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**Department of Public Safety**

**HB Section(s): 8.200**

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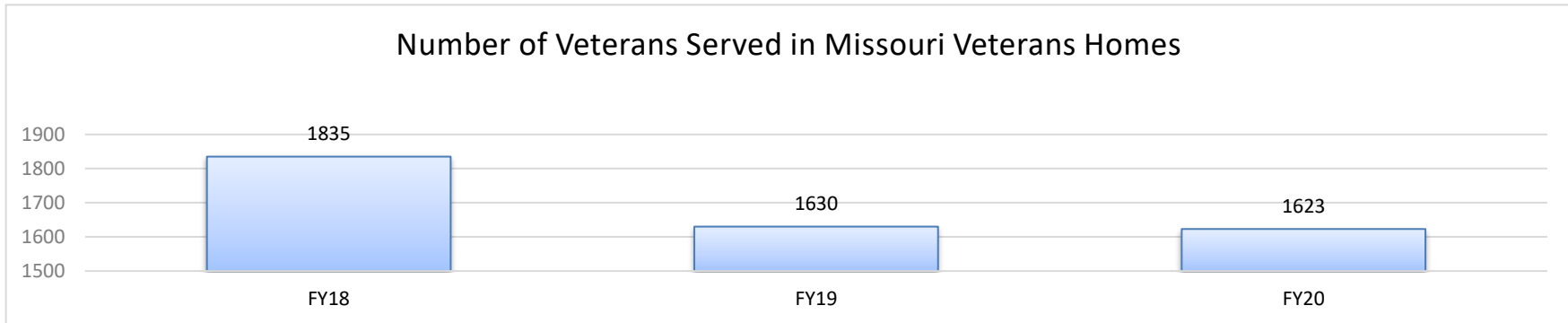
**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

- Protection and Service: Improve quality of care for Veteran Home residents.

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

- The Missouri Veterans Homes Program provides a critically essential service of skilled nursing care for Veterans at seven Homes throughout the State of Missouri. The homes are located in Cameron, Cape Girardeau, Mexico, Mt. Vernon, St. James, St. Louis and Warrensburg.
- The Homes Program operates a combined 1,238 skilled nursing beds.

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



- In 2019, Missouri Veterans Home St. Louis decreased census from 300 beds to 188 beds (construction was underway prior to COVID-19 to convert beds from dual occupancy to single occupancy).
- In 2020, COVID-19 threats to MVC's vulnerable population forced state Veteran's Homes to halt new admissions for nearly 4

