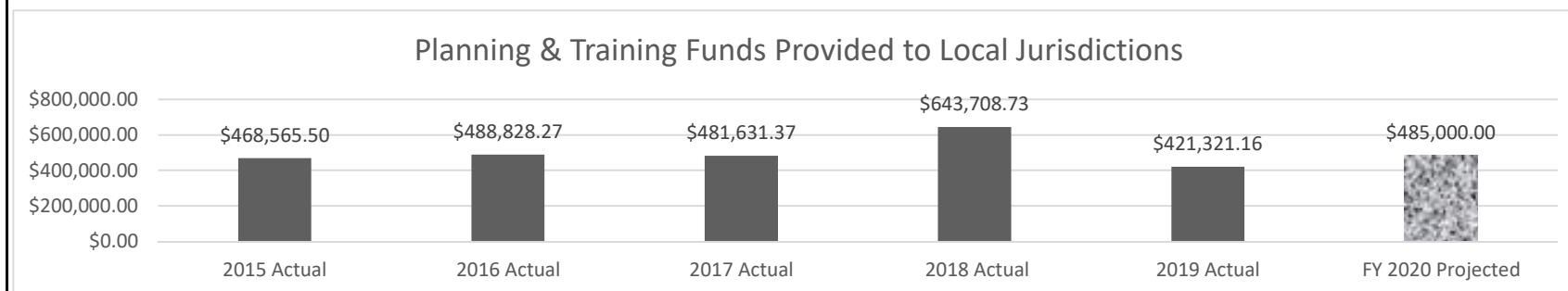
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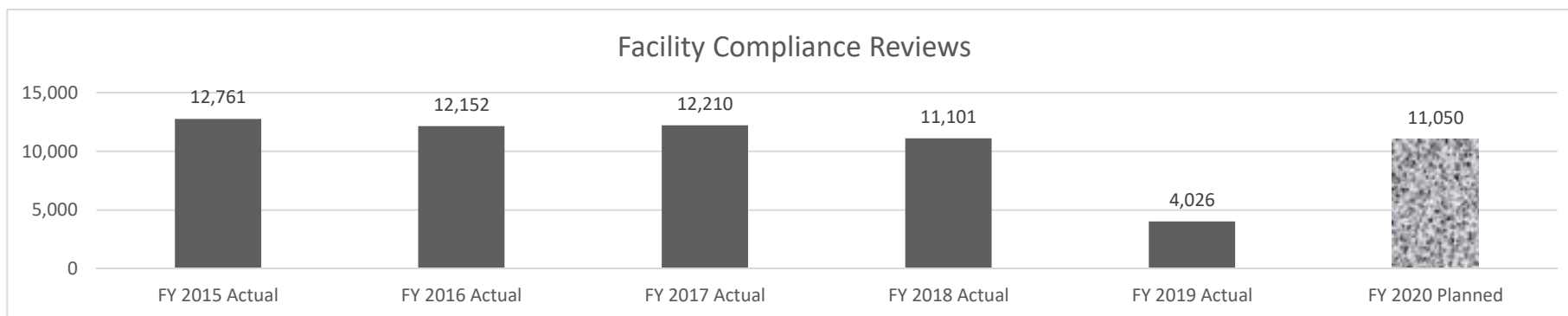
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\*Paid with a one year lag (e.g. FY19 payments are made in FY20)

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

The MERC works with local officials to complete facility compliance reviews to ensure all facilities report hazmat as required. This ensures safety for the first responders as well as ensures local jurisdictions are receiving their allocated funding under CEPF laws. The MERC also provides training and training compliance programs as required by state and federal programs, as well as LEPC assistance programs. All of these programs ensure the safety of communities and the responders within the community to possible HAZMAT incidences.



