

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Public Safety

HB Section(s): 8.105

Program Name: Water Patrol Division

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Water Patrol

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Protection and Service

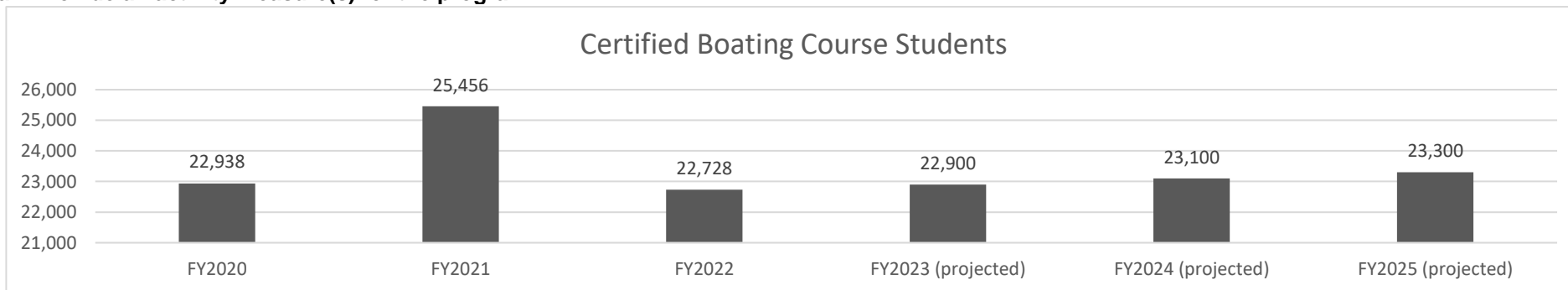
1b. What does this program do?

This program is designed to provide a safe environment and quality public service for citizens and visitors while they utilize the waters of Missouri by:

- Educating on recreational boating and water safety through programs, enforcement activities, and media resources.
- Providing professional marine enforcement, visibility, and emergency response on the water with approximately 74 marine troopers assigned to waterways.
- Providing marine recovery efforts for victims of boating crashes and drownings in addition to evidence recovery for crimes, including advanced marine recovery capabilities by a 14-member statewide dive team.
- Providing the state's primary response to flood waters.

Troopers assigned to fulfill the field mission of the Water Patrol Division receive extensive training in marine operations. The Water Patrol Division oversees the training provided to those officers. In addition to an initial four week marine academy training, a minimum 40 days of task oriented marine field training is required. Additional training includes swift water training and annual marine in-service training. Marine operation troopers are required to successfully complete a validated swim test each year.

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



Note: FY2021 has an increased amount of students due to the increased boating activity during COVID.

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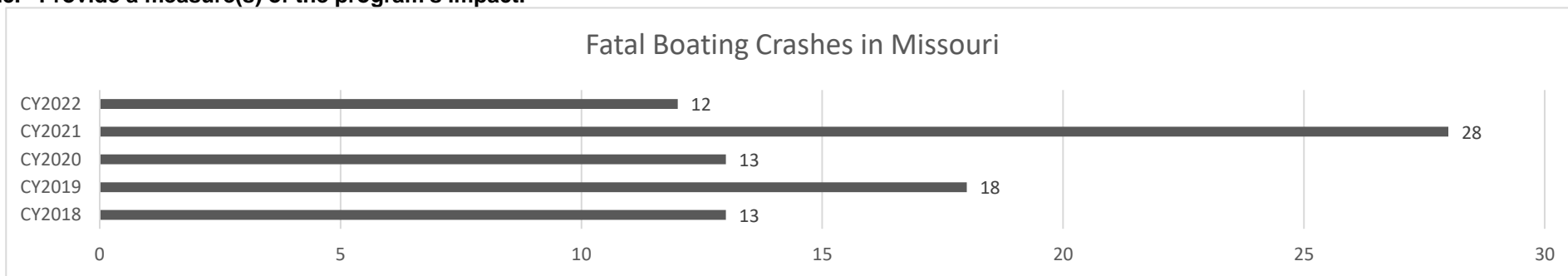
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

