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Department of Public Safety

HB Section(s): 8.270

Program Name: State Educational Assistance Program

Program is found in the following core budget(s): National Guard Trust Fund

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

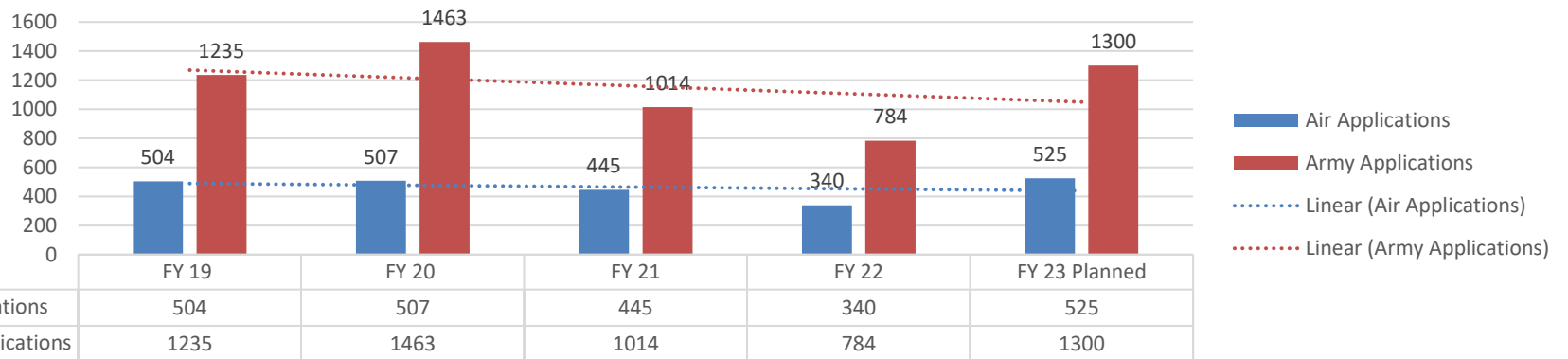
- Preserve operational assets in a state of readiness, by providing an impactful service to all Missouri National Guard Soldiers and Airmen.

1b. What does this program do?

- State Tuition Assistance Program provides funding to Missouri National Guard members seeking undergraduate degrees
- Program pays up to a total of 150 total credit hours (up to 15 CH Fall/Spring, 9 CH Summer) to members of the Missouri National Guard
- Allows the state to be proactive in supporting the National Guard to ensure the Guard maintains adequate staffing
- State Tuition Assistance supports Soldier and Airman education immediately upon enlistment into the Missouri National Guard, only after all eligible federal Department of Defense educational assistance funds have been expended (Federal TA applies to Army only)

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

Army and Air National Guard Applications Processed



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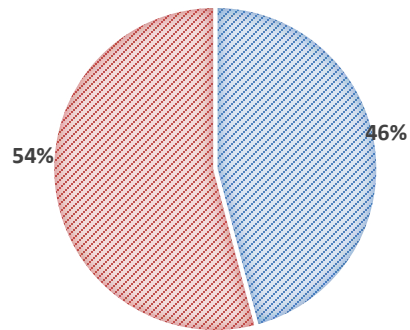
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Quality can be seen beyond the service members' military career and into the civilian workforce. Retention of highly educated and experienced soldiers and airmen is integral for the future leaders of the Missouri National Guard and is a tremendous investment in the state's future. As a result of a higher educated populace, outside employers look to the Missouri National Guard for future business endeavors and expertise.

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WITH DEGREES

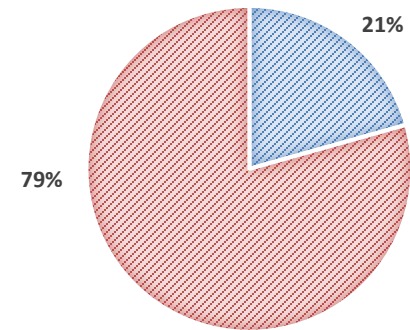
■ % of force with degrees ■ % of force without degrees



44% of the entire Air National Guard personnel have a College Degree

ARMY PERSONNEL WITH DEGREES

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23% of the entire Army National Guard personnel have a College Degree