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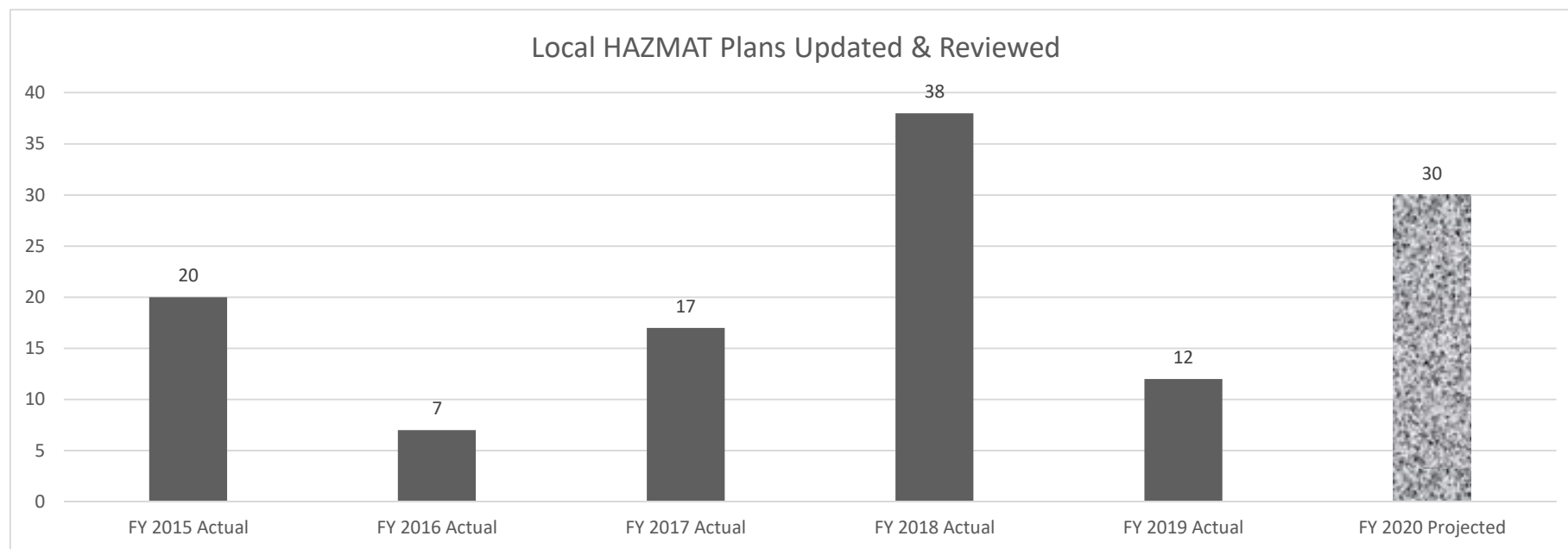
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#### 2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) are required to review their plans annually and update them periodically. The MERC had contracted planners that assisted local officials with updating their plans, which results in counties being better prepared to respond to emergencies.



The MERC's impact is measured in our ability to assist local officials in improving the safety of their responders and citizens through up to date HAZMAT response plans.

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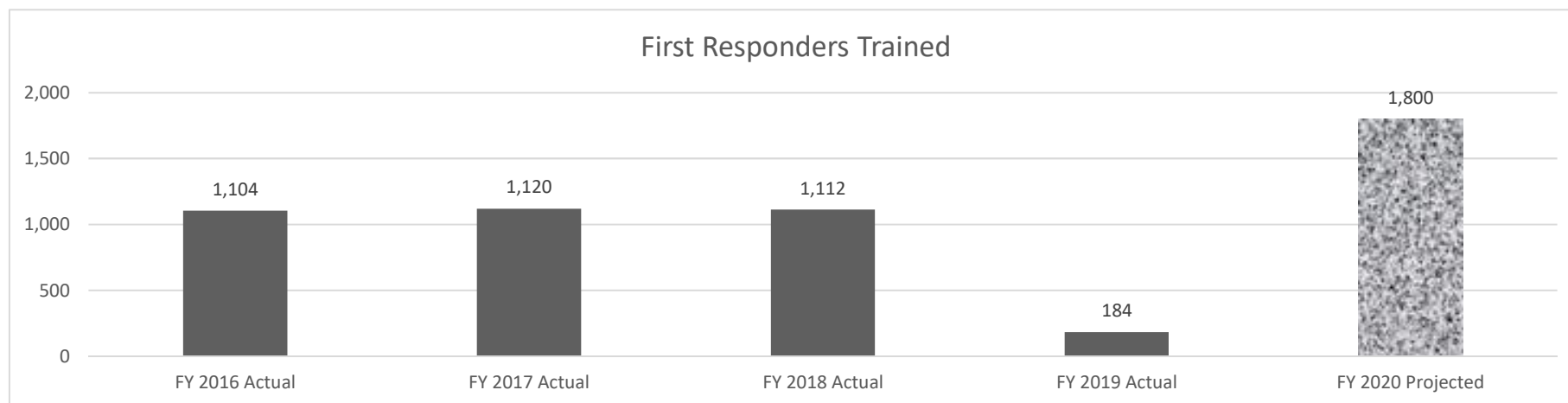
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**2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.**

