

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.150

Program Name: Employment Connection

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Missouri Work Programs

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Move families to economic independence

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services administers funding for Employment Connection to provide hands-on job readiness training and support services for low-income individuals living in the City of St. Louis. While Employment Connection was originally founded to help justice-involved clients to obtain employment, today Employment Connection helps underserved people from all backgrounds to overcome the barriers they face to self-sufficiency, including homeless individuals, substance abusers, U.S. veterans, high school dropouts, at-risk youth, single parents, and recipients of public assistance.

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

The number of Employment Connection participants that completed the program.
Data to be reported in the FY 2024 Budget Request.

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

The number of Employment Connection participants that obtained either part-time or full-time employment.
Data to be reported in the FY 2024 Budget Request.

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

The number of Employment Connection participants employed for 120 days or more.
Data to be reported in the FY 2024 Budget Request.

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

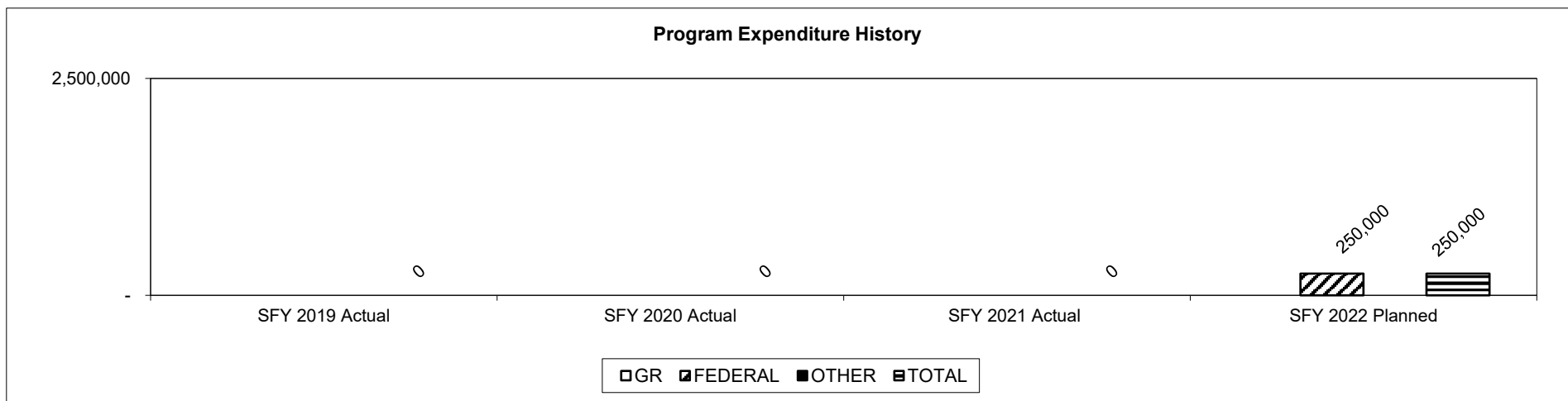
The percentage of Employment Connection participants who completed the program and were employed earning a living wage within six months of enrollment in the program.
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

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 208.040, RSMo. Federal law: PL 104-193 and PRWORA of 1996

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

There is a state Maintenance of Effort (MOE) required to earn the TANF block grant. Expenditures from other programs also provide state MOE required to earn the TANF block grant.

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

No.