

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.180

Program Name: Community Services Block Grant

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Community Services Block Grant

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 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) to administer the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). CSBG alleviates the causes and conditions of poverty in communities. Individuals whose family income is at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for CSBG programs. Federal statutes require that 90% of the CSBG funding be passed through to eligible entities. The remaining funds are used for discretionary purposes including administration, training, technical assistance, services for special populations, and other poverty-related issues including child nutrition.

CSBG provides services based on locally determined needs. CSBG funds are coordinated with other federal, state, local, and private funds to support services, and activities for low-income families and communities. CAAs offer a variety of services to ensure clients have resources to help them become self-sufficient. CAAs use CSBG funds to provide services and activities including early childhood education, literacy (education and financial), job training, transportation, utility assistance, emergency food, asset development, economic development, and community development.

An initiative for children's nutrition is the No Kid Hungry Missouri Program, which works with state agencies, schools, private organizations, businesses, and individuals to break down barriers and implement solutions to ensure kids have greater access to nutritious meals.

DSS is also collaborating with Lincoln University, the University of Missouri-Extension, and DOC Restorative Justice Gardens to address food insecurity needs by providing resources to assist and enhance community gardens. These gardens exist in neighborhoods, schools, and at Senior citizen housing. This will increase food production to help address food insecurity, and assist in the creation of additional programs that teach gardening.

DSS is also supporting industry specific projects such as non-degree and certification programs.

