

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.135

Program Name: Adolescent Program

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

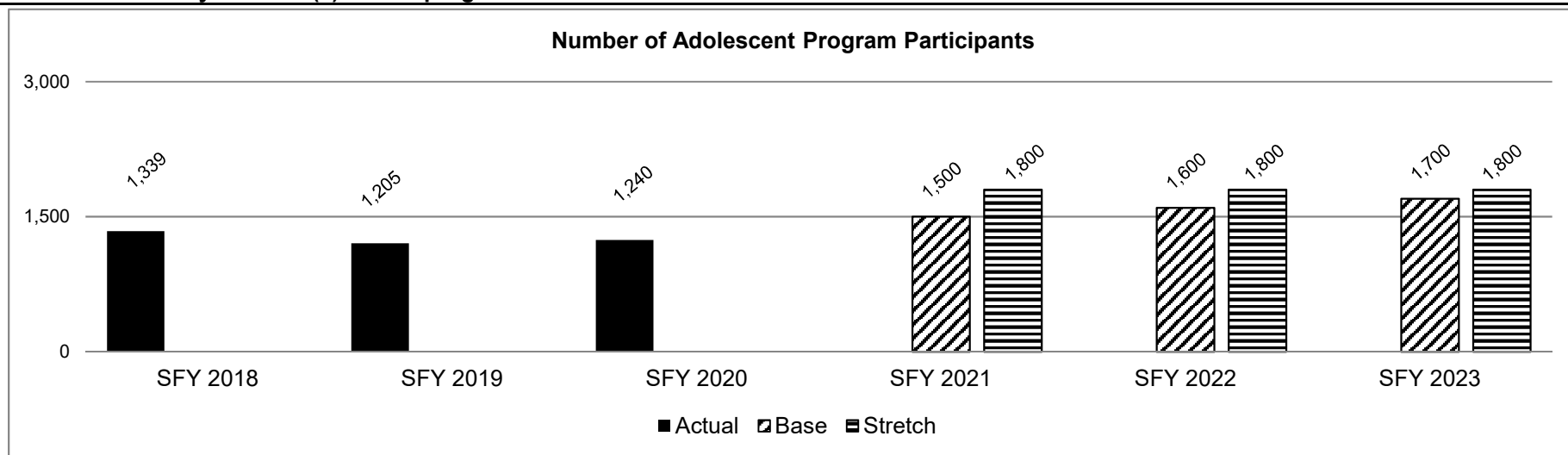
Build and engage community resources to support families in need

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services, Family Support Division partners with the Missouri Alliance of Boys and Girls Club to help adolescent boys and girls ages 11-14 understand healthy relationships, how to respect one another in their lives, and the responsibility that parenthood brings by building self-esteem through positive outlets, with programs aimed at delaying sexual involvement and reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

The Adolescent Program targets boys and girls ages 11-14 who are not yet fathers and mothers. Upon completion of the Adolescent Program, the participants should have a better understanding of the physical changes occurring in their bodies, coping skills for dealing with them, understanding healthy relationships, increased respect for authority and respect for individuals in their lives, understanding the responsibility that parenthood brings, taking responsibility for the decisions that they make as it relates to planning for the future, and increased ability for dealing with peer pressure. The program promotes the goal of delaying sexual involvement, the reduction of out-of wedlock pregnancies, and improving self-esteem through positive outlets. Connecting the participants to positive, supportive, and caring role models helps improve the likelihood that such behaviors will be improved, and that the lives of the participants will be positively affected. These programs are being provided in the following eighteen counties: Benton, Boone, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Cole, Greene, Howell, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Oregon, Pettis, Pulaski, Saint Charles, Saint Louis, Scott, Stone, and Taney.

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



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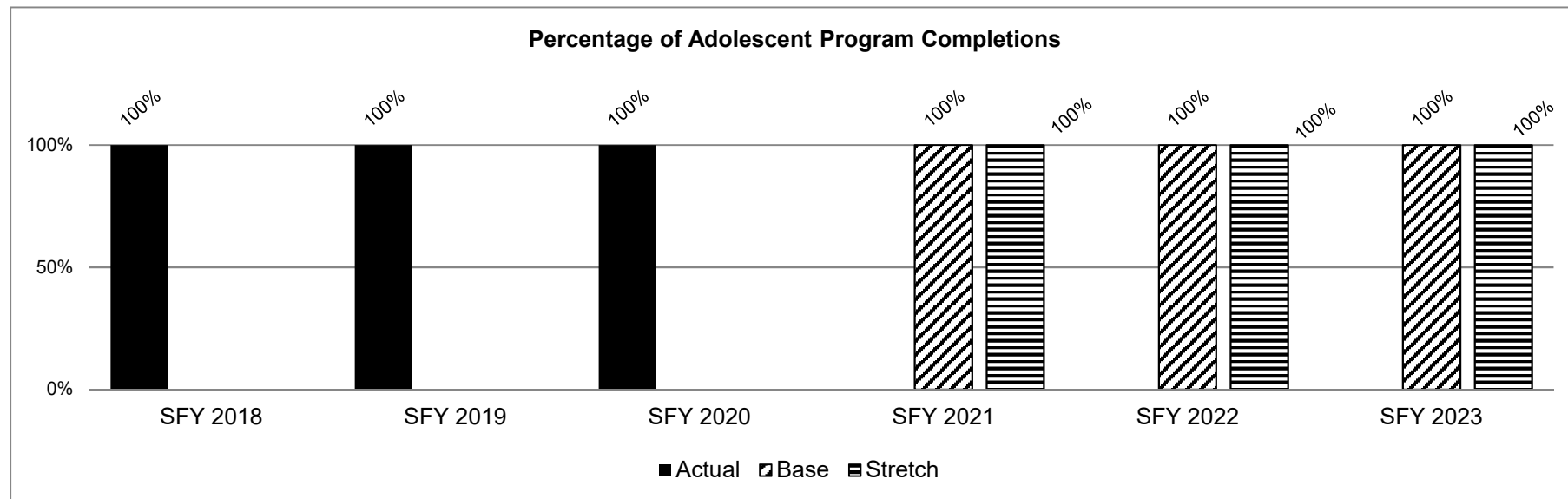
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