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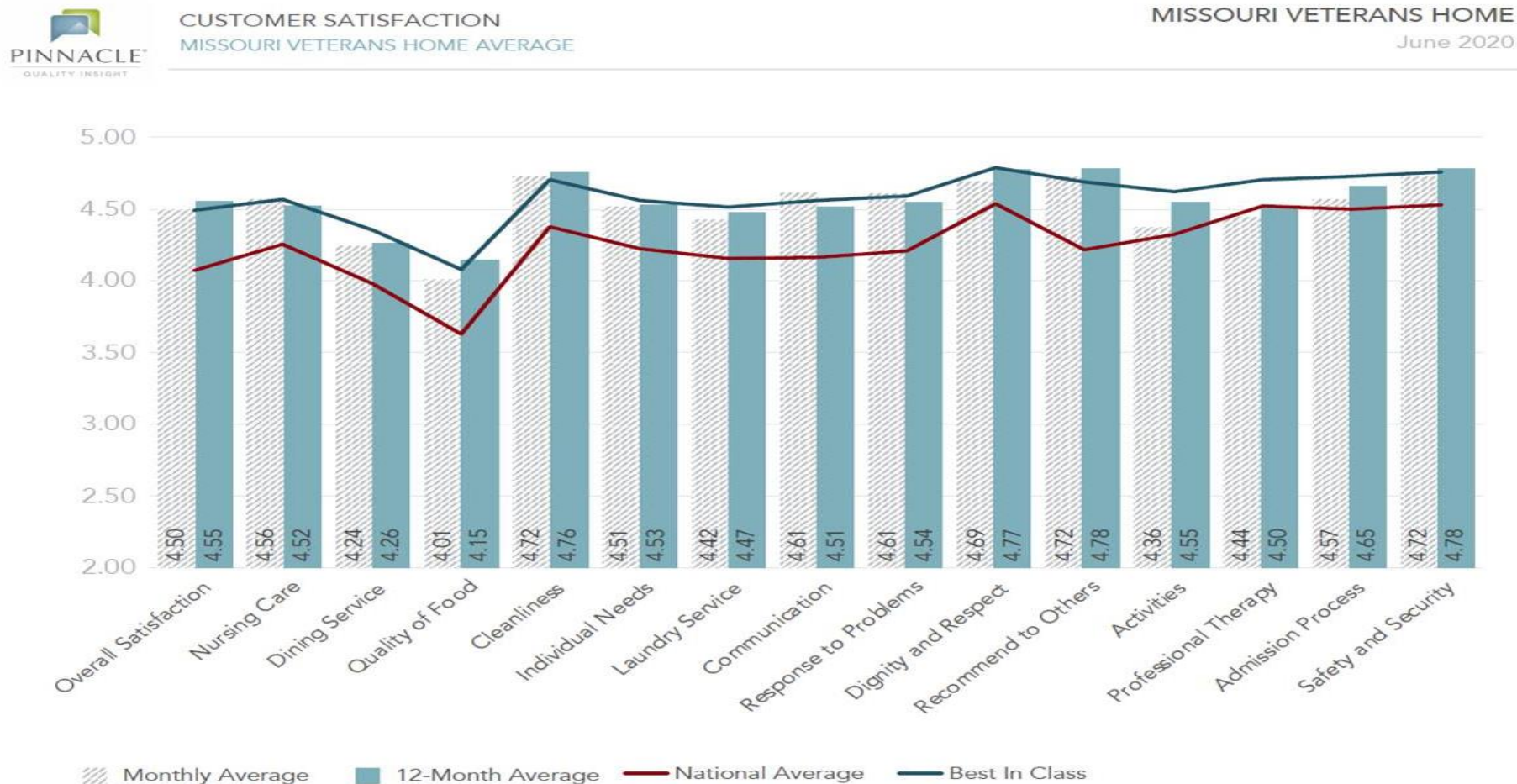
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



MVC contracts with a third party that specializes in telephonic elder care satisfaction surveys. The independent view of the Veteran experience includes benchmark comparisons to national averages (based on 1,300 skilled nursing clients) on a five point scale. 5 - Outstanding; 4 - Excellent; 3 - Satisfactory; 2 - Needs Improvement; 1 - Poor