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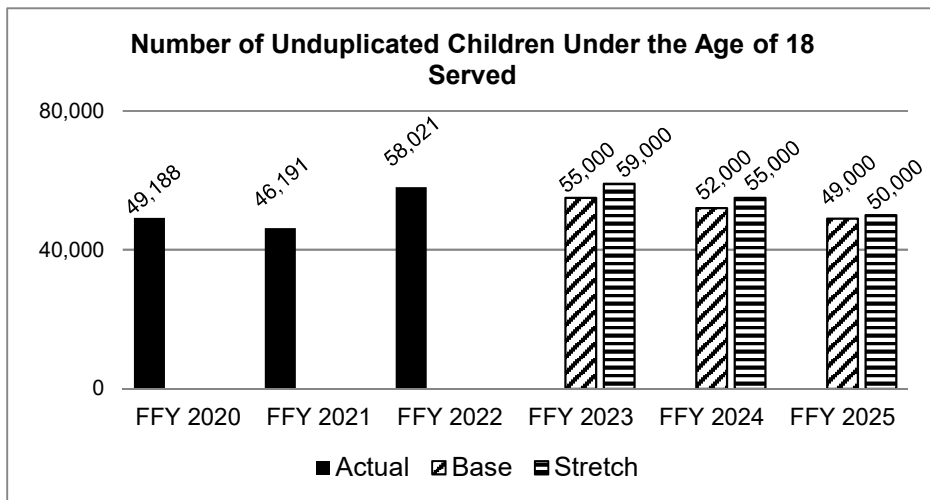
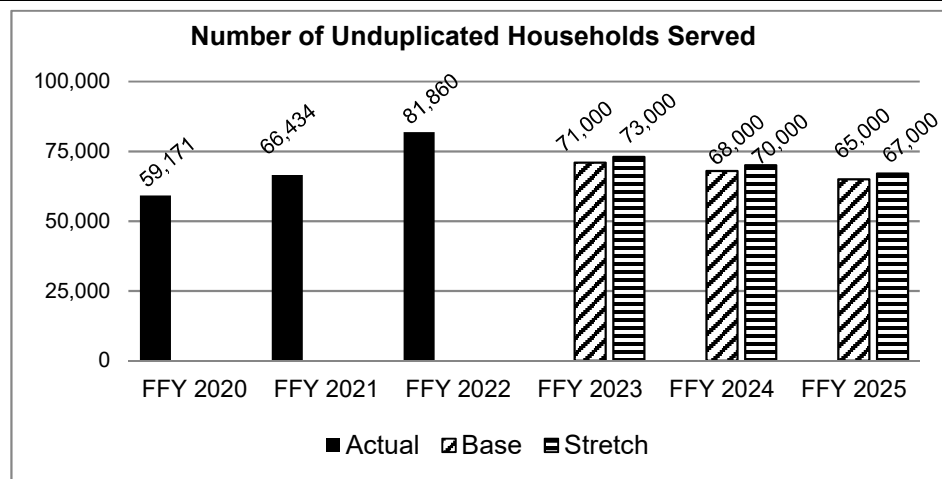
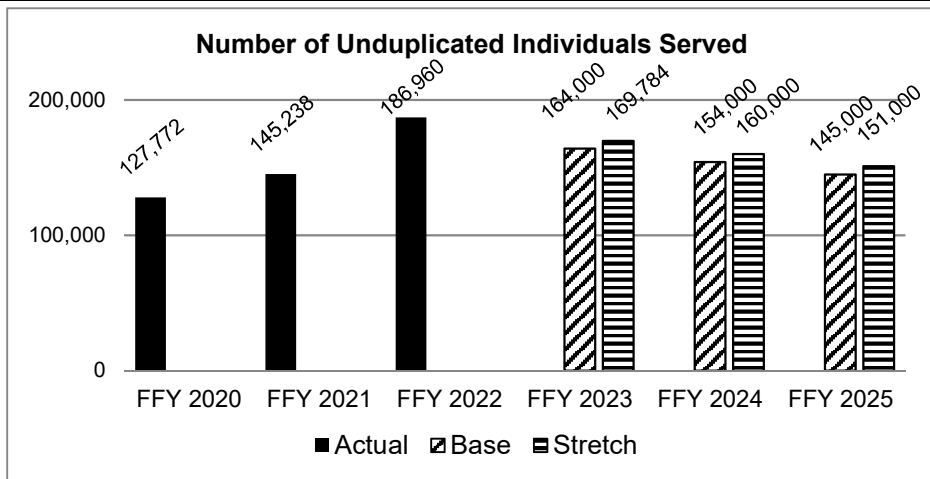
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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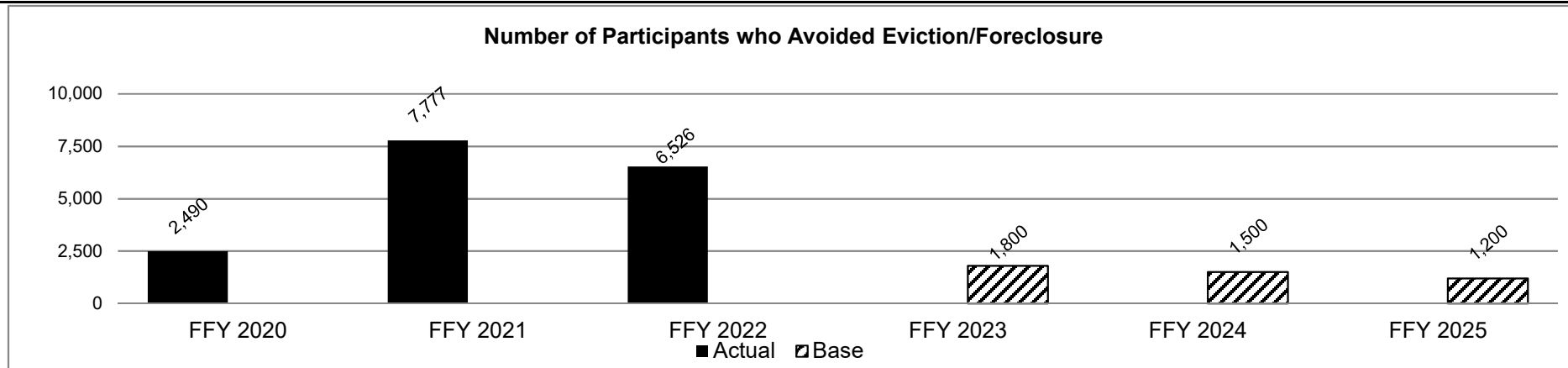
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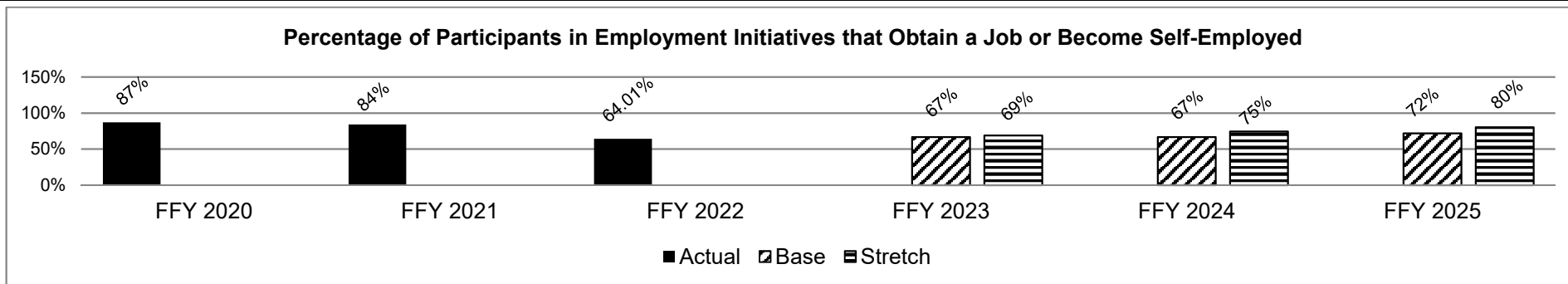
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



