

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.140

Program Name: Community Partnerships

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

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 (DSS) contracts with Missouri's Community Partnerships to engage local communities to overcome challenges such as child abuse/neglect, drug use, before/after school childcare, safety and health issues, and many others by mobilizing, leveraging, and allocating resources. The 20 Missouri Community Partnerships are decision-making entities for the services provided in the areas they serve, broadly representative of a county or multi-county area. They partner with the department and other state agencies to plan, develop, finance, and monitor strategies to achieve specific core result areas.

The core result areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Safe children and families
- Healthy children and families
- Children ready to enter school
- Children and youth succeeding in school
- Youth ready to enter the workforce and become productive citizens
- Parents working

Strategies used to meet these core result areas include:

- Actively involving communities in decisions which affect their well-being
- Bringing services closer to where families live and children go to school
- Using dollars more flexibly and effectively to meet the needs of families
- Being accountable for results

Community Partnerships design, implement, and evaluate community strategies in response to needs and issues that are specific to their particular community and bring together other existing groups to work towards filling service gaps without duplicating efforts.

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Examples of the types of initiatives include:

- Partnering with the Children's Division (CD) to work on early childcare issues and work with daycare providers.
- Partnering with DSS to provide Missouri Mentoring Programs.
- Partnering with the Missouri Re-Entry Project utilizing Volunteers in Services to America (VISTA) Volunteers. These volunteers offer a low-cost solution to staffing re-entry efforts.
- Partnering with CD to provide Independent Living Program services for youth transitioning from foster care.
- Partnering with the Division of Youth Services (DYS) on transitional services for youth moving back to their communities/homes after they have been in DYS custody. Some examples include providing basic needs such as clothing, toiletries, job-site clothes, and school supplies. Other transitional services provided are monthly parent support group sessions and community mentors to help youth transition.
- Working on safety issues in their communities (many are certified to inspect and install car seats, some are working on drug and alcohol prevention campaigns).
- Working on health and dental health strategies for the local communities (several have been instrumental in getting Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC), dental clinics, and mobile dental clinics in their community).
- Working with local schools on a variety of issues such as increasing graduation rates and decreasing discipline problems (they provide after school programming, summer programs, teen parent mentoring, and job readiness trainings).

Missouri's Community Partnership sites include: Buchanan County, Butler County, Cape Girardeau County, Dunklin County, Greene County, Jackson County, Jasper and Newton Counties, Jefferson County, Knox and Schuyler Counties, Marion County, Mississippi County, New Madrid County, Pemiscot County, Pettis County, Phelps County, Randolph County, Ripley County, St. Louis City and County, St. Francois County, and Washington County.