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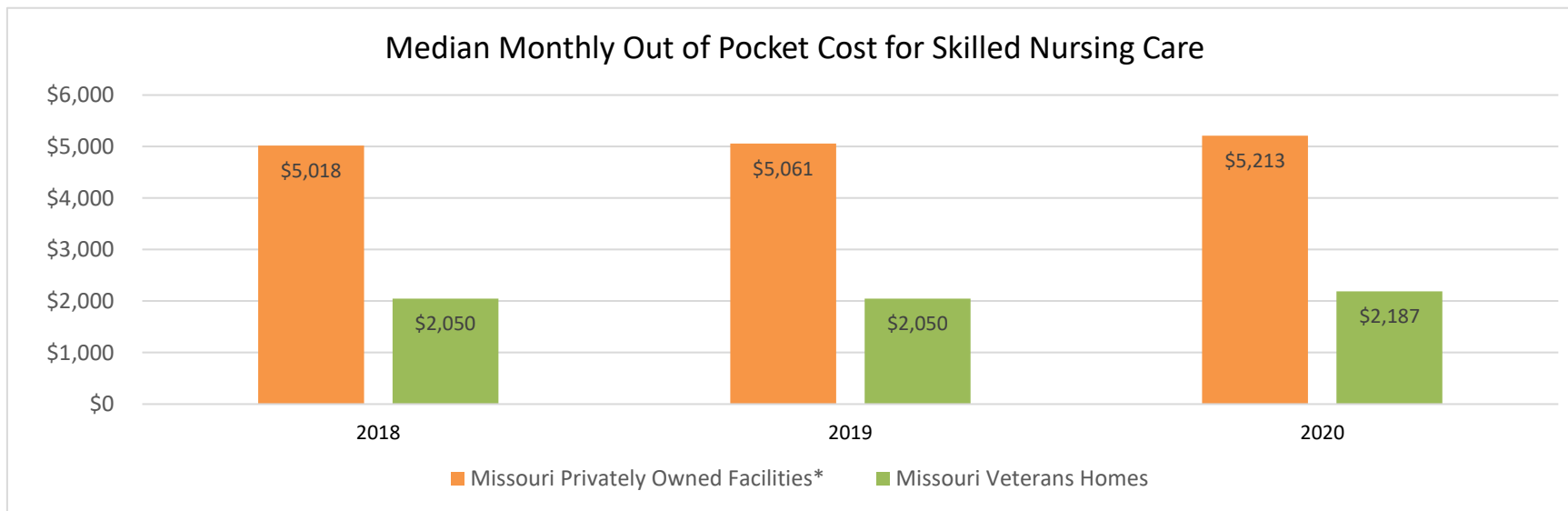
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



- The maximum monthly rate paid is \$2,187 per month. The monthly fee includes all services provided in the private sector plus additional services including restorative therapy and **all** pharmaceutical medications including name-brand. In addition, MVC does not follow Medicaid spend-down rules related to assets. Veterans and their families maintain all assets accumulated over their lifetime while receiving extraordinary care at a low cost.
- Missouri Privately Owned Facility Median Monthly Out-of-Pocket costs are based on a semi-private room.

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

Gaming Revenue Transferred into VCCITF



	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21 Projected
Actual Deposits into VCCITF	\$23,606,379	\$22,465,665	\$19,003,262	\$8,778,240	\$13,100,000

- MVC is currently undergoing complete restructuring focusing on a more business centered approach by: 1) Standardizing operational processes to maximize efficiency ; 2) Developing and implementing strong internal controls to ensure responsible and transparent fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars.
- MVC expects a 5% increase in expenditures due to nationwide nursing staffing shortages requiring continued overtime of current staff. (MVC Homes Program has received \$0 in General Revenue the last 3 FYs.)
- Revenue from Missouri Gaming Commission decreased \$1.1M from 2017-2018, \$3.4M from 2018-2019 for a two year decrease of \$4.6M Revenues are projected to decrease by approximately 10%% per year.
- MVC increased the resident contribution to \$2,187 monthly rate (Prior rate was \$2,050 monthly and had not been increased since 2015
- In FY 2020, Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) received \$8,778,240 from the Missouri Gaming Commission (MGC); this is a 51% decrease from the anticipated revenue for the year.

