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Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.150

Program Name: Adult High School (Excel Centers)

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Missouri Work Programs

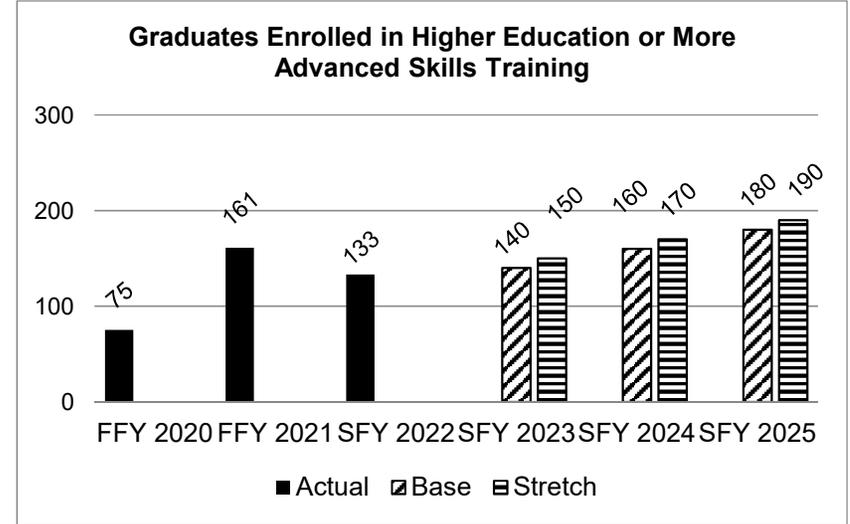
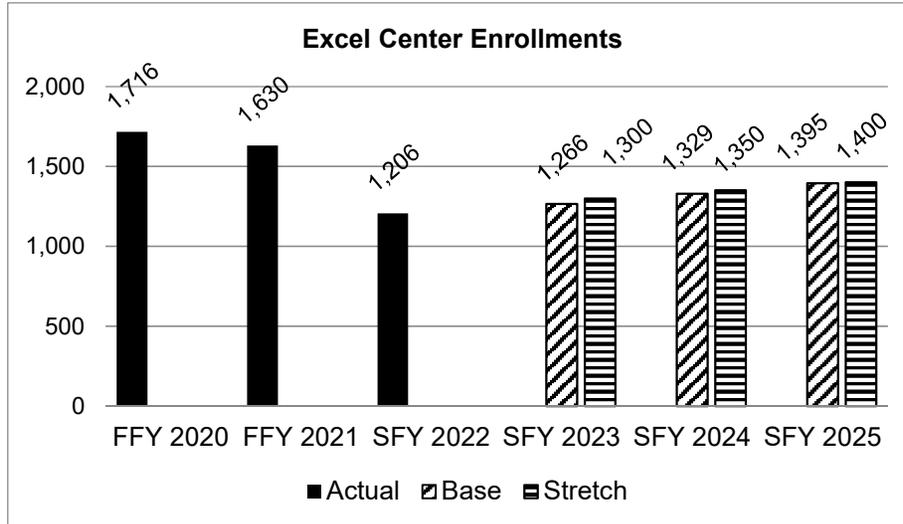
1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Move families to economic independence.

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers funding for the Adult High School (Excel Centers), which were bid through the Department of Education and Secondary Education (DESE) and awarded to MERS Goodwill. The Excel Centers offer public high school for adults 21 and over through flexible class schedules, supportive relationships with staff, and a life coach who works with students to find solutions for life's challenges that could hinder progress. While earning their diploma, students earn college credits and a variety of industry-recognized certifications in order to increase their earning potential. Excel Centers provide a free drop-in center for child care, transportation assistance, extended hours and year-round operations to support students as they work toward the goal of earning a diploma.

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



At least 50% of school's graduates will attain an industry certification or enroll in higher education or more advanced skills training within 6 months of graduation.