Projection decreases reflect the end of additional stimulus funding.

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



Note: The percentage is calculated by taking the number of participants achieving employment, divided by the number of participants expected to achieve employment outcomes by the CAA prior to enrollment.

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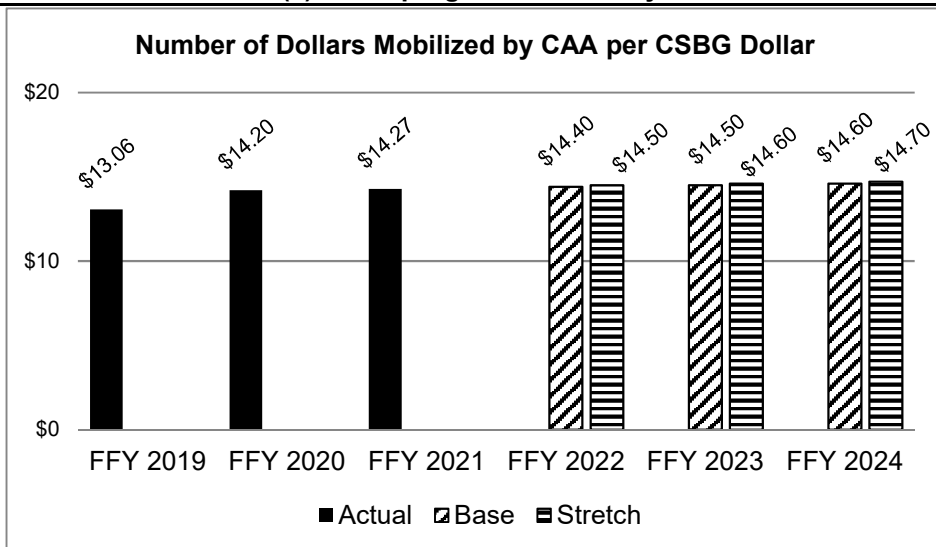
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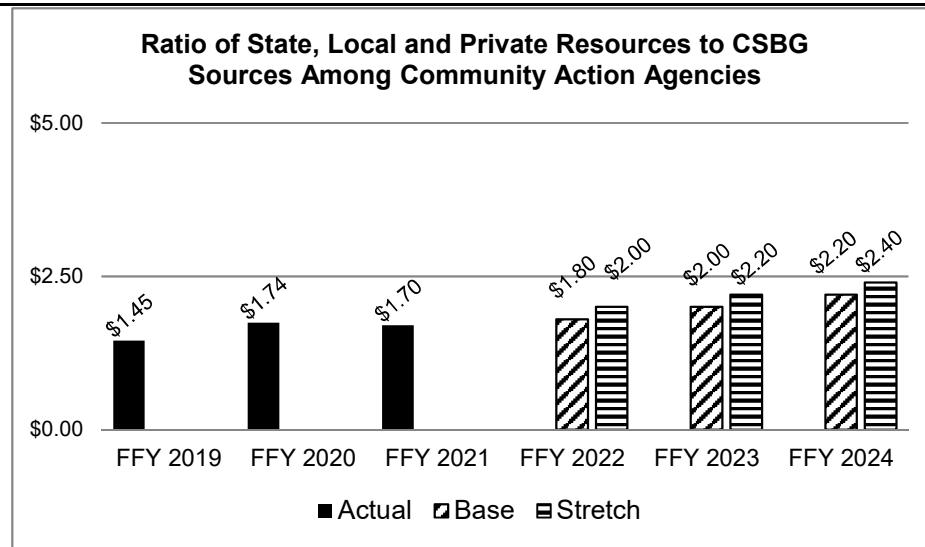
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



