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Department: Social Services   **HB Section(s):   11.335**
Program Name: Foster Youth Educational Assistance
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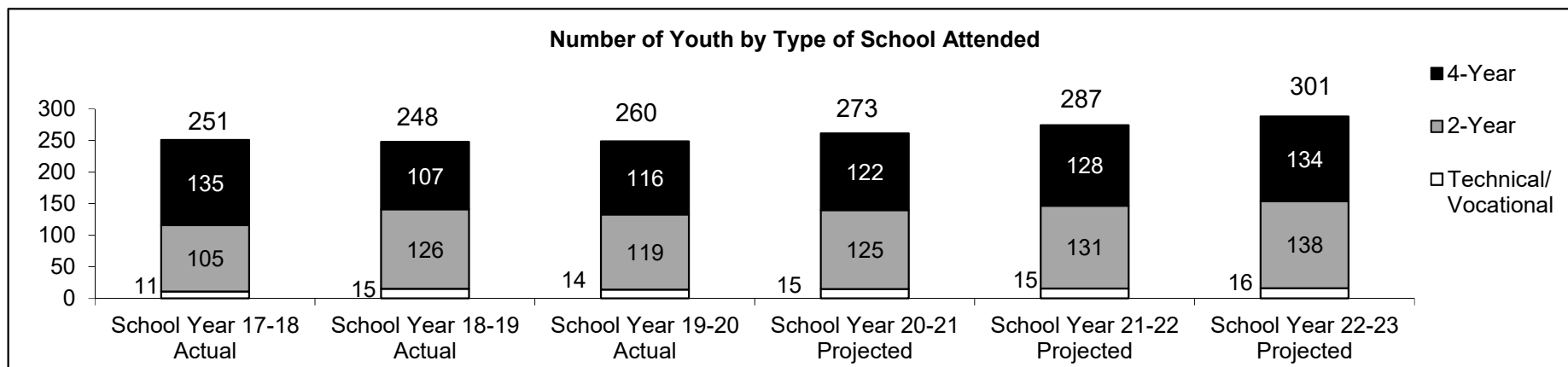## 1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Safety and wellbeing for foster youth

1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division provides youth in foster care or former foster youth (from age 16 - 26) with financial assistance for tuition and other fees associated with the cost to attend post-secondary education or training programs. Early and on-going support for education is extremely important in preparing youth for self-sufficiency. The Foster Youth Education Assistance Program assists eligible youth interested in pursuing higher education with reaching their goals.

This program was expanded in FY 2017, to allow youth up to the age of 26 to pursue other types of post-secondary education such as certificate programs, or vocational and technical education. Additionally, the expansion of the program provides support services such as transportation and housing so the youth has the propensity to complete their program of study, and reduces the need for large student loan debt.

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

Number of Youth by Type of School Attended

School Year	4-Year	2-Year	Technical/Vocational	Total
School Year 17-18 Actual	135	105	11	251
School Year 18-19 Actual	107	126	15	248
School Year 19-20 Actual	116	119	14	260
School Year 20-21 Projected	122	125	15	273
School Year 21-22 Projected	128	131	15	287
School Year 22-23 Projected	134	138	16	301

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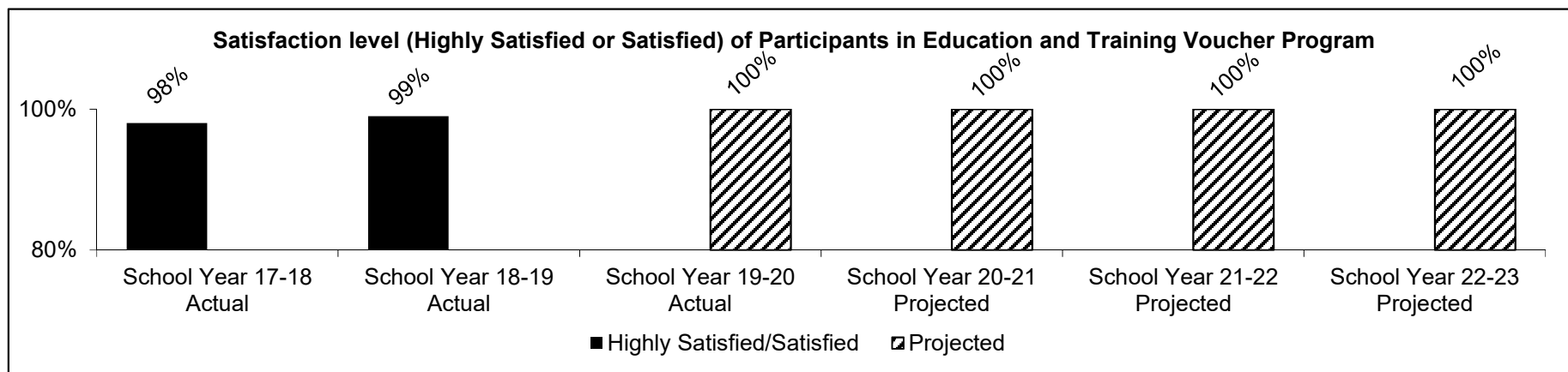**Department: Social Services**
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Satisfaction level (Highly Satisfied or Satisfied) of Participants in Education and Training Voucher Program