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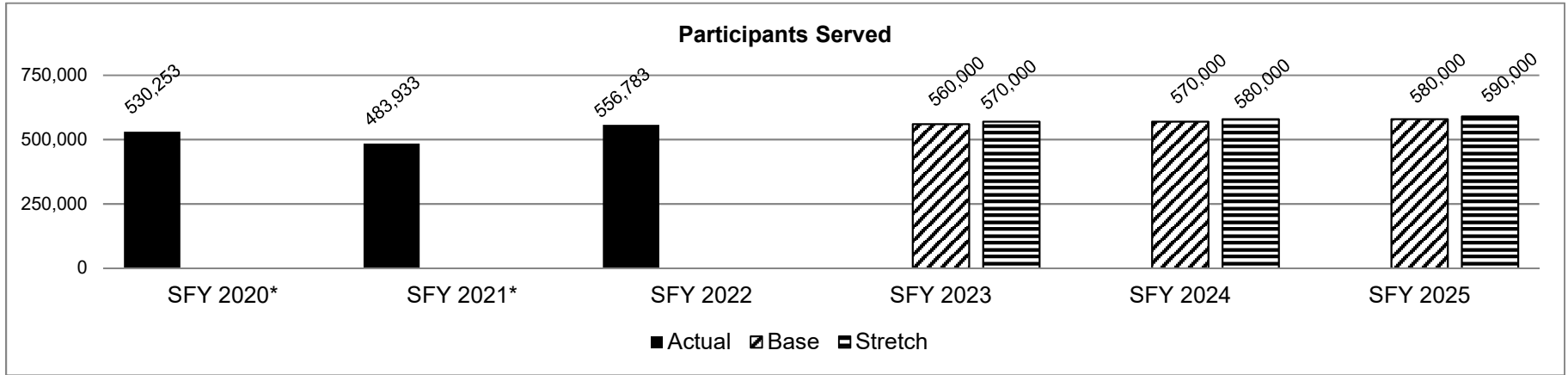
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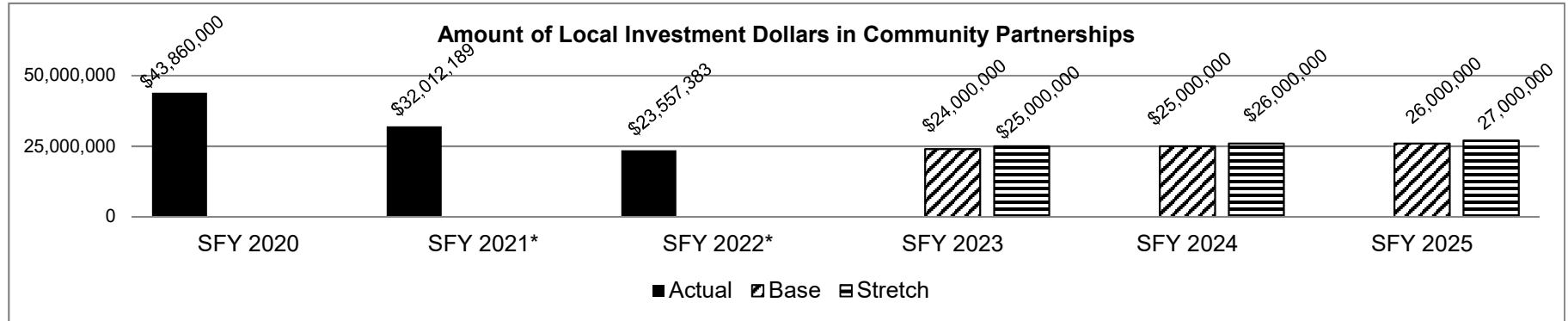
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



*Disruption in normal processes due to COVID-19 are reflected in SFY 2020 and in SFY 2021 data.

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



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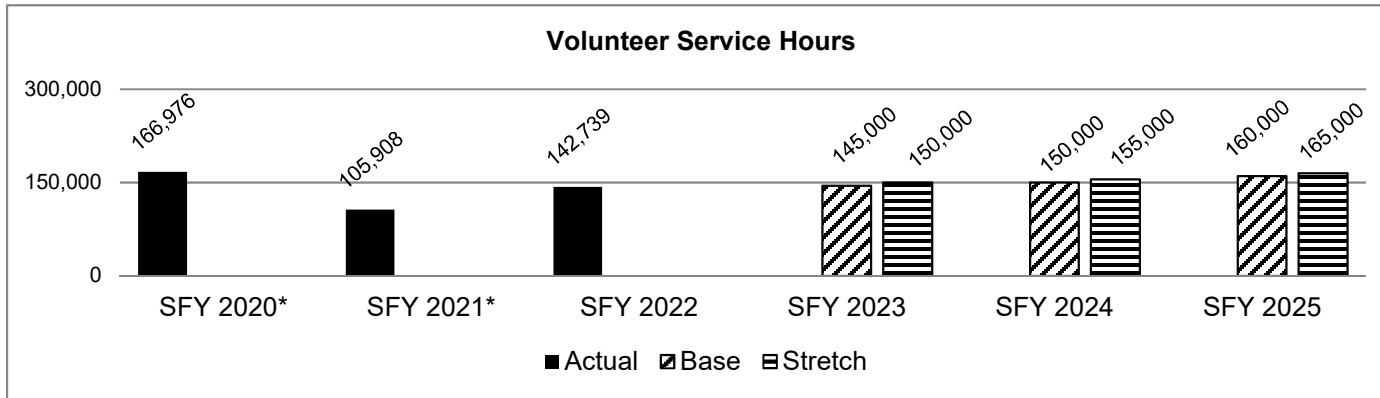
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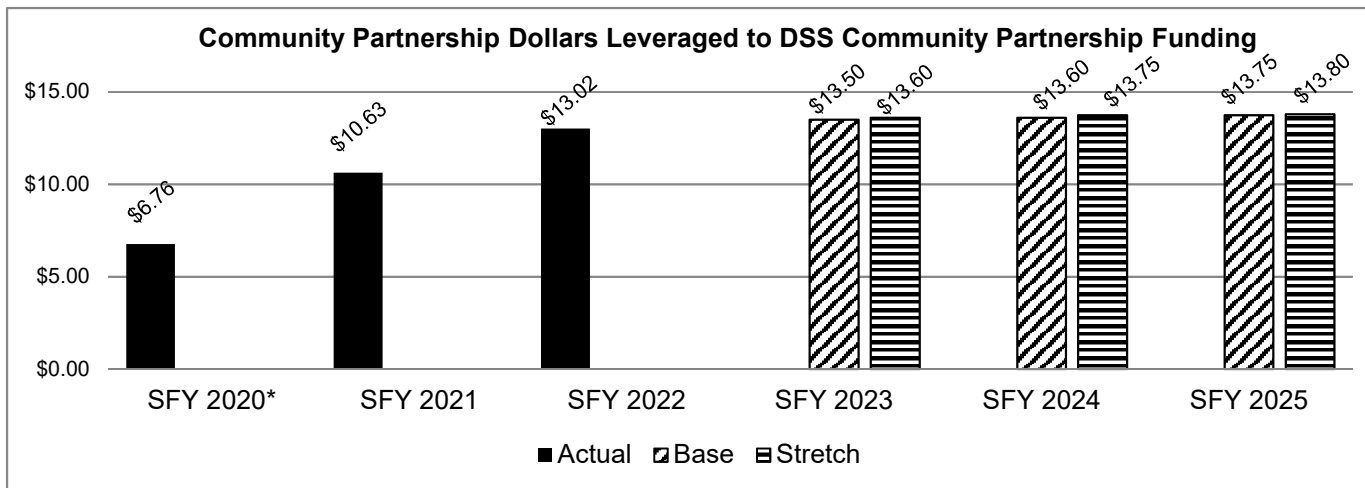
2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