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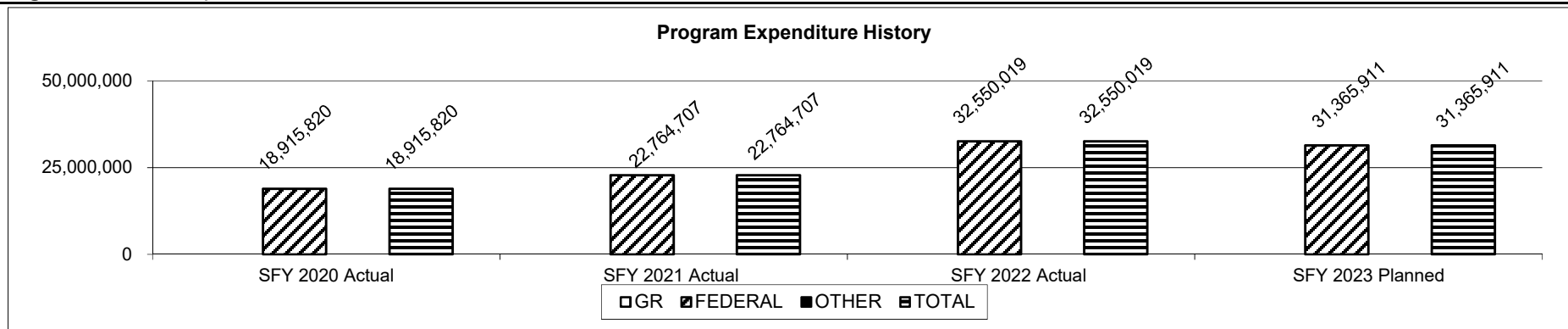
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



SFY 2023 Planned expenditures are net of reverted.

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

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 660.370-660.374, RSMo. Federal law: P.L. 105-285, Community Services Block Grant Act; Public Law 116-136, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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

No.

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

Yes. PL 105-285. In the event that the Congress of the United States approves a block grant system to fund social programs, the state may, subject to appropriation, use such block grant funds or in-kind services to provide a level of financial assistance for CAAs to carry out community action programs through the community services block grants pursuant to the federal Community Services Block Grant Act and other such federal funding sources which may be appropriate. Federal statutes require that 90% of the CSBG funding be passed through to eligible entities. The remaining funds are used for discretionary purposes including administration, training, technical assistance, services for special populations such as American Indian Tribes, and other poverty-related issues including child nutrition.