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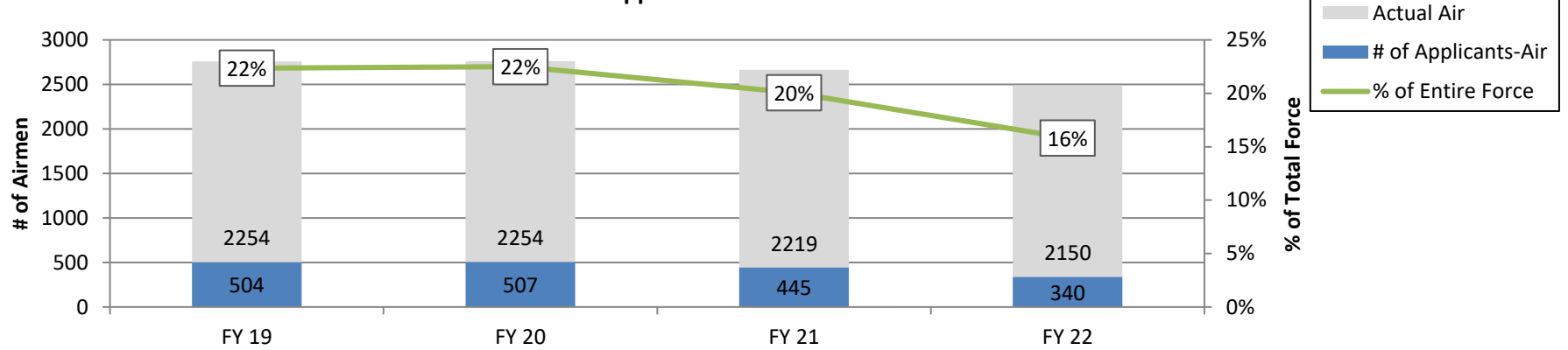
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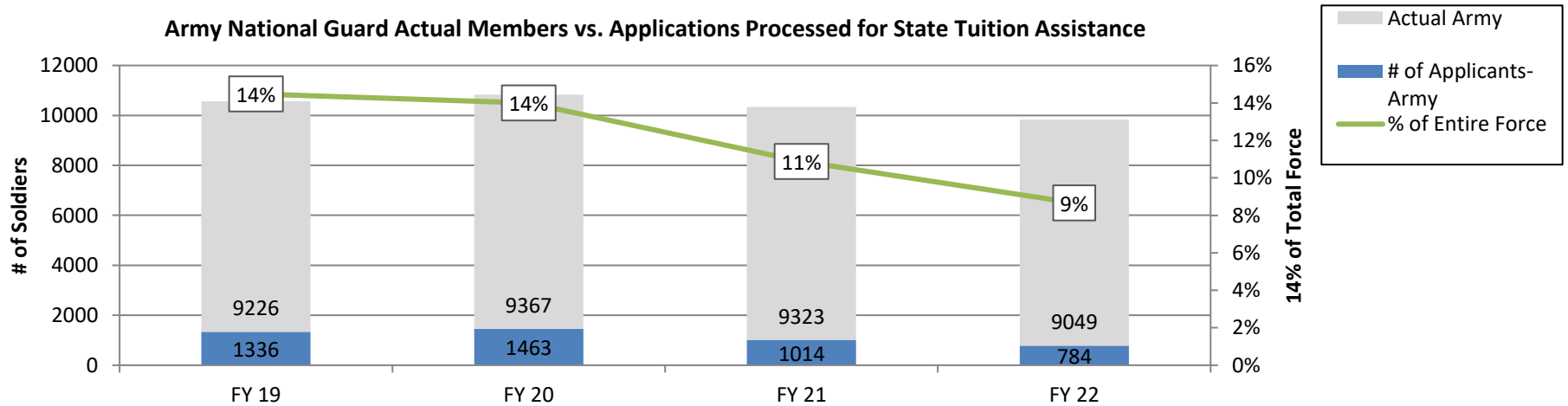
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Air National Guard Actual Members vs. Applications Processed for State Tuition Assistance



Army National Guard Actual Members vs. Applications Processed for State Tuition Assistance



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