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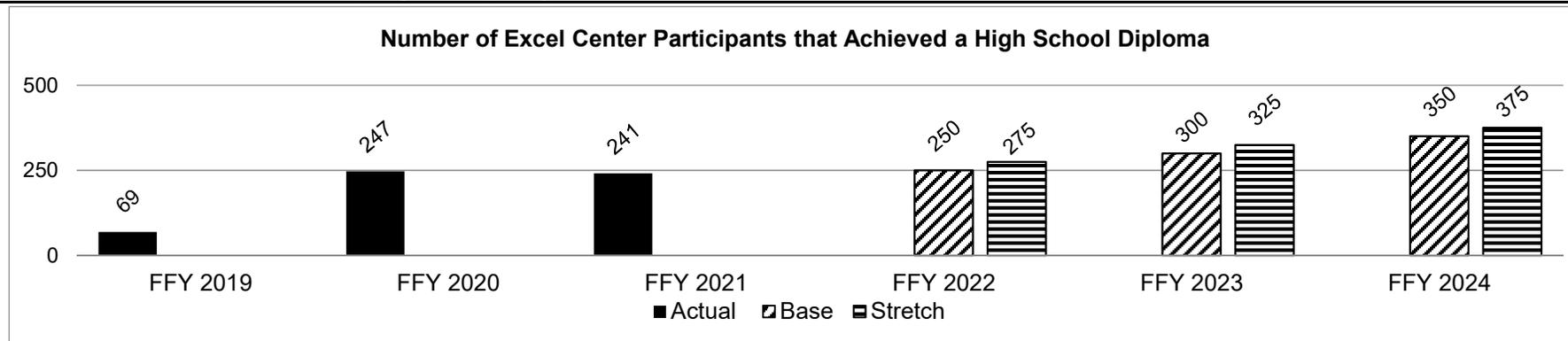
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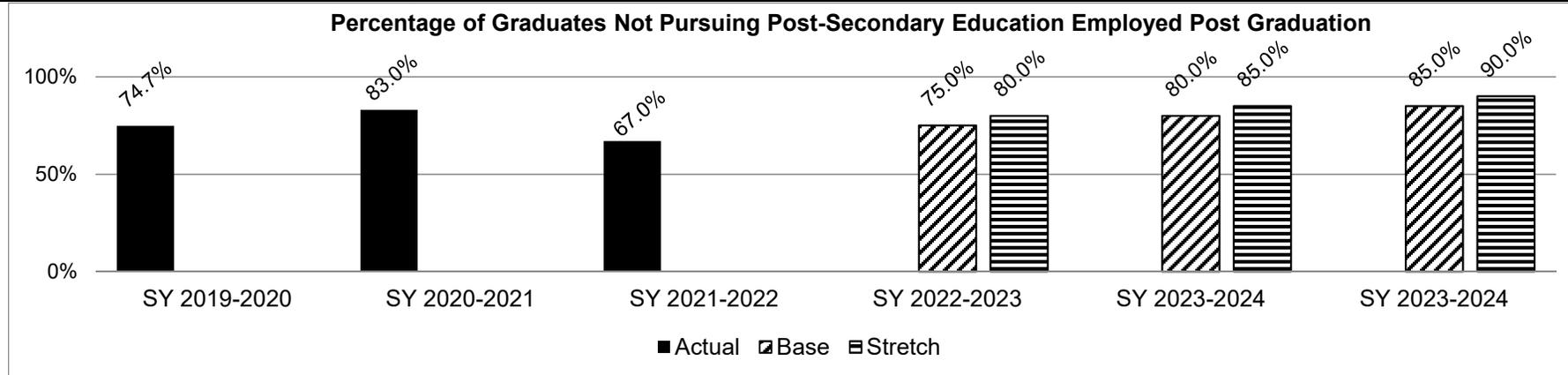
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



The Excel Centers offer participants the opportunity to achieve a high school diploma as an adult with on-site accredited staff. House Bill 93 (2017) requires each year, at least 75% of the school's students will graduate or continue working toward a high school diploma and, if applicable an industry certification.

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



At least 85% who do not enroll in higher education or more advanced skills training will be employed within 6 months of graduation. FFY 2022 data will be available in April 2023.