	School Year 17-18 Actual	School Year 18-19 Actual	School Year 19-20 Actual	School Year 20-21 Projected	School Year 21-22 Projected	School Year 22-23 Projected
	98%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%

■ Highly Satisfied/Satisfied   ▨ Projected

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

Percent of Students Working While Enrolled in School

	School Year 17-18 Actual	School Year 18-19 Actual	School Year 19-20 Actual	School Year 20-21 Projected	School Year 21-22 Projected	School Year 22-23 Projected
Actual	77%	80%	65%			
Base				85%	90%	95%
Stretch				90%	95%	100%

■Actual   ▨Base   ▤Stretch

Studies show, young people who work are more engaged in school communities and more fulfilled in their studies than those who do not.

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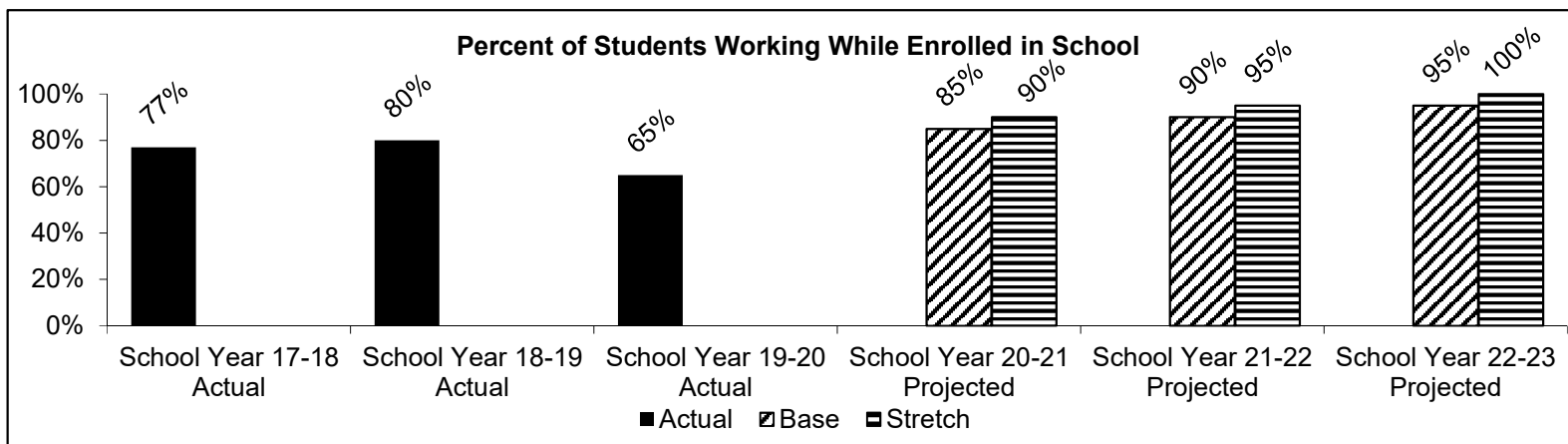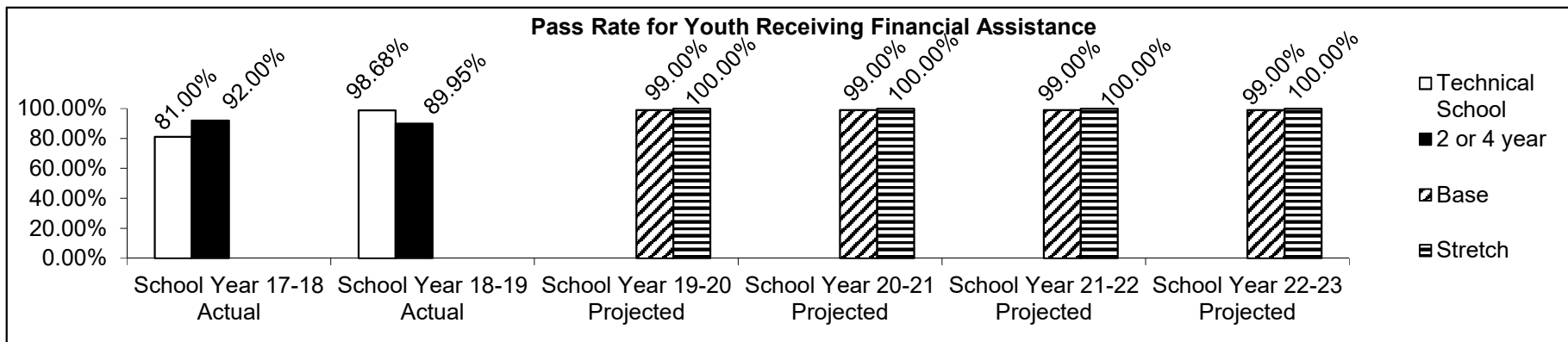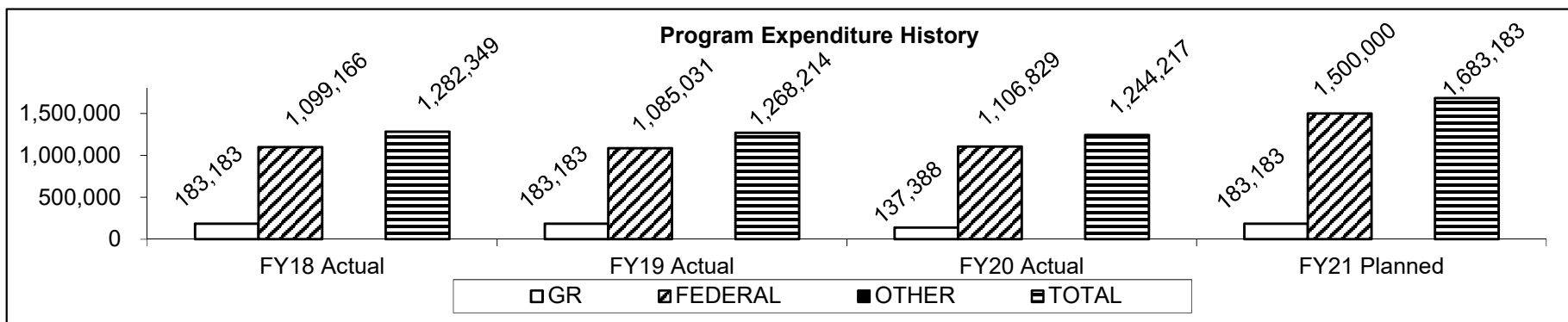**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Foster Youth Educational Assistance**

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

Pass Rate for Youth Receiving Financial Assistance

	School Year 17-18 Actual	School Year 18-19 Actual	School Year 19-20 Projected	School Year 20-21 Projected	School Year 21-22 Projected	School Year 22-23 Projected
Technical School	81.00%	98.68%				
2 or 4 year	92.00%	89.95%				
Base			99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Stretch			100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Base and Stretch targets are the same for both technical schools and 2 or 4 year schools
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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.*)

Program Expenditure History

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Planned
GR	183,183	183,183	137,388	183,183
FEDERAL	1,099,166	1,085,031	1,106,829	1,500,000
TOTAL	1,282,349	1,268,214	1,244,217	1,683,183

Planned FY 2021 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

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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.)

Education Training Voucher (ETV): Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act of 2001. Amended section 477 of the Social Security Act to add the sixth purpose for the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act. The Families First Prevention Act of 2018 expanded the eligibility population for ETV up to age 26.
Tuition Waiver: Section 173.270, RSMo.

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

ETV: State must match 20% of funds with in-kind or cash.
Tuition Waiver: No.
Credential Completion and Employment (CCE): No

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

ETV: States receive funding to provide this service to youth and are required to report on the goals and objectives each year through the Annual Progress and Services Report.
Tuition Waiver: No
CCE: No