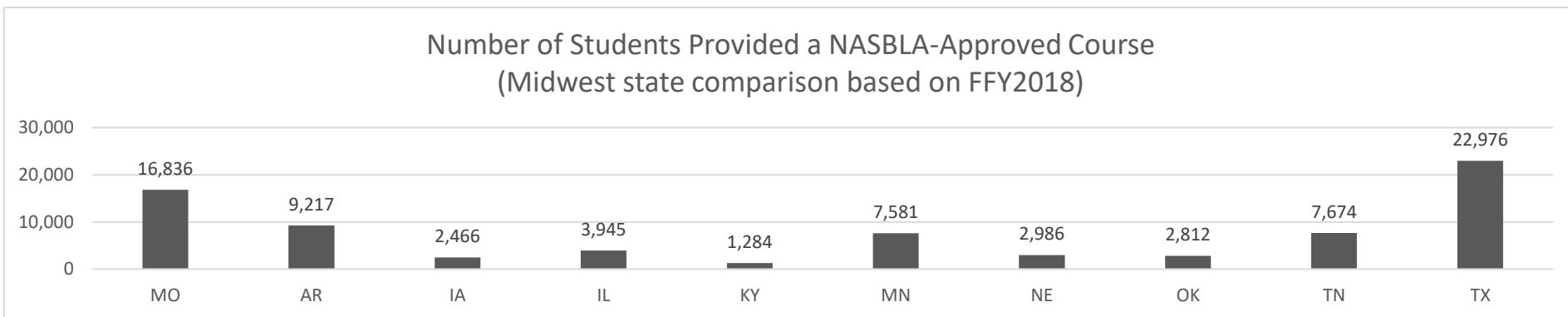
The Water Patrol Division provides an on-line boating safety course that is nationally certified. The on-line course is a coordinated effort between the division and Kalkomey, Inc. In 2021, Kalkomey conducted surveys from those who have taken the on-line course, and the ratings received are based on a scale of one to five stars. The Missouri course has received an average rating of 4.8 stars during that time period. This rating is significant since over 87% of the students completing a certified course chose the on-line version of the course.

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



Note: The Patrol does not set targets or stretch targets for the number of crashes.

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



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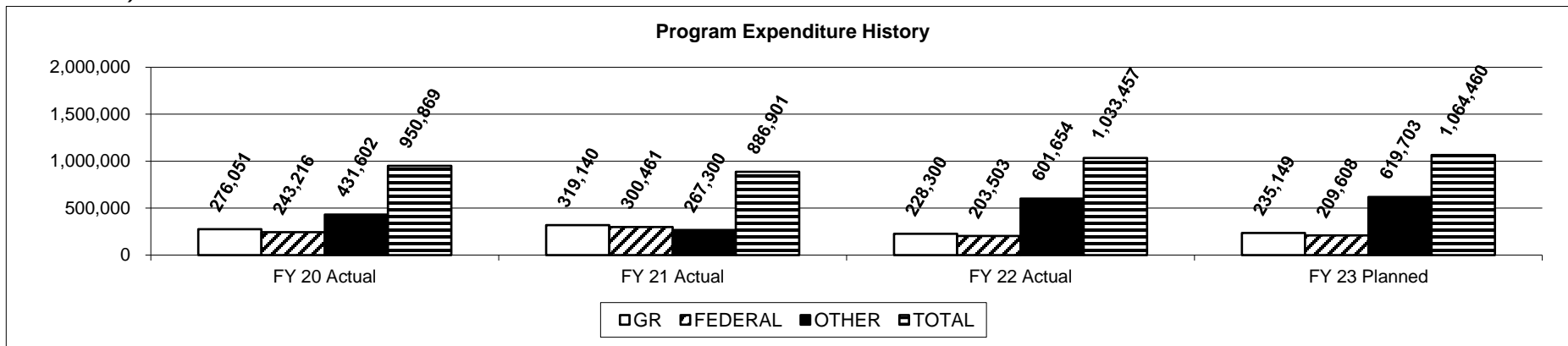
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do include fringe benefit costs.)



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

Water Patrol (0400), Drug Forfeiture (0194), Retirement (0701), OASDHI (0702), MCHCP (0765)

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

Authorization for this program exists in Chapter 43 and 306. As part of Missouri's receipt of United States Coast Guard federal grant money, generally around two million dollars per year, Missouri's recreational boating safety program must include (46 USC 131):

- A cooperative boating safety assistance program with the United States Coast Guard.
- Sufficient patrol to ensure adequate enforcement of applicable state boating safety laws and regulations.
- An adequate state boating safety education program.
- An approved system for reporting marine casualties (boating crashes).

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

Yes, the federal funding has up to a 50% match depending on the grant.

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

No.