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Department: Social Services HB Section(s): 11.155

Program Name: Better Family Life (BFL)

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Build and engage community resources to support families in need.

1b. What does this program do?

DSS contracts with BFL through the Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS) for the Sankofa Rising program. Sankofa is providing a unique platform of employee skill development opportunities in the St. Louis area. TANF-eligible recipients will be provided exposure to career opportunities in the performing arts, creative product development, and the film/media industry. Additionally, they will be taught how many of these job trades are interrelated, which increases their value to potential employers, as well as growth opportunities in these respective fields.

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

Measures will be developed upon implementation.

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

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

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

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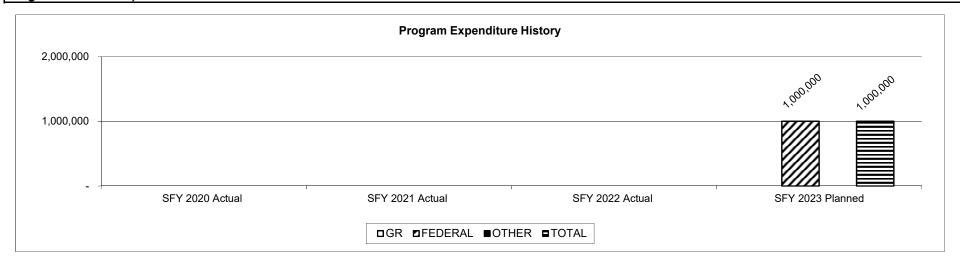
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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.)

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 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are claimed based on program requirements. Expenditures of the TANF block grant are reimbursed at 100% FF, not to exceed the block grant amount. State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is required to earn the full TANF block grant. Expenditures that meet MOE requirements are used to satisfy the amount required to earn the TANF block grant.

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

No.