

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.395

Program Name: Foster Care Children's Account

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Foster Care Children's Account

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safety and wellbeing for foster youth.

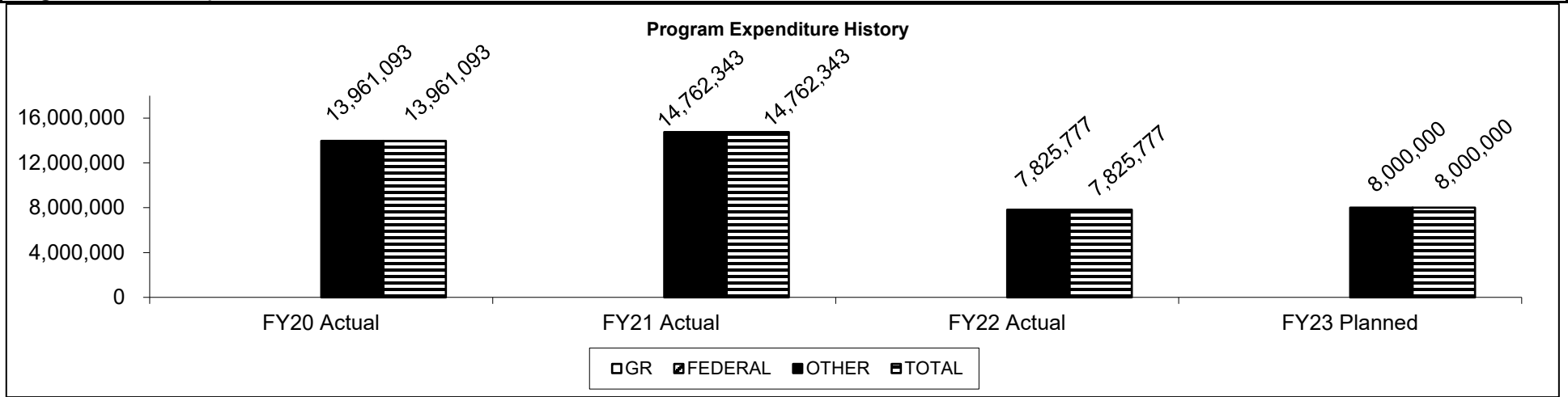
1b. What does this program do?

The Division of Finance and Administrative Services manages any outside income received by children in the care and custody of Children's Division (CD), to provide a central account for the distribution of funds received for these children, thus offsetting state expenses. Children receive outside income from a variety of sources, including Social Security (SSI and OASDI); Veterans Benefits; Railroad Retirement benefits; and lump sum payments (excludes the child's wages, if any). This income is used to offset the cost of maintaining the child in alternative care and used to pay any special expenses for the child. The use of these funds reduces the payments made for children from state funding sources.

If a child receives past SSI payments that exceed six times the federal monthly benefit rate, a separate special account referred to as a "dedicated account" must be established for the child. The past-due benefits must be deposited into the dedicated account, and may not be combined with the child's SSI benefits or any other funds. CD may expend funds for medical treatment, education, job skills training, and other specific expenses related to the child's impairment from this dedicated account. Expenditures from the dedicated fund must be approved by the Social Security Administration.

No performance measures are included for this program as it is a core that represents client accounts.

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.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

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

Alternative Care Trust Fund (0905)

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 210.560 RSMo.

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

No.

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

States do not have to serve as a Representative Payee for kids in Foster Care. Missouri has opted for the opportunity based on the information below: Section 205(j)(1) and section 163 l(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act provides broad authority for the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine whether an individual beneficiary should have a representative payee. Section 205(j)(1) of the Act provides for the appointment of a representative payee if it is determined "that the interest of the individual under this title would be served thereby... regardless of the legal competency or incompetency of the individual". Missouri has opted to serve as this representative payee.