

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.321

Program Name: Child Welfare CARES Act

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Child Welfare CARES Act

### 1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Maintain safety and wellbeing for foster youth during a national pandemic

### 1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division (CD) received funding for child welfare services through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and expanded flexibility to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in families involved in the child welfare system during the pandemic. With expanded flexibility, the additional support allows CD to provide assistance to families, individuals, and children during the crisis, helping keep families together.

The Child Welfare CARES Act funding must be used in a manner consistent with Title IV-B funding and support efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Funding may include but is not limited to:

- Perform outreach and partner with community-based organizations to offer services and supports preventing child abuse and neglect, supporting at-risk families during the pandemic, and providing materials from the Centers for Disease Control.
- Offer services and support to parents (including foster), kinship caregivers, and at-risk youth to alleviate the effects of social isolation and providing respite care services.
- Provide technology to staff support telework and to families and youth to ensure participation in remote visits, hearings, and other needed services.

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

Program measures under development.

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

Program measures under development.

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

Program measures under development.

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

Program measures under development.

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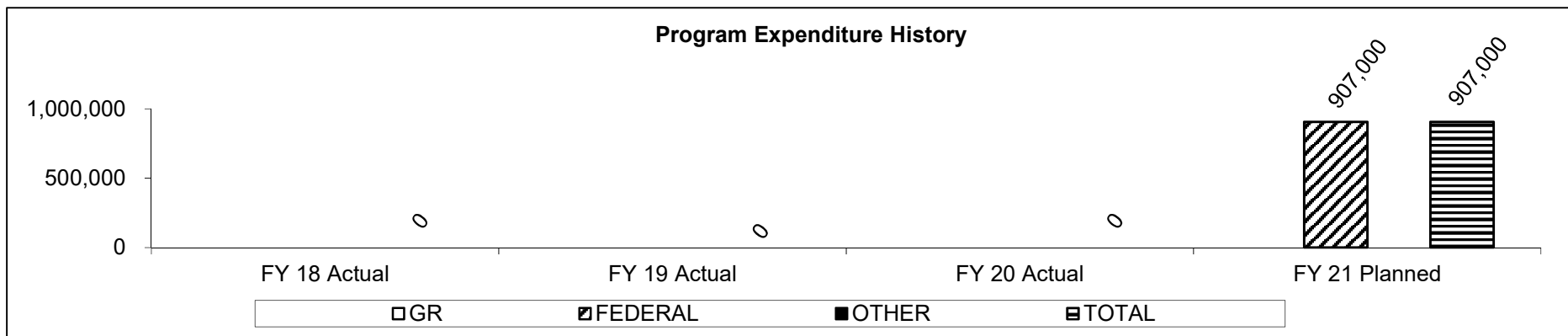
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



Planned FY 2021 expenditures are net of reverted and reserves.

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

No.

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

Title IV-B, Subpart 1 of the Social Security; P.L. 116-136 (CARES Act)

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

No.

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

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act obligate Missouri to care for children who are abused and neglected.