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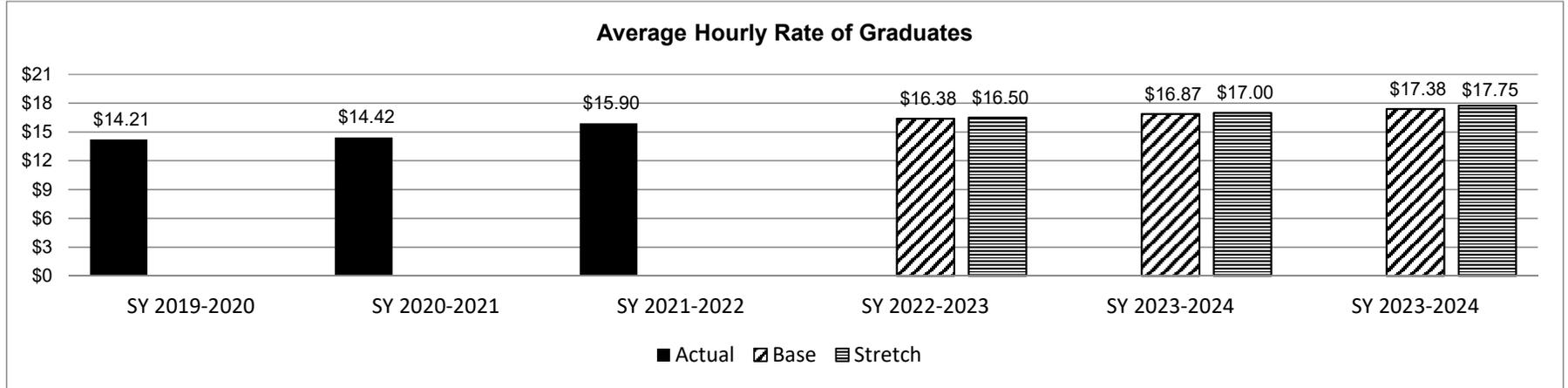
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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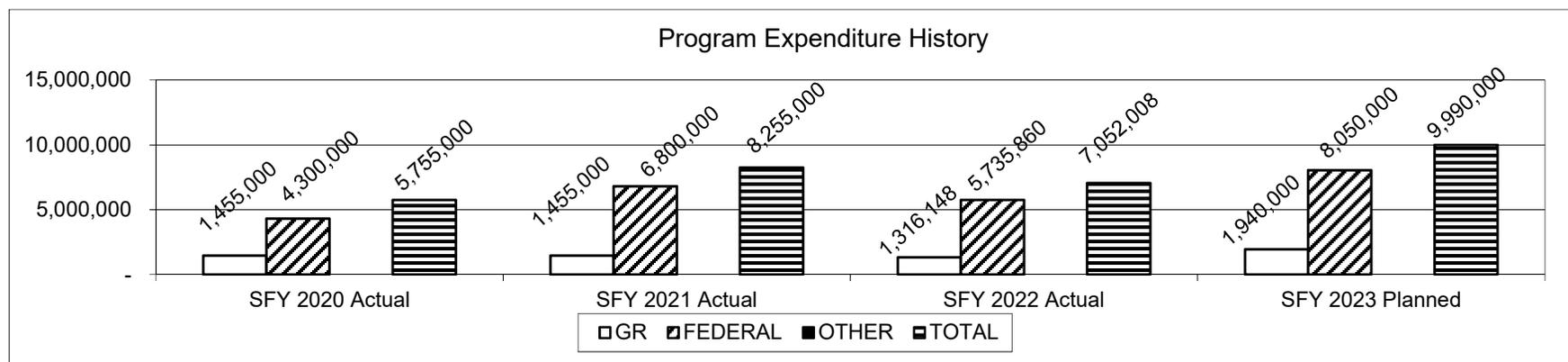
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



SFY 2023 Planned is net of reverted.

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.)

House Bill 93 established the required bidding process for Excel Centers through DESE. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and FNS funding was allocated through DSS.

TANF Funding: State Statute: Section 208.040, RSMo. Federal Law: PL 104-193 and PRWORA of 1996.

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

Expenditures for the Adult High School program are claimed to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Admin – Education and Training 50% (50% FF and 50% State Match), and TANF block grant (100%). Contractors are providing the 50% state match required for SNAP Admin by leveraging their non-federal resources.

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

No.