

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.150

Program Name: Jobs for America's Graduates

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

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

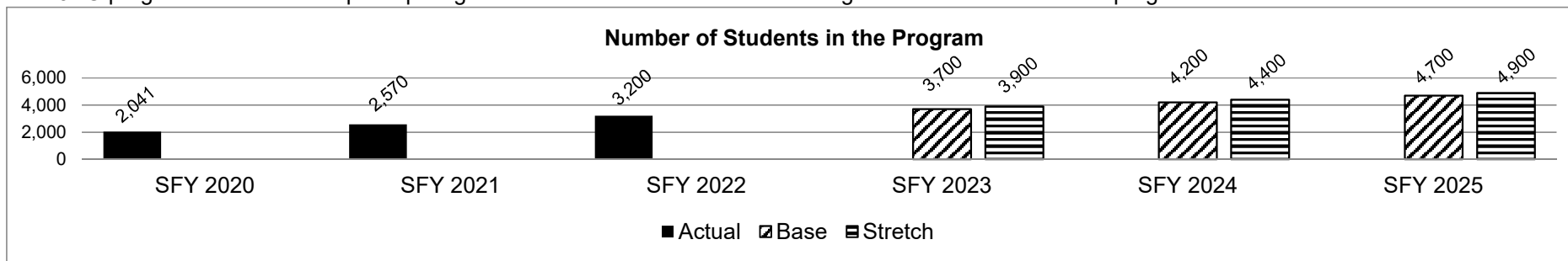
Coordinate and align work programs to support meaningful, sustainable employment.

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program funded through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant. The grant funding is allocated to one hundred five (105) programs in seventy (70) school districts, to help at-risk middle and high school students by providing classroom and work-based learning experiences. The goal is for students to make a successful transition to post-secondary education and meaningful employment, with self-sustaining wages to decrease the need for government assistance.

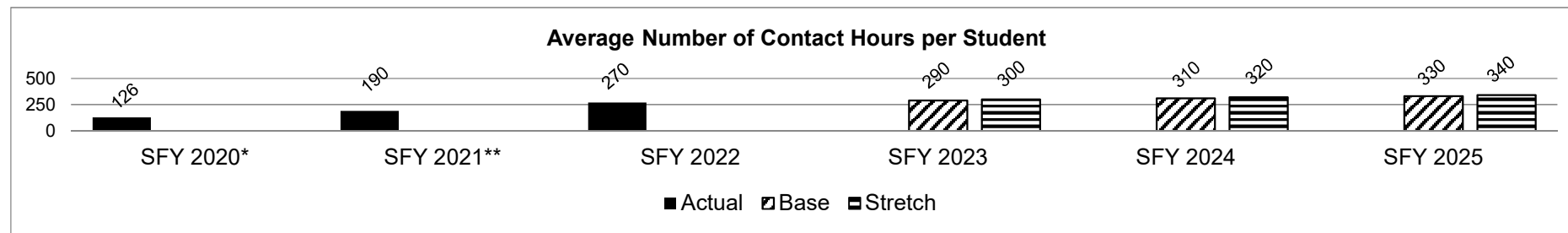
2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

The JAG program works with the participating schools to enroll at-risk middle and high school students into the program.



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

The JAG program measures the average number of contact hours with the students. The goal is to increase these hours both in school and through extracurricular activities.



*In SFY 2020, the contact hours decreased due to students not attending on-site classes due to COVID-19.

**In SFY 2021, the contact hours increased due to students attending hybrid, virtual and on-site classes due to COVID-19.

