

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Department: Social Services**

**HB Section(s): 11.180**

**Program Name: Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

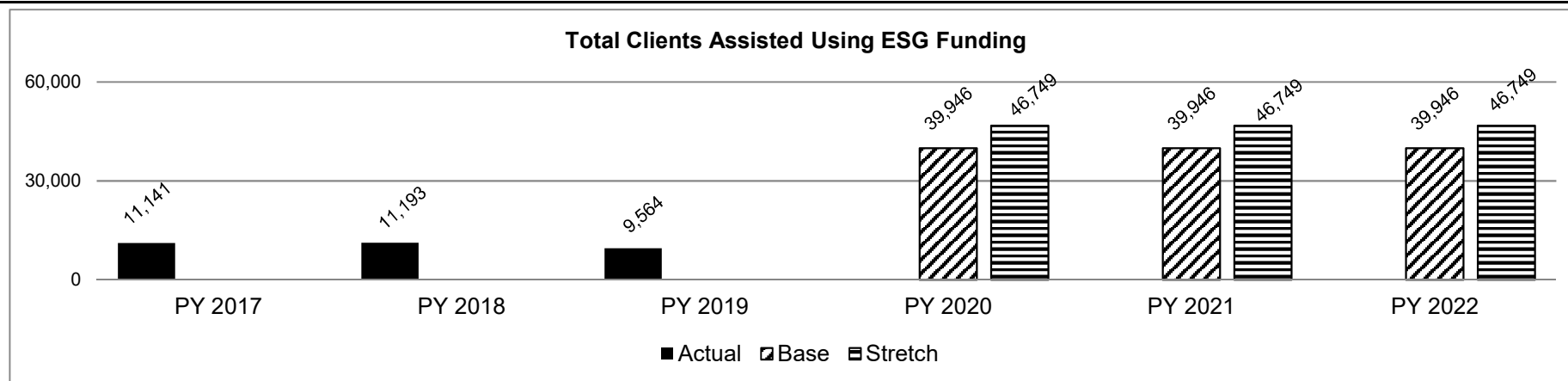
### 1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Move families into housing stability

### 1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services, Family Support Division partners with the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) to help homeless persons and those at risk of homelessness find permanent housing by implementing the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) through 78 grants, monitored by MHDC, to communities and non-profit agencies with programs that reduce the length of stay for families and individuals in shelters and create opportunities for them to be rapidly re-housed.

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



Note 1: Data is reported by Program Year (PY) in all performance measures. Program Year is determined by the date of issuance of the Funding Approval Agreement establishing the 2-year spend period for the grant award.

Note 2: The above graph demonstrates the number of persons who were provided assistance through ESG for all of the ESG program components.

Note 3: The increase for PY 2018 can be explained by a one-time increase in HUD funding for the PY 2018.

Note 4: The lower numbers for PY 2019 can be explained by the COVID shutdowns which drastically cut agency capacity and heavily influenced the ability to provide services.

Note 5: The projected data reflects expected increases due to CARES Act funding allocated to be spent over PY 2020, 2021, and 2022. PY 2020 will be available August 2021.

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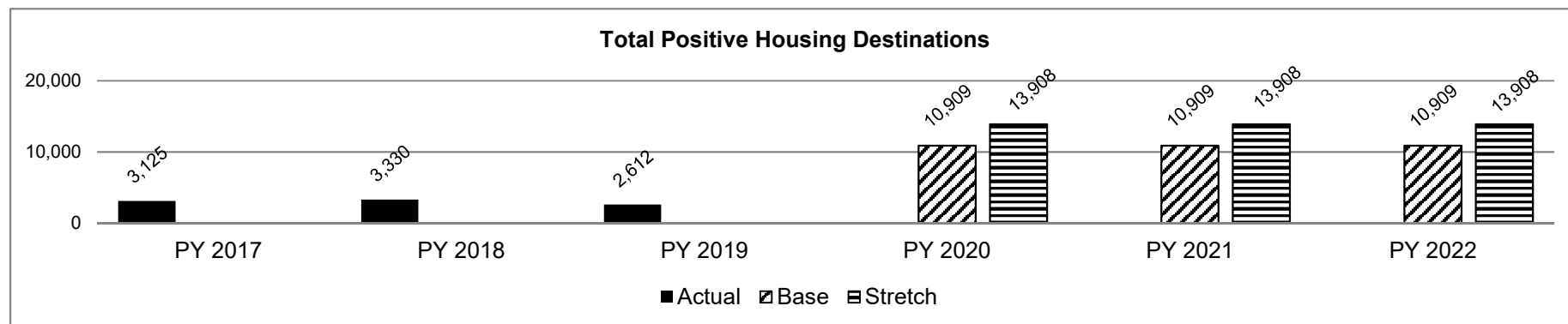
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### 2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

The nature of the assistance provided by the ESG Program makes it difficult to collect customer satisfaction data; however, MHDC holds an annual Focus Group for funded agencies at the end of each grant cycle with the most recent being by electronic survey in the month of June 2020. During this time, funded agencies are offered an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for the future grant year. The feedback has historically been very positive. This year the survey resulted in over 60% of respondents stating that MHDC did not need to do anything to improve. In conjunction with the ESG Focus Group, MHDC is working to create and implement a more effective way of evaluating customer satisfaction measures and data reporting processes.

