

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.060

Program Name: Division of Finance and Administrative Services

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Receipt and Disbursement - Refunds

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Timely deposits of receipts

1b. What does this program do?

These appropriations allow the department to make timely deposits of all receipts, and to make refunds or corrections when necessary. Pursuing this method creates additional interest earnings for the state treasury. Delaying the deposit of funds increases the chance that funds will be incorrectly used. The State Auditor, who routinely reviews the cash receipt function of the department for accuracy and timeliness, endorses prompt deposit of all funds received. The appropriations also affords the department the authority to make correcting payments in the event funds were originally deposited to an inappropriate fund or when refunds to the payer are required due to an original overpayment.

The Department of Social Services receives hundreds of checks daily. Fiscal integrity and internal controls over cash receipts call for prompt deposit of all funds until a determination can be made as to proper deposit or distribution of the funds. A typical transaction would be when insurance companies and/or other parties liable for medical bills of clients reimburse Medicaid for the entire cost of the care rather than only the portion paid by Medicaid. Later, when the proper amount is determined, a refund is issued from this account for the difference. Another frequent use of this appropriation is to refund a portion of the premium paid by a family when they leave the program.

No performance measures are included for this program as it is an accounting mechanism.

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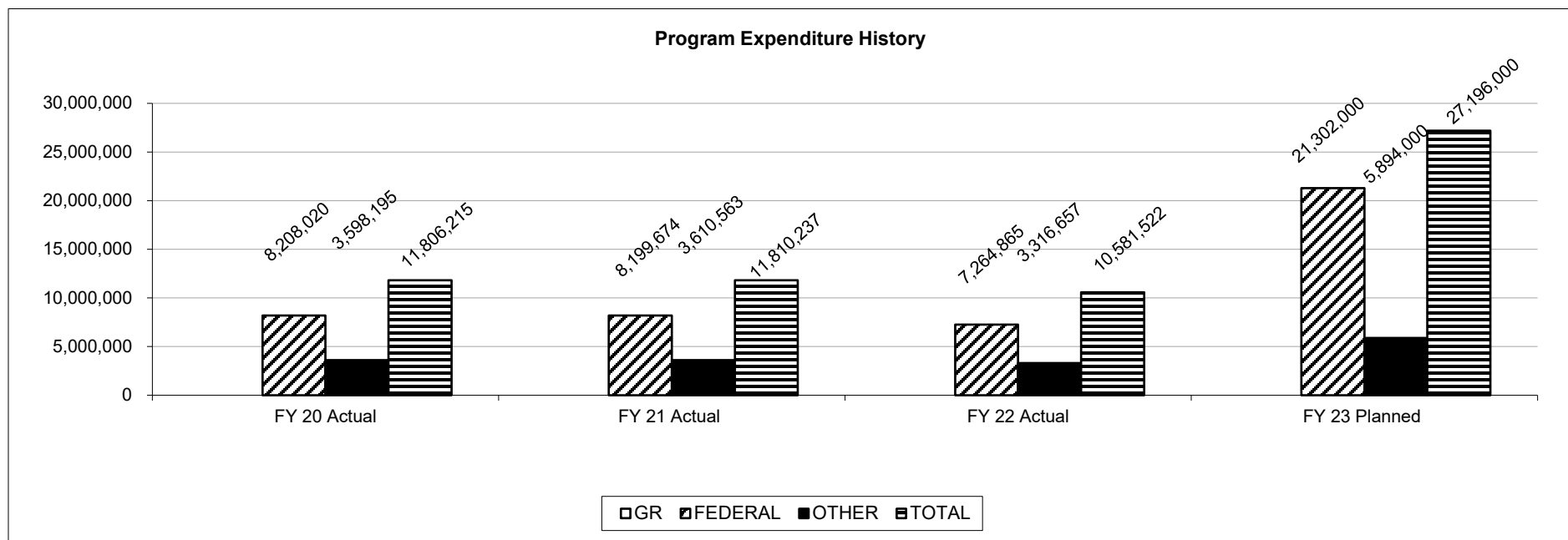
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

Pharmacy Rebates Fund (0114), Third Party Liability Collections Fund (0120), and Premium Fund (0885).

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 660.010, RSMo.

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

No.

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

No.