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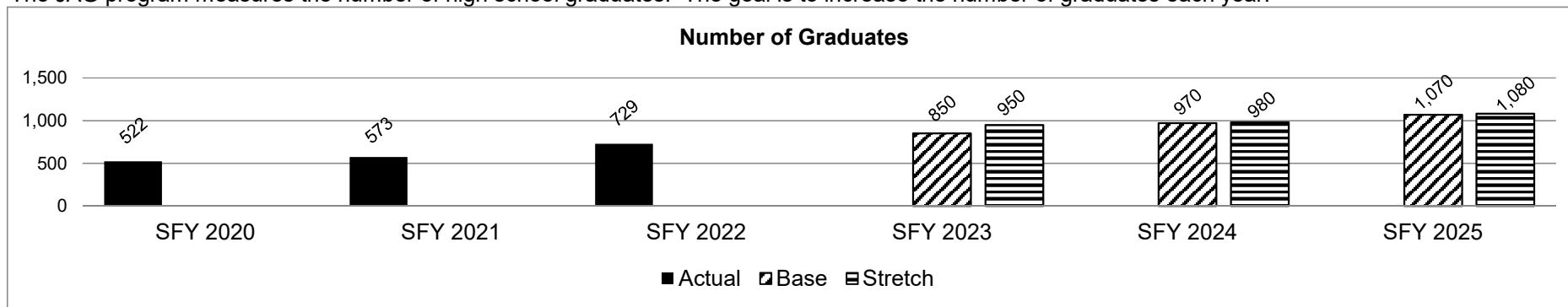
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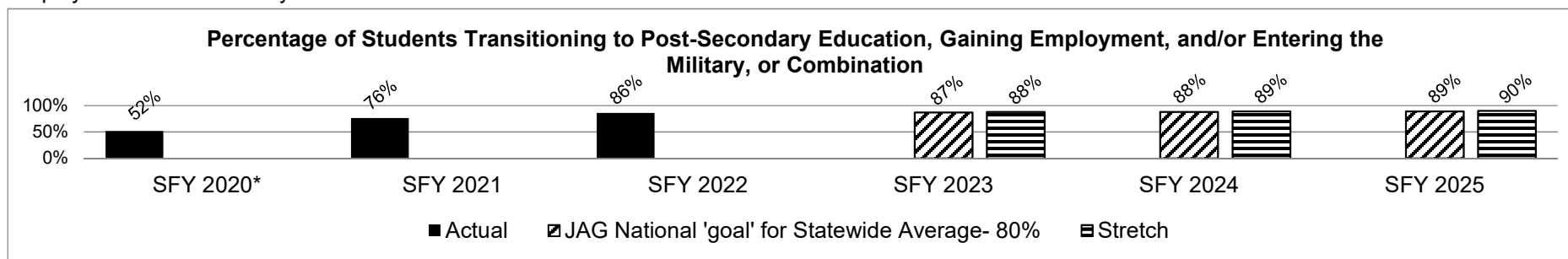
2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

The JAG program measures the number of high school graduates. The goal is to increase the number of graduates each year.



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

The JAG program measures students in the first year after they have left. The goal is to continue to increase those transitioning into education, employment and the military.



*The decrease in SFY 2020 can be attributed to COVID-19.

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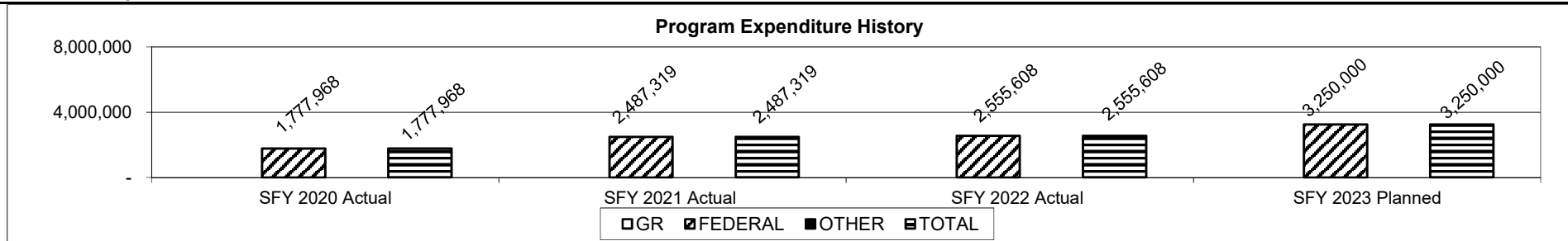
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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 for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are claimed based on program requirements. Expenditures of the TANF block grant are reimbursed at 100% FF, not to exceed the block grant amount. State Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is required to earn the full TANF block grant. Expenditures that meet MOE requirements are used to satisfy the amount required to earn the TANF block grant.

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

No.