

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.155

Program Name: Alternatives to Abortion

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Alternatives to Abortion

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Ensure Missourians secure and sustain healthy, safe, and productive lives

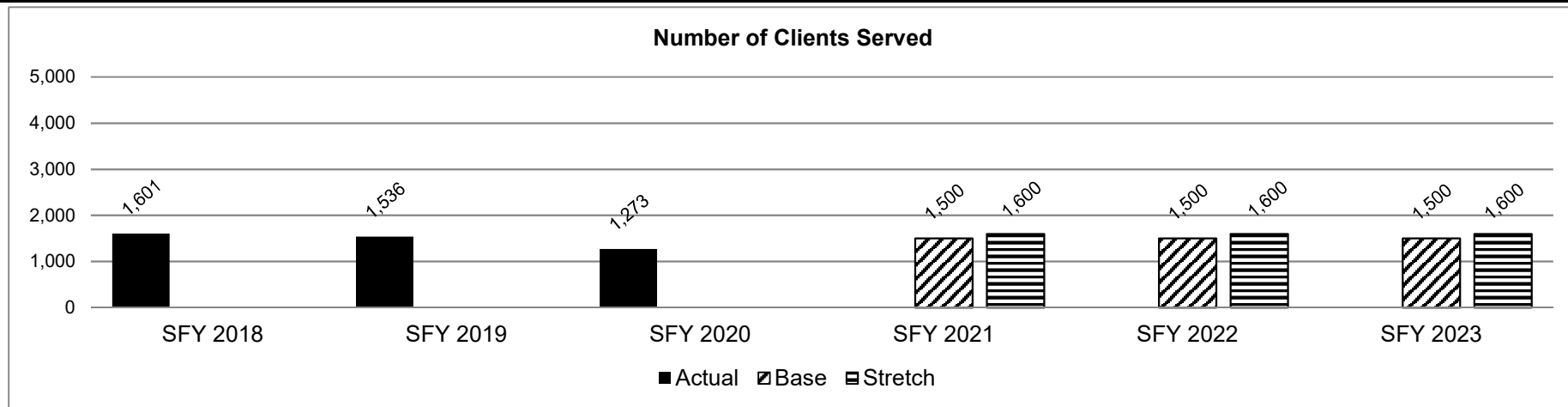
1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services, Family Support Division partners with non-profit agencies to help pregnant women at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level carry their unborn child to term rather than have an abortion, and assist them in caring for their child or placing their child for adoption by providing services and supports to the mother throughout the pregnancy, and continuing for one year following the birth of the child.

Services include, but are not limited to: prenatal care referrals; medical and mental health care referrals; parenting skills and education; drug and alcohol testing and treatment referrals; newborn and infant care; child care; housing assistance; utilities; educational services; food, clothing and supplies (including diapers) related to pregnancy, newborn care and parenting; adoption assistance; job training and placement; establishing and promoting responsible parenting; ultrasound service referrals; case management services; domestic abuse protection; and transportation.

Alternatives to Abortion funds shall not be expended to perform or induce, assist in the performing or inducing of, or referring for abortions.

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



In FY 2017, the contract was funded in part by General Revenue with no eligibility requirements based on income. In FY 2018, the program was funded with TANF funds, requiring income eligibility requirements set at 185% of the federal poverty level. Therefore, the number of clients served have decreased steadily. In addition, in SFY 2020 there was further decline in the number of clients served that can be attributed to COVID-19.

