

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.245

Program Name: Child Support Reimbursement to Counties

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Child Support Reimbursement to Counties

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), Family Support Division (FSD) partners with county government prosecuting attorney and circuit clerk offices in all Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis to help families by increasing the quantity and quality of child support services provided.

The State of Missouri must provide services to any child of an individual who applies for child support services. FSD delivers child support services, using administrative processes under the authorities granted in Chapter 454, RSMo, to the extent possible. When administrative remedies are exhausted without successful outcomes or when administrative processes are not appropriate in the delivery of child support services, the division requests the assistance of prosecuting attorneys.

The counties enter into cooperative agreements with FSD to assist in executing child support services. Prosecuting attorney staff assist the division by:

- Using judicial processes to establish paternity, establish support orders, prosecute, and otherwise enforce support orders
- Completing outgoing intergovernmental referrals to other states requesting establishment or modification of orders
- Creating parenting courts or are partnering with responsible parenting programs to provide employment and other services to non-custodial parents to help them increase their ability to sustain regular child support payments

In CY 2021, 8,439 cases were referred to prosecuting attorneys and there were non-criminal child support enforcement actions taken on 2,522 cases including Civil Contempt, Payment Agreements, and Bankruptcy actions.

Circuit Clerk staff utilize the Missouri Automated Child Support System (MACSS) and assist the division by:

- Accepting or adding orders on all child support and/or spousal support cases
- Receiving and filing other administrative actions with the court
- Providing certified copies of required documents to the division

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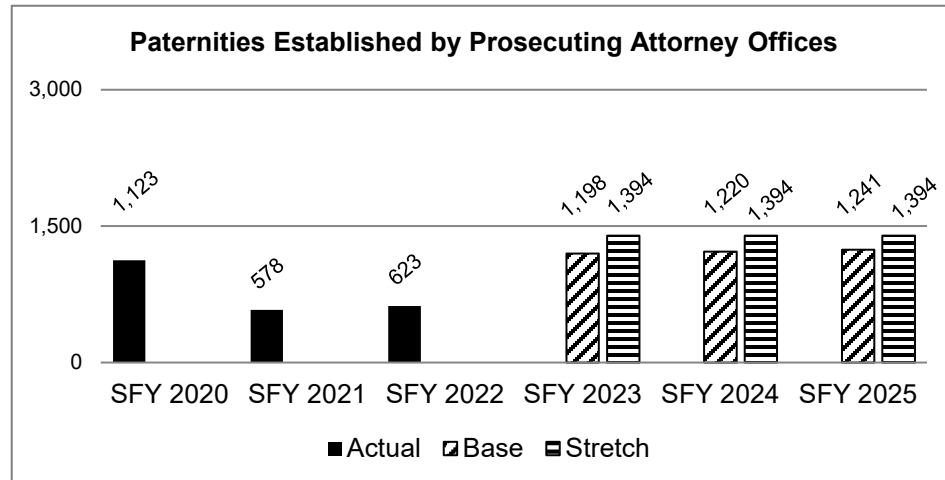
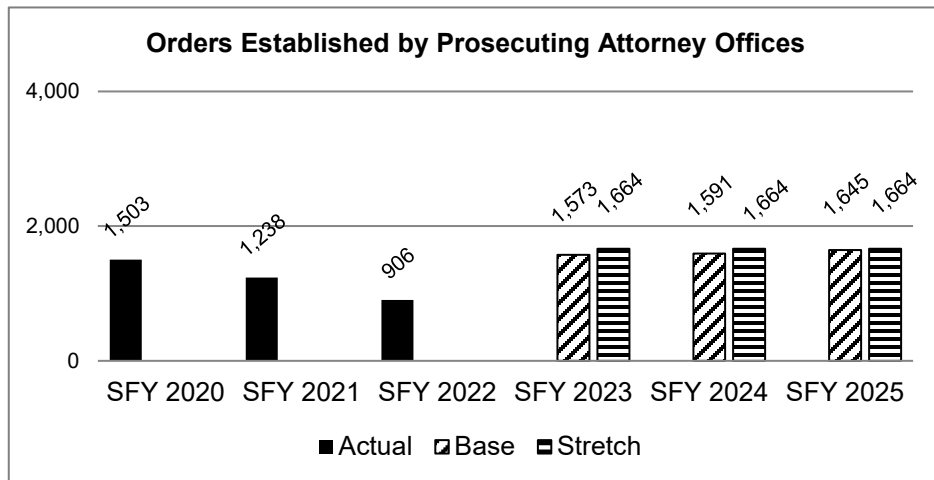
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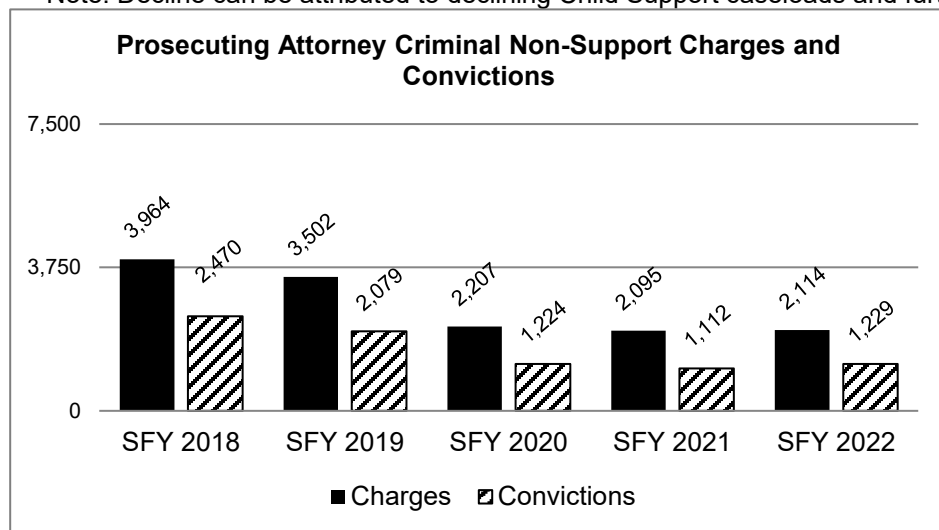
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



