PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services Program Name: The Geek Foundation 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 provides TANF funding for a new project with The Geek Foundation. The Geek Foundation delivers a comprehensive program of educational instruction, employment counseling, soft-skills, job-readiness training, personal development and life counseling, as well as mentorship to assist participants in entering the tech and IT fields in the greater Springfield Area. The goal is to assist participants to qualify for and retain employment in high-growth, high-demand industries or pursue advanced education in jobs that are currently available in the job market. This project will serve those participants who are TANF eligible.

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

The number of Geek Foundation participants that completed the program.

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

The number of Geek Foundation participants that obtained either part-time or full-time employment in a technology related field.

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

The number of Geek Foundation participants employed for 120 days or more.

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

The percentage of Geek Foundation 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.

Expenditures are claimed to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant (100% FF). There is also 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.