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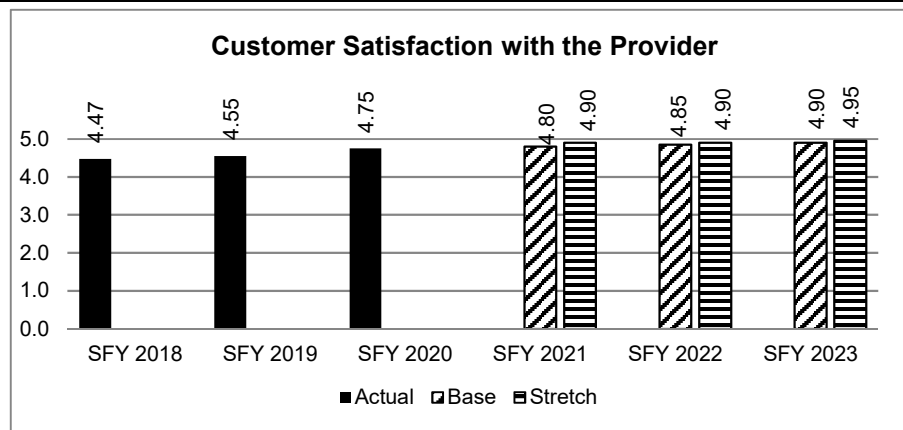
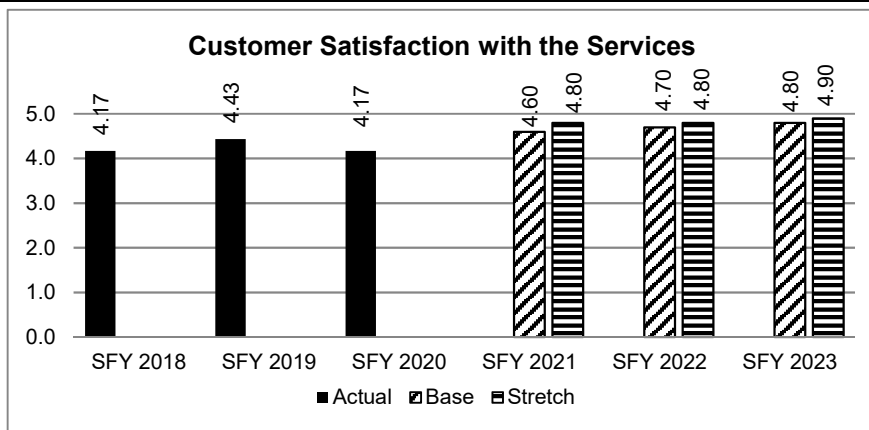
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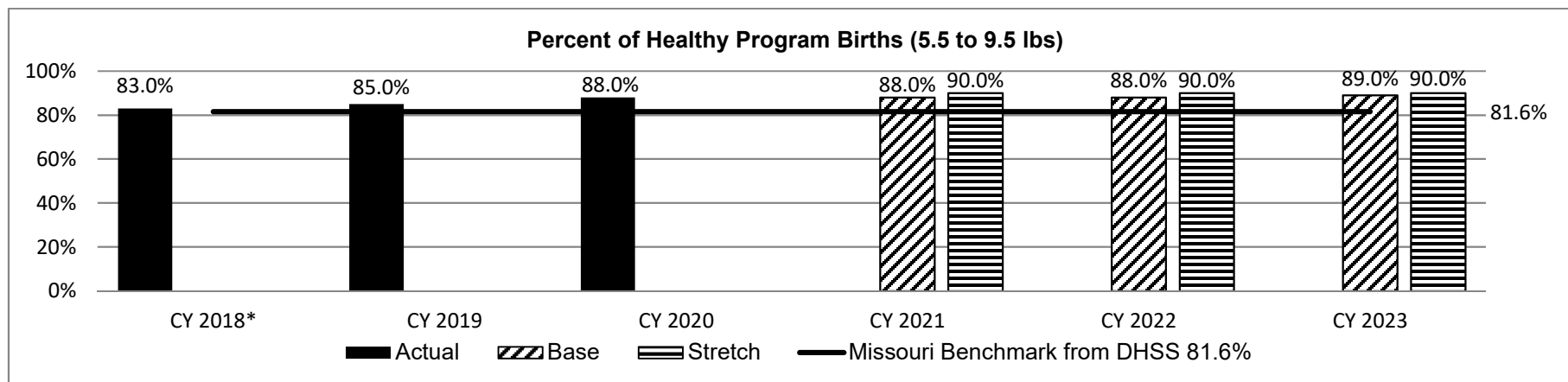
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



Satisfaction is measured using a survey given to individuals receiving Alternatives to Abortion Services. The chart above shows recipient responses, with 5 being very satisfied and 1 being very dissatisfied.

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



Healthy Program Birth is defined as any birth within normal weight limits (5.5-9.5 lbs). This definition is similar to the Medicaid definition.