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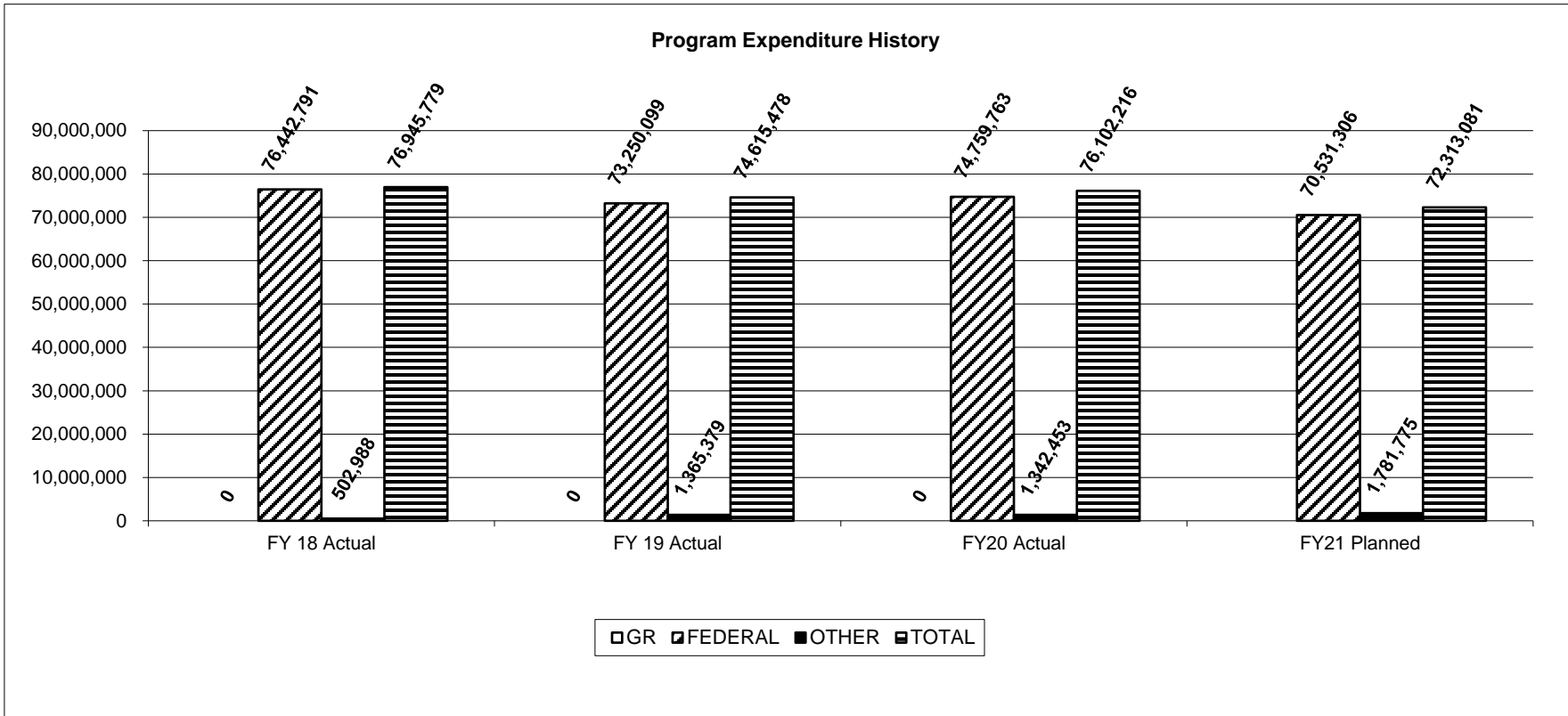
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

- Homes Fund, Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund (VCCITF), Veterans Trust Fund and monthly room and care charges from veterans. Currently some veterans pay \$2,187 or less per month to reside in a Veterans Home. This charge to veterans is nominal compared to private sector nursing homes. Veterans with a 70% service connected disability rating or greater are not charged, the cost of care is fully covered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Missouri Gaming Commission anticipated revenues declined by 51% in FY20; anticipated revenues are projected to decline by 27% in FY21.

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

Chapter 42, RSMo. Federal Veteran Health Administration (VHA) Directive 1601SH.01 under the direction of 38 USC Sections 1710, 1720(f), 1741-1745 and Title 38 CFR sections 17.46-47, 17.190--17.200, and parts 51-52

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

- The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays a daily per diem for nursing home care provided to an eligible Veteran. The VA provides 100% cost of care for Veterans with a 70% or greater service connected disability. For the remaining veterans, the VA pays a daily per diem rate of \$112.36
- ❖ The construction grants from the VA are funded 65% federal dollars and require a 35% match from the State of Missouri. The construction grants are used to fund projects that ensure the Homes are in compliance with VA Regulations and also provide state of the art physical plants.
- Construction grants require 100% state cash up front and the VA will reimburse in phases throughout the project.

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

No, MVC participates in the State Home Per Diem Program (SHPD Program). The SHPD Program is a grant program providing federal assistance to VA-recognized and certified State Veteran Home facilities.