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

The overall goal of the Adolescent Program is to prevent teen out-of-wedlock pregnancies. From FY 2013 through FY 2020, the number of reported pregnancies has been **zero** among youth participating in the program ages 11-14, for a 100% success rate.

In SFY 2020, 99% of the Adolescent Program participants reported an increase in self-esteem and self-control.

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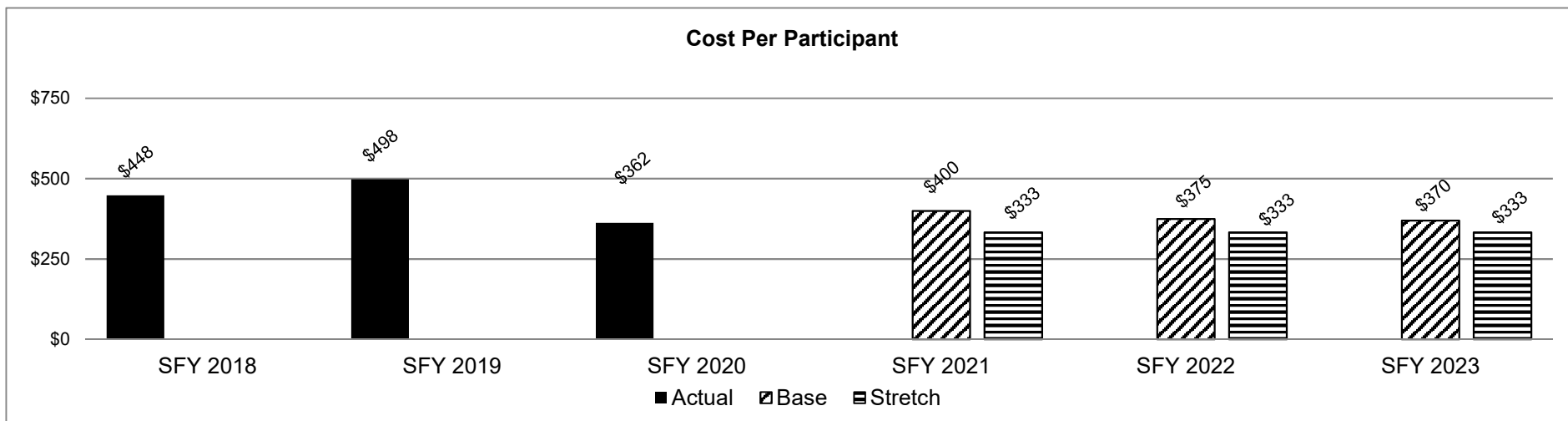
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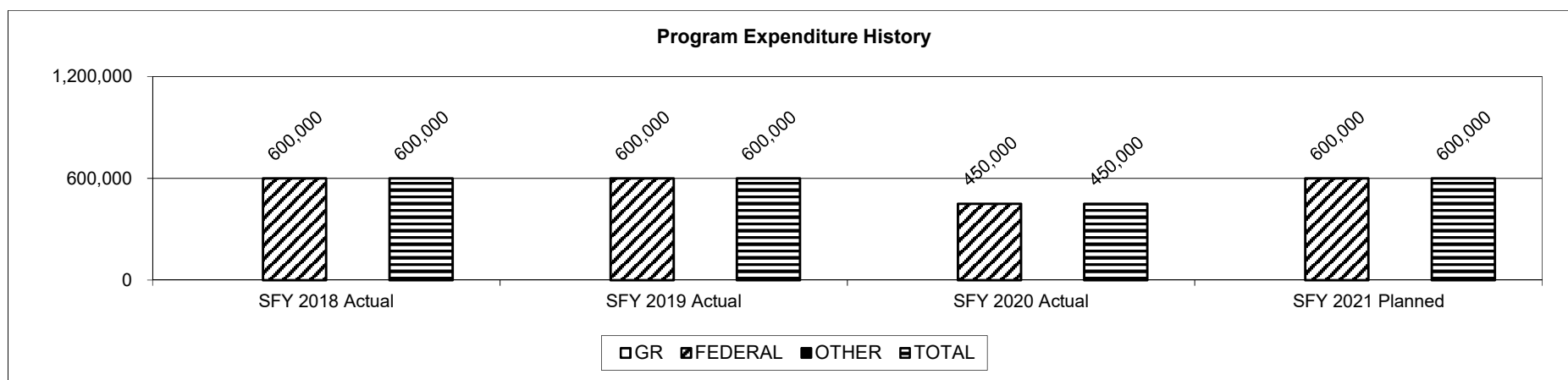
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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?

N/A

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

Federal: Section 260.31 Preamble Discussion at 64 FR 17754-63; P.L. 104-193 known as PRWORA of 1996. State: House Bill 11 (DSS Appropriations bill).

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

There is a state maintenance of effort required to earn the TANF block grant. Expenditures from other programs also provide state maintenance of effort required to earn the TANF block grant.

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

No.