

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.410

Program Name: Division of Youth Services (DYS)

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Juvenile Court Diversion

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Divert youth from commitment to DYS

1b. What does this program do?

The Juvenile Court Diversion Program (JCD) is designed to encourage development of services to youth and families at the local level, while diverting youth from commitment to the Division of Youth Services (DYS).

Program Goals and Objectives:

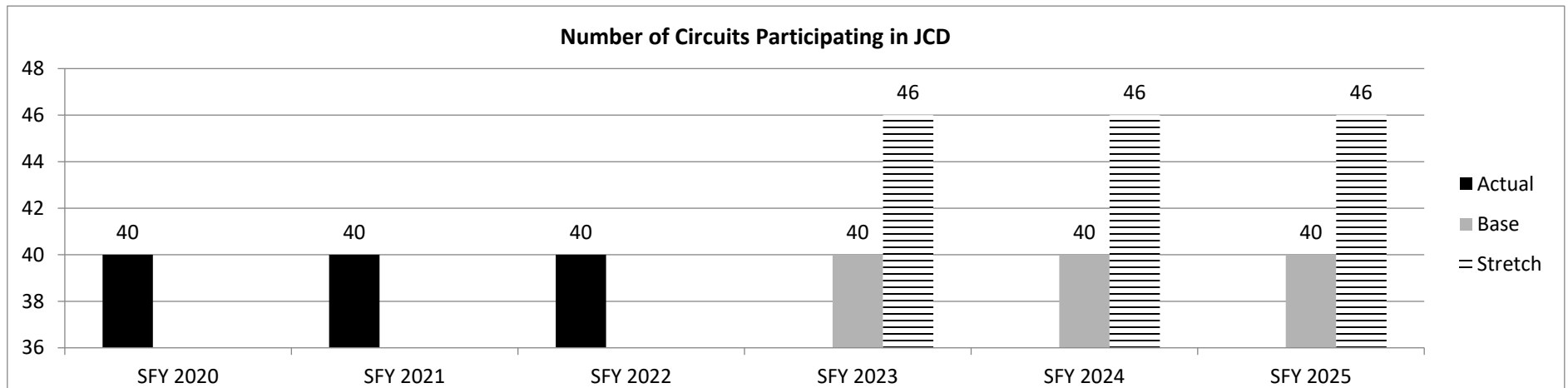
- To provide early interventions to prevent deep penetration into the juvenile justice system.

Services Provided:

DYS operates JCD as a grant-in-aid program in order to provide local juvenile courts with resources to work with their communities in developing specific services, or solutions to problems unique to their communities.

DYS staff monitor the overall operation of each diversion project through visits by DYS regional administration to the participating courts. Discussions are held with the Chief Juvenile Officer or designee to ensure project compliance, effectiveness and spending efficiency.

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



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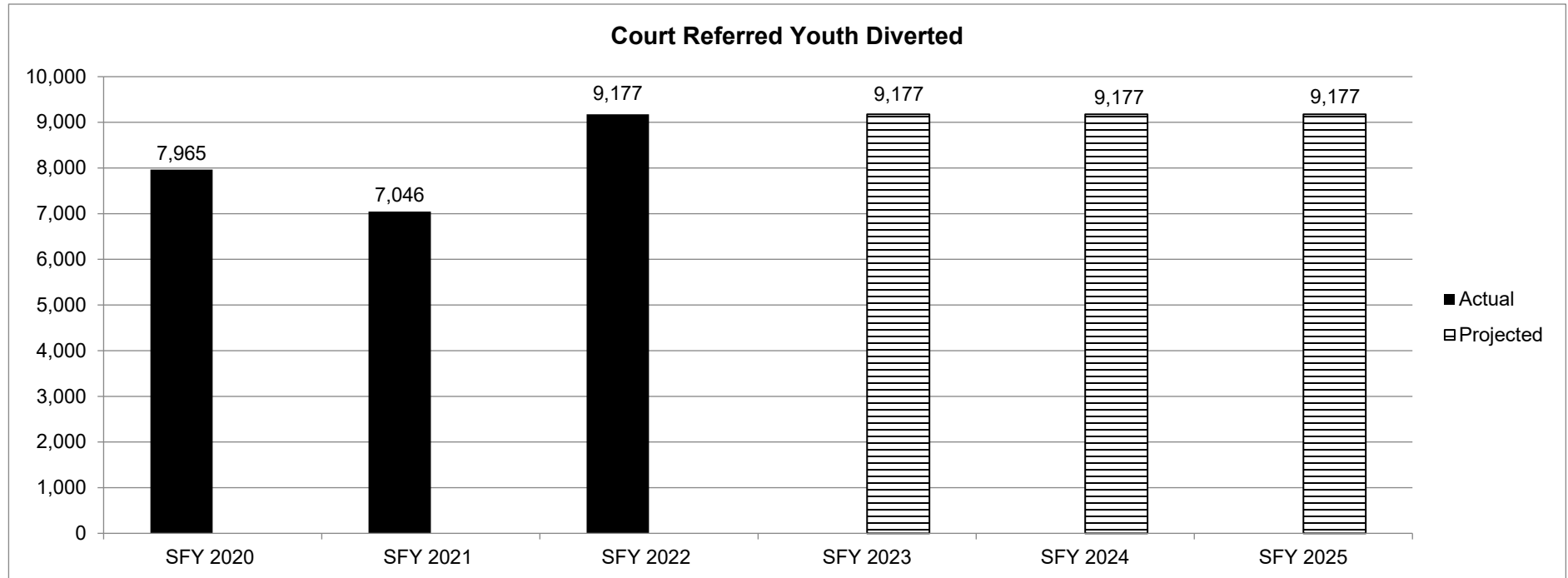
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



