PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services   **HB Section(s):   11.350**
Program Name: Community Connections
Program is found in the following core budget(s): Community Connections

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safety, permanency, and well-being for children impacted by foster care

1b. What does this program do?

The Community Connections Youth Project (CCYP) directly focuses on increasing the quality of life experienced by young adults impacted by the foster care system. The goal of connecting participating youth to community-based resource providers is to maximize the impact of the health and wellbeing of former foster youth, producing a more effective continuum of care for this population.

CCYP's program model incorporates aspects of the Extreme Recruitment program into a model of voluntary peer case management for youth currently exiting or recently having exited from the foster care system. This model of case management emphasizes the inherent strengths of the youth and builds upon existing (or recruited) resources to produce an increase in the quality of long term outcomes for former foster youth, who have historically had tragic long term outcomes. Because it is used for youth still in foster care and youth who have already aged out of foster care, this is a unique approach to helping these older youth, not currently funded by any other state program.

SFY21 Family Resource Center/Programs		
Family Resource Centers	**Types of Service Provided**	
FosterAdoptConnect– Kansas City	Community Connections	$ 396,316
Central MO Foster Care & Adoption Association– Phelps Co/Rolla	Community Connections	$ -
FosterAdoptConnect – Springfield	Community Connections	$ 203,684
		$ 600,000

NOTE: Local Investment Commission (LINC) subcontract with these agencies for services.

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

Number of unique clients in active status and length of time in active status.

Number of unique clients who complete needs and goals assessments

* These measures will be available next fiscal year.

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

Number of unique clients who receive services for at least three months who complete a satisfaction survey and report 80% satisfaction in services either by Strongly Agree or Agree statement.

* This measures will be available next fiscal year.

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

Number of unique clients who connected to legal assistance

Number of unique clients who participated in driver's education curriculum

Number of unique clients who received financial education on monthly budgeting

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

Number of unique clients who are employed part-time or full-time

* This measures will be available next fiscal year.

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.*)

Program Expenditure History
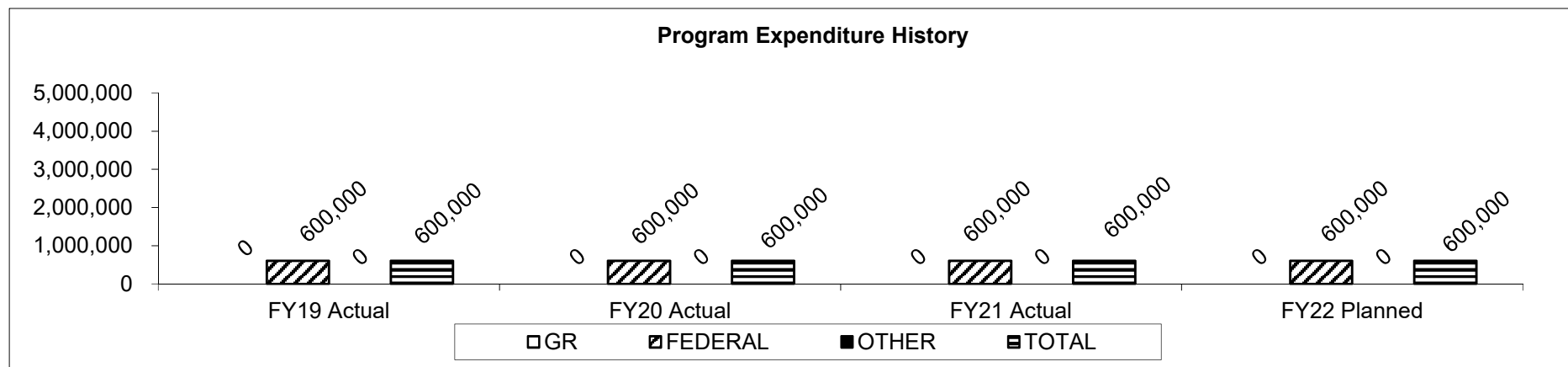
Planned FY 2022 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

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.)

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

Family Resource Center expenditures are reimbursable at the Title IV-E administrative rate of 50% (50% state match) for Title IV-E allowable expenditures.

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

No.