Note: Decline can be attributed to declining Child Support caseloads and further decline in SFY 2020 through 2022 can be attributed to COVID-19.



Overall, the number of charges and convictions has declined over time as the number of referred cases has declined.

There is no goal for the number of charges and convictions because this measure is a remedy used as a last resort.

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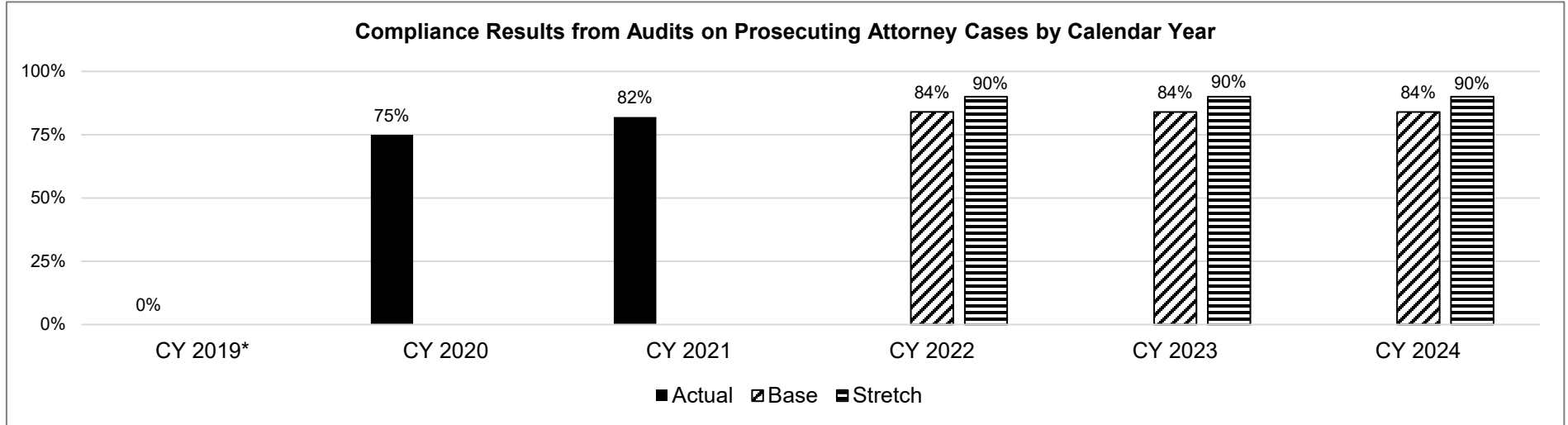
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