JCD participants reported by the Juvenile Court as “diverted” includes law violators assigned informal supervisions, formal supervision, or out-of-home placement. Actual numbers vary and are predicated on referrals to the local juvenile offices. The projected numbers are the highest of the last three state fiscal years.

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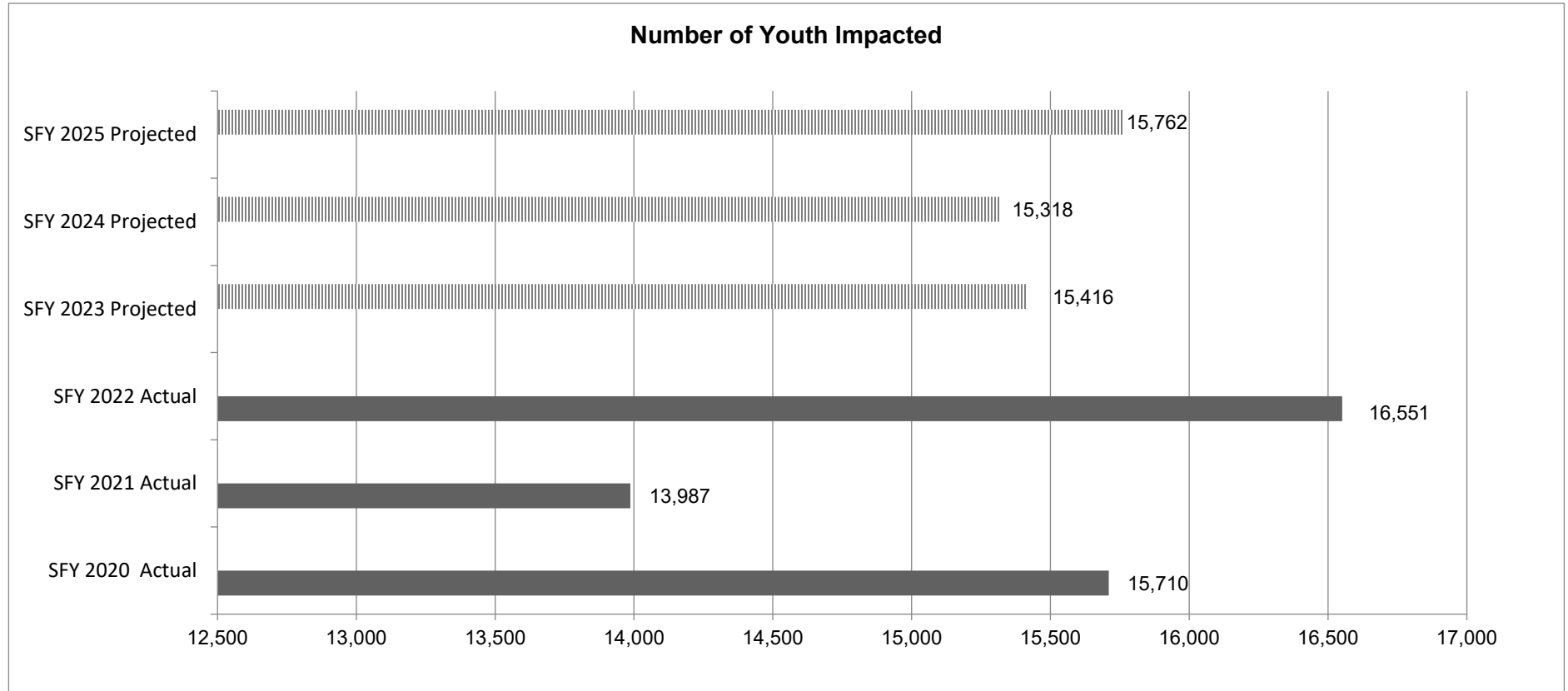
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



Numbers include court referred youth, as well as general population, as reported by the participating judicial circuits. Actual numbers are dynamic based on program activities through the forty participating juvenile circuits. The projected numbers are the average of the three prior state fiscal years.

