

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.235

Program Name: Distribution Pass Through

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Distribution Pass Through

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Provide internal processes to appropriately manage funds.

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services, Family Support Division manages certain types of collections and support payments to help families and other payees by ensuring that all payments are distributed to the appropriate party with this pass-through accounting mechanism.

Examples of payments for which this mechanism is used include:

- Disbursement of erroneously intercepted federal income tax refunds back to the non-custodial parent or non-custodial parent's current spouse
- Disbursement of federal tax monies collected by DSS on behalf of families due to child support
- Payments from the State's Debt Offset Escrow fund

The Family Support Division (FSD) identifies delinquent child support cases meeting certain criteria for intercept of non-custodial parents' state tax refunds and certifies the arrears owed. Occasionally, case scenarios change after the arrears are certified, or there is an error in identification, or an error in the calculation of the amount of arrears owed. The Debt Offset Escrow fund serves to distribute any state tax intercepts due to families and to return erroneously intercepted state income tax refunds to the appropriate party.

For FY 2021, a request for additional authority due to increased offsets from CARES ACT stimulus funding and increased collections from unemployment compensation benefit intercepts was approved in the Fall 2020 Special Session.

In the Fall/Winter of SFY 2021, FSD is implementing a new process to manage UCB collections and they will no longer be distributed through this pass-through mechanism.

Performance measures are not included as this is a pass-through program. (Sections 2a-2d omitted)

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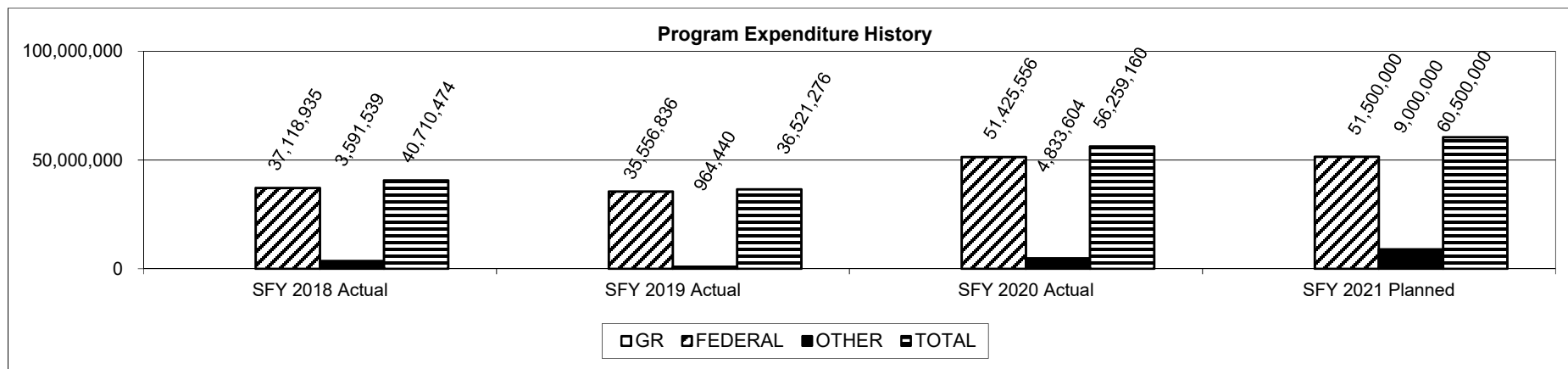
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

Debt Offset Escrow Fund (0753)

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

State statute: Sections 143.783, 143.784, and 454.400, RSMo.

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

No.

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

Yes, 45 CFR 303.72 requires the return of federal offset and 45 CFR 303.102 requires the Debt Offset Escrow.