*CY 2019 Audits could not be completed due to COVID-19.

CY 2022 data will be available in February 2023.

Audits measure compliance with Performance Standards established by 13 CSR 40-108.040. The Code of State Regulations addresses timeframes to complete requested actions, service attempts, establishing orders, and other requirements related to the establishment and enforcement processes.

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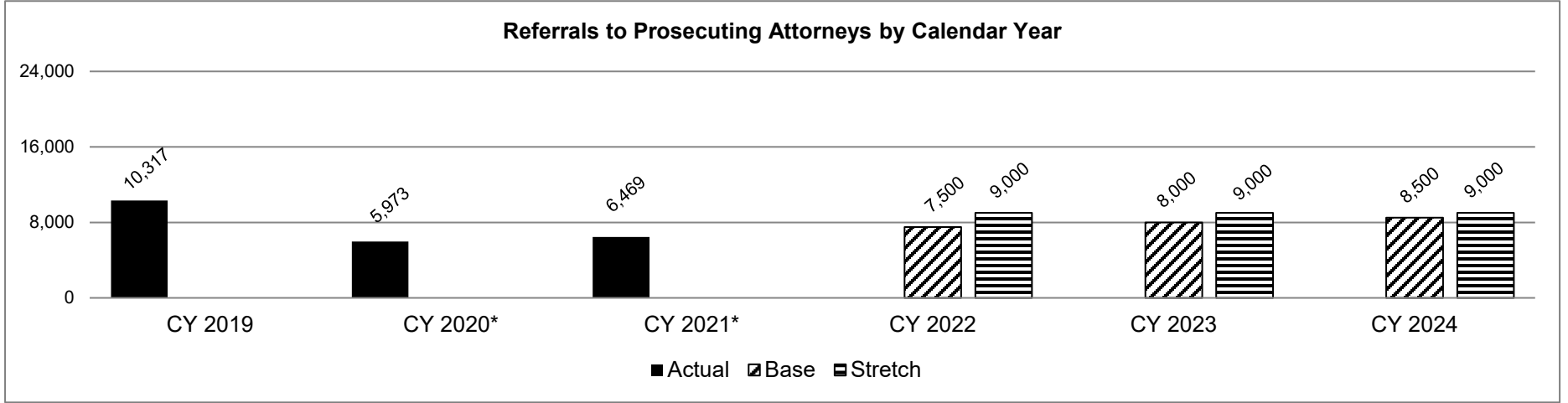
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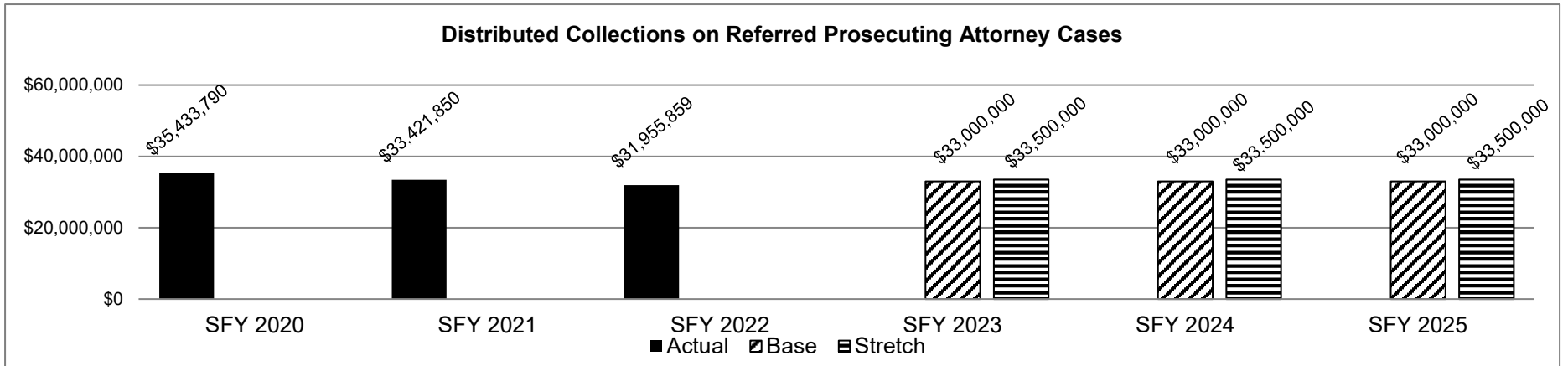
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