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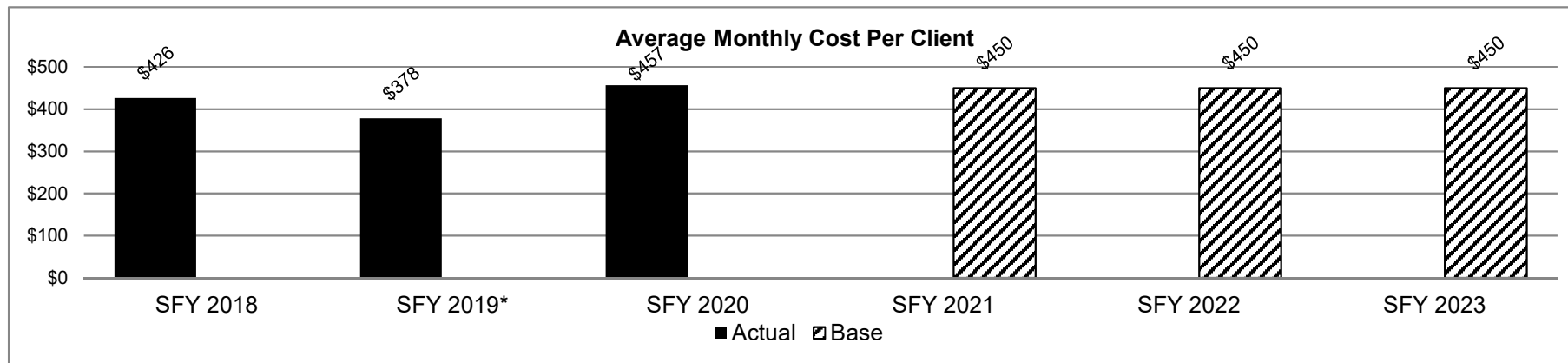
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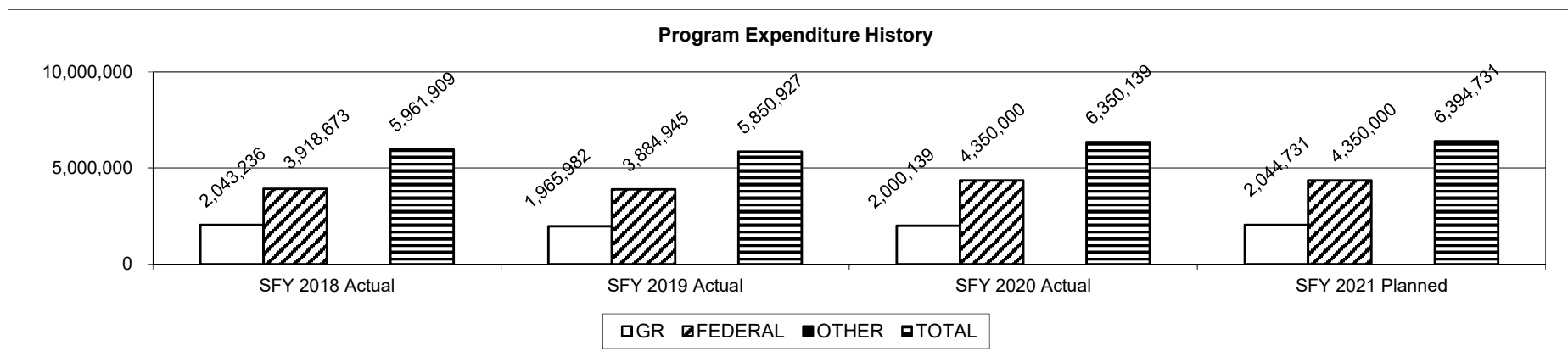
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



* SFY 2019 actuals have been updated to reflect more accurate data.

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.)



SFY 2021 Planned expenditures are net of reverted and restricted.

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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.)

Alternatives to Abortion is authorized by Sections 188.325 and 188.335, RSMo. The administration of the program was moved to the Office of Administration through House Bill 5 in FY 2011, and was then transferred to the Department of Social Services in FY 2018.

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

State expenditures from this program are used as Maintenance of Effort (MOE) to earn the TANF block grant.

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

N/A