

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.145

Program Name: SNAP-Ed

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Food Nutrition

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Build and engage resources to support families in need

1b. What does this program do?

The Department of Social Services (DSS), Family Support Division (FSD) is partnering with the University of Missouri Extension (MU) to provide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) to low income eligible Missourians where they live and work, with the goal of teaching participants to make healthy choices and improve food resources.

The SNAP-Ed (Food Nutrition) Program provides educational information about nutrition, physical activity, food safety and food budgeting to SNAP eligible individuals, especially to households with children in the home, at-risk pregnant and parenting teens, youth, and seniors through multiple approaches. Focus on changing behaviors to increase vegetable and fruit consumption, such as gardening and purchasing fresh produce at farmers markets, is included in the education provided throughout the state. The goal of the program is to teach participants how to make behavior changes and improve food resource management to achieve lifelong health and fitness, and reduce obesity.

Currently, the DSS partners with the MU to deliver education to targeted SNAP participants and eligible individuals. This appropriation is used to pay the salaries, benefits, expenses, and equipment for over 120 MU Extension employees who implement the Food Nutrition Program by providing education regarding nutrition to low-income Missourians. These positions fill various roles to deliver nutrition, health, and physical activity education throughout Missouri where SNAP recipients and eligible individuals live and work. There are over 6,200 agency personnel and University faculty and staff who also contribute to the SNAP-Ed program.

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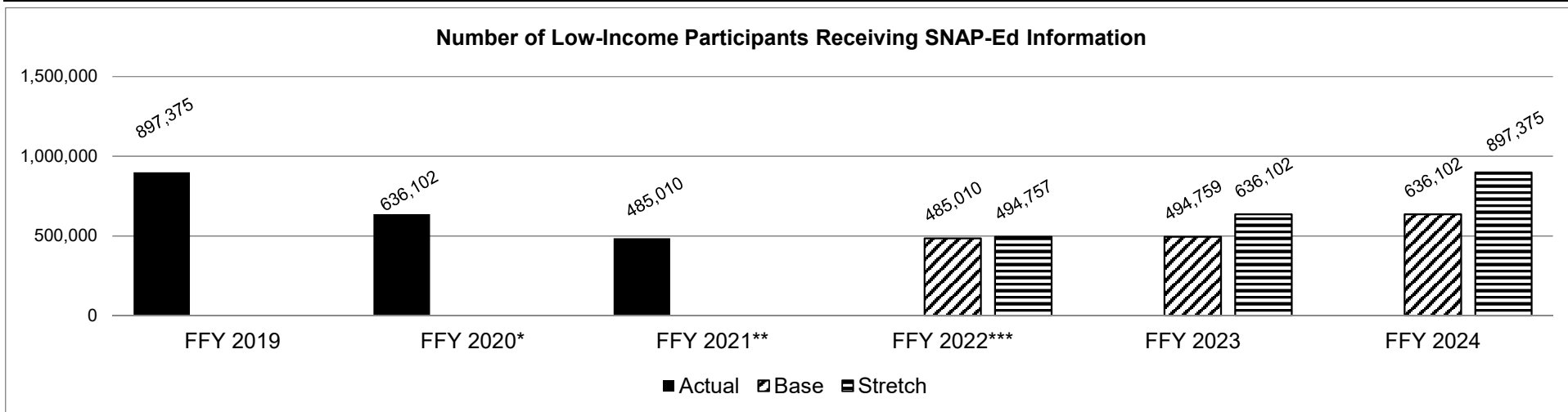
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



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**FFY 2021 - There continues to be a decrease in participants due to the COVID-19 healthcare crisis as well as a staffing shortage of SNAP-Ed educators at MU Extension leading to a reduction in lessons taught across the state. MU has multiple positions posted for hire as well as working to reclassify positions to a higher rate of pay in hopes of obtaining/retaining more staff.

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FFY 2022 data will be available in February 2023.

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

MU Extension conducts periodic satisfaction surveys of the agencies/schools that they partner with. The theory behind this approach is that a partner willing to have the program return equals satisfaction with the program. Their satisfaction rate averages 97%.

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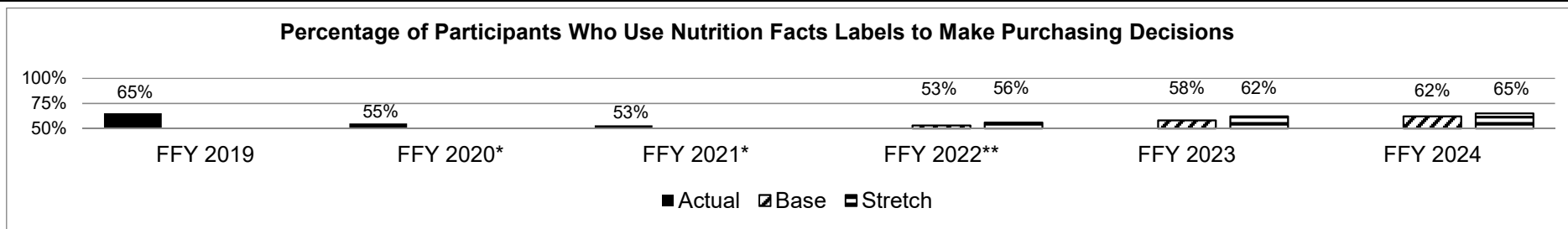
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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



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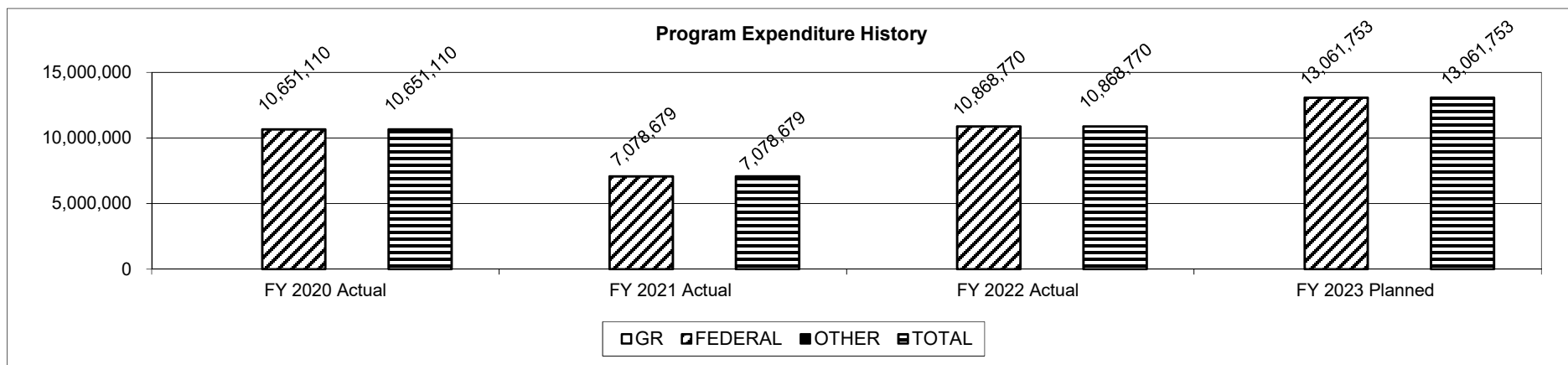
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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 law: Section 205.960, RSMo. Federal law: Food Security Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-198), Hunger Prevention Act of 1996, Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, 1997 Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act; Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010.

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

SNAP-Ed (Food Nutrition) is 100% federally funded.

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

No.