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



Note 1: Data is reported by Program Year (PY) in all performance measures. Program Year is determined by the date of issuance of the Funding Approval Agreement establishing the 2-year spend period for the grant award.

Note 2: "Total Positive Housing Destinations" refers to individual housing "outcomes" recorded and reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Positive Permanent Outcomes include individuals and families that obtained a rental housing unit or purchased a home with or without on-going subsidies (i.e. Section 8 or other housing vouchers) as well as other types of permanent housing outcomes such as moving in with family.

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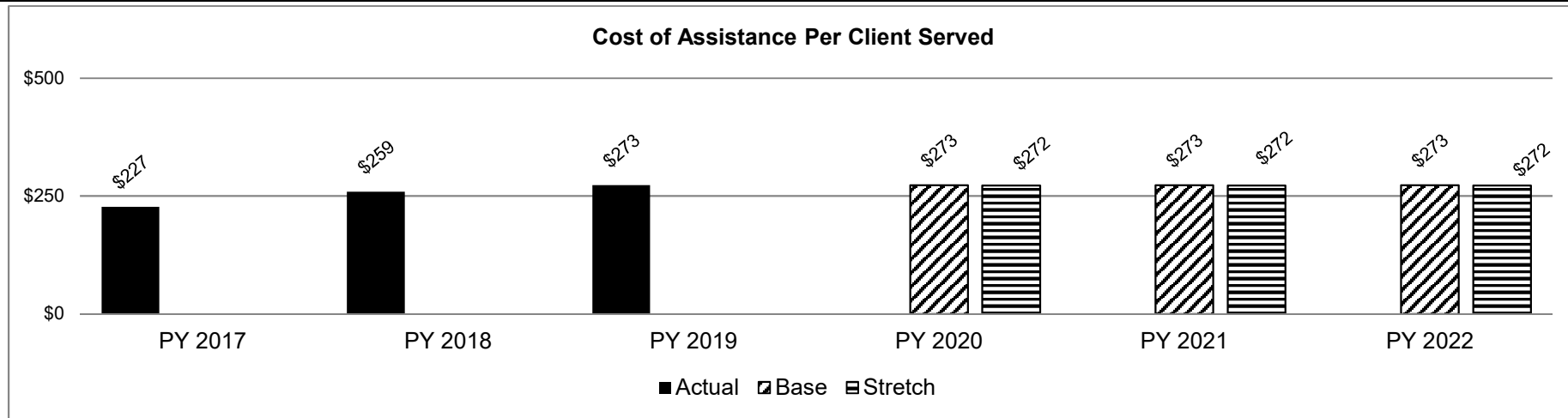
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**2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.**



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Note 2: The cost of assistance is calculated by taking the total federal dollars spent divided by the number of clients served (see 2a).

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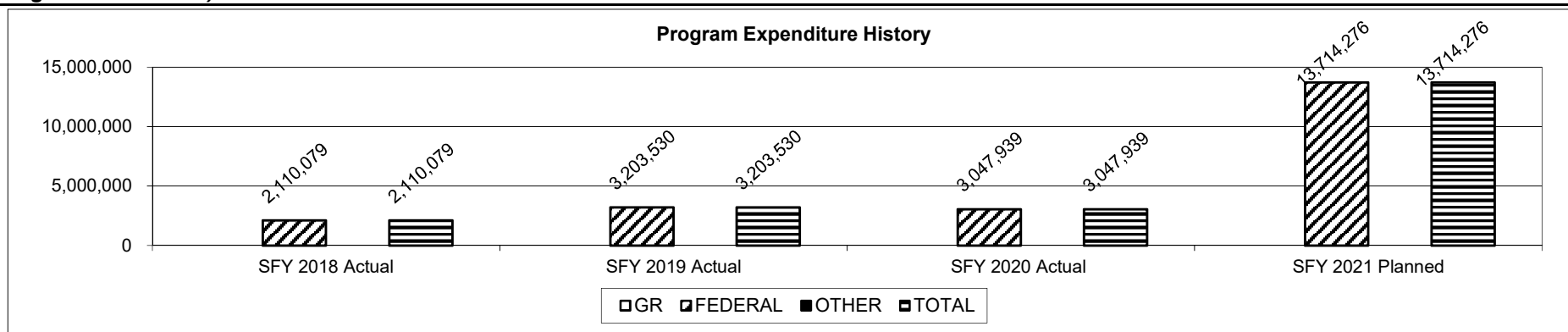
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**3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)**



The above program expenditures reflect only the federal ESG dollars allocated to Missouri by HUD. They do not include each individual agency's dollar for dollar match as outlined in question 6.

**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.)**

Federal law: Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended 42 USC 11371

Federal law: P.L. 111-22, Division B, Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act)

Federal law: P.L. 112-141, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

Federal law: P.L. 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

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

Yes, matching funds are required of grantees (local units of government and non-profits) on a dollar-for-dollar basis (50%).

As stated in HUD regulation, the state can waive up to \$100,000 in match for sub-grantees. The state does not provide any matching funds for this program other than a small portion to match administrative funds used for oversight and monitoring.

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

No. However, ESGP is a component of Missouri's Consolidated Plan for all funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.