Note: The value of volunteer hours is over \$4.5 million, at a rate of \$27.20/hour by Independent Sector Report (2020).

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



Note: For every \$1 received, Community Partnerships are able to leverage \$13.02 back into the community through in-kind donations, local investment dollars, participant fees, and other state and federal funding.

*SFY 2020 decrease is attributed to COVID-19.

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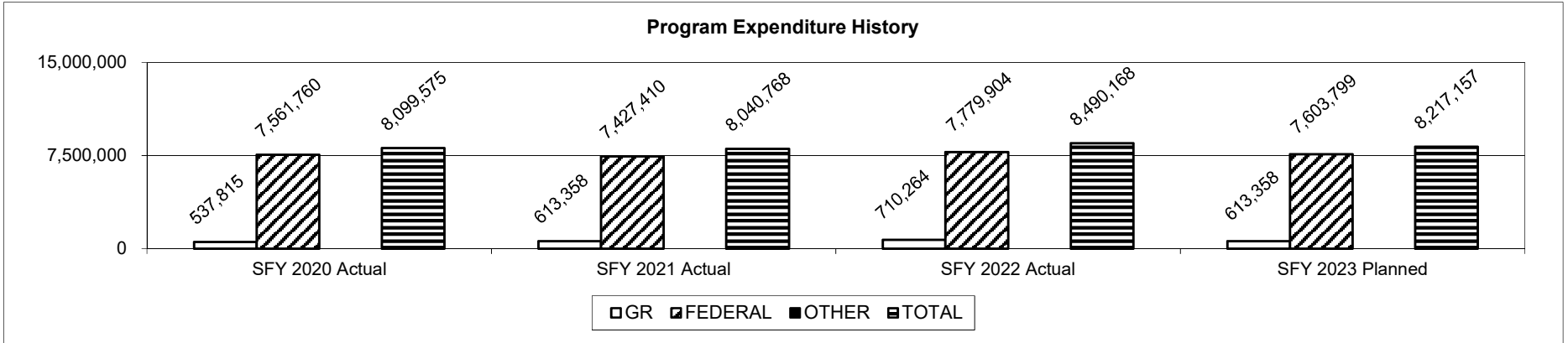
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



SFY 2023 Planned expenditures are 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.)

State Statute: HB 11 (DSS Appropriations bill), Statute 205.565.

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

No.

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

No.