*CY 2020 and CY 2021- Decrease is due to some enforcement actions that were delayed during COVID-19 pandemic.
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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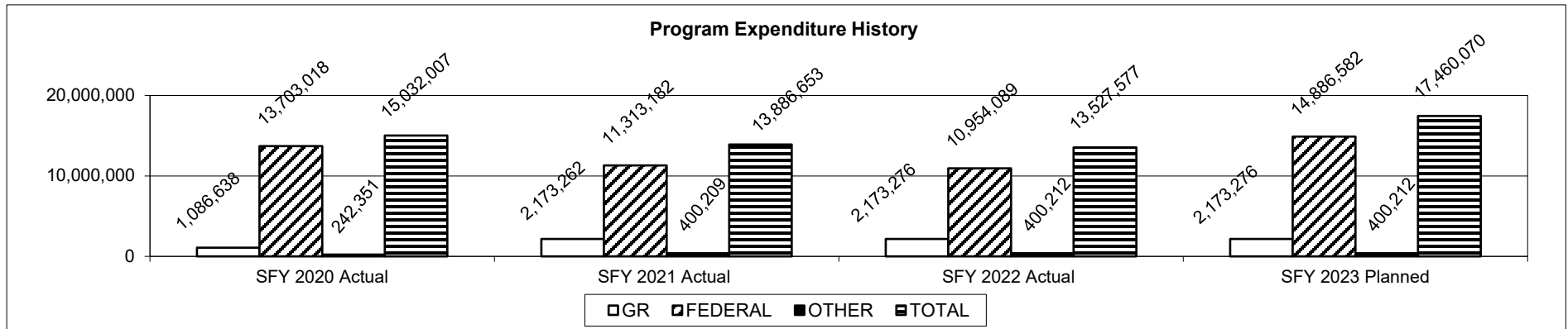
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



SFY 2023 Planned expenditures are net of reverted.

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

Child Support Enforcement Collections Fund (0169).

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 454.405 and Chapter 210, RSMo. Missouri Code of State Regulations, Title 13, Division 40, Chapters 100-112. Federal: 45 CFR Chapter III; 45 CFR Chapter 302.34.

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

Yes, expenditures are claimed under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, which requires a 34% state match.

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

Yes. 45 CFR 302.34 addresses cooperative agreements and requires county reimbursement.