The MERC utilizes federal grant funds to train first responders in hazmat emergency response. This is essential to local government planning and mitigation of response to hazardous materials incidents. Class attendance is impacted by county size and location, as well as volunteer responders availability to attend the classes. We have begun concentrating on training Missouri's rural areas rather than focusing on urban centers. This will impact our number trained, however; it will ensure we are assisting everyone throughout the state in a more equitable manner.



The MERC does not evaluate efficiency through a purely economic means. We measure our efficiency through a lens of quality training for local first responders and citizens, as well as maintaining an excellent Tier II program, an excellent and active LEPC/LEPD program, and maintaining an excellent outreach program.

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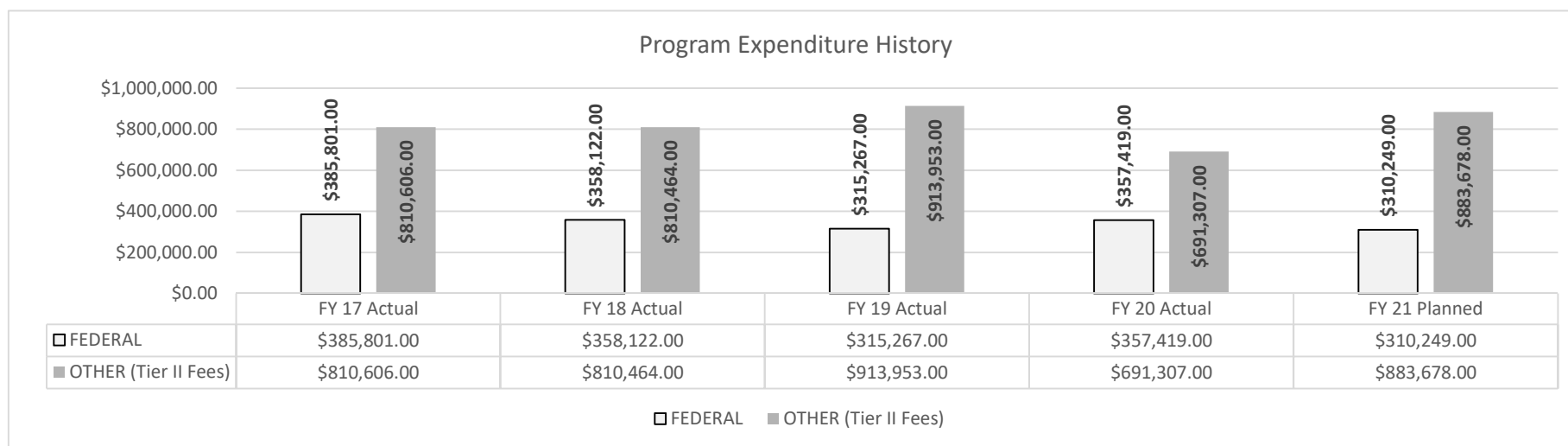
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



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

The MERC is completely self funding by collecting Tier II fees per Federal and State statute. We also receive federal grant funding from the Federal DOT. We do not receive any general revenue funds from the state.

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

RSMo. Chapters 44 and 292.60 - 292.625 and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act title 42 Chapter 116 Sub-Chapter 1  
 The HMEP grant program was established in 1990 by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety act. In 1993, PHMSA began issuing grants to assist States, Territories and Native American tribes to "develop, improve, and carry out emergency plans " within the National Response System and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986.

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

Missouri receives Tier II funds (CEPF Program) that are used to match HMEP funds. These funds are utilized to provide salaries for the Program Director (Emergency Management Manager) and two Program Specialists.

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

Yes. This program falls under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, Title 42 Chapter 116 Sub-Chapter 1 Section 1101. While the State Emergency Response Commission and Local Emergency Preparedness Committees are federally mandated under the Community Right to Know Act, the HMEP grant program is not federally mandated.