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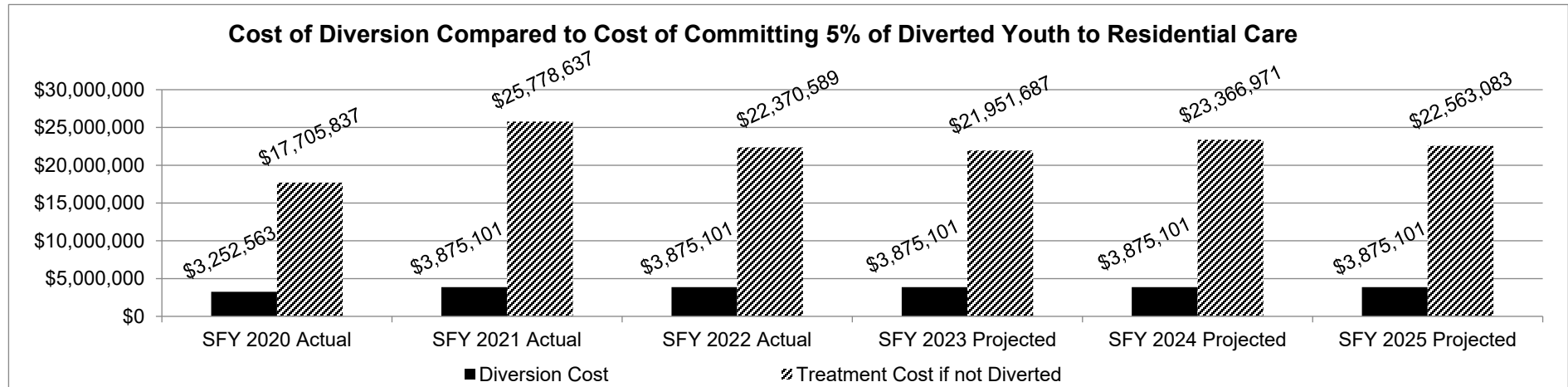
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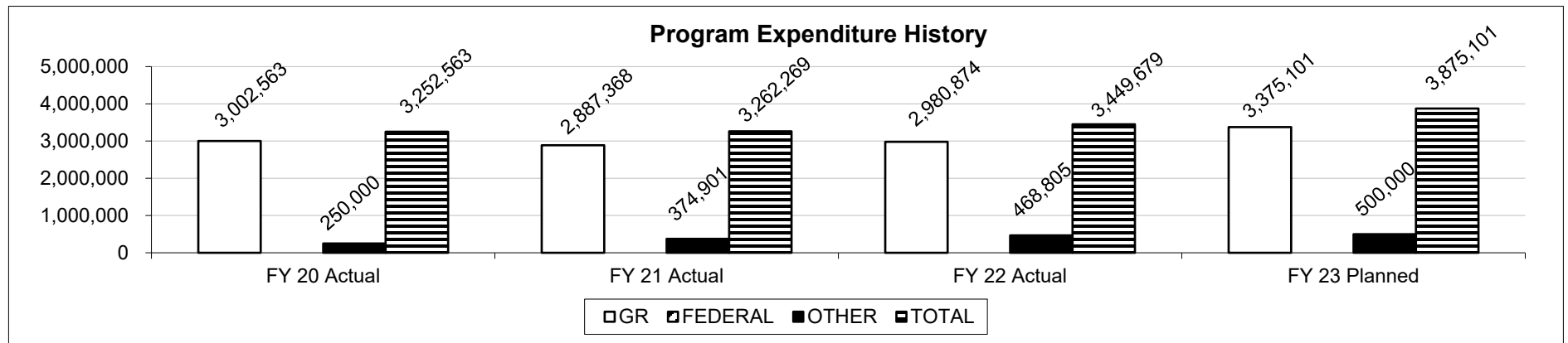
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



Over a three year span, DYS has spent approximately \$10.5 million avoiding costs of roughly \$65 million, netting a savings of \$54.5 million for the state.

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.)



FY 2023 planned expenditures are net of reverted.

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

Gaming Commission Fund (0286)

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 219.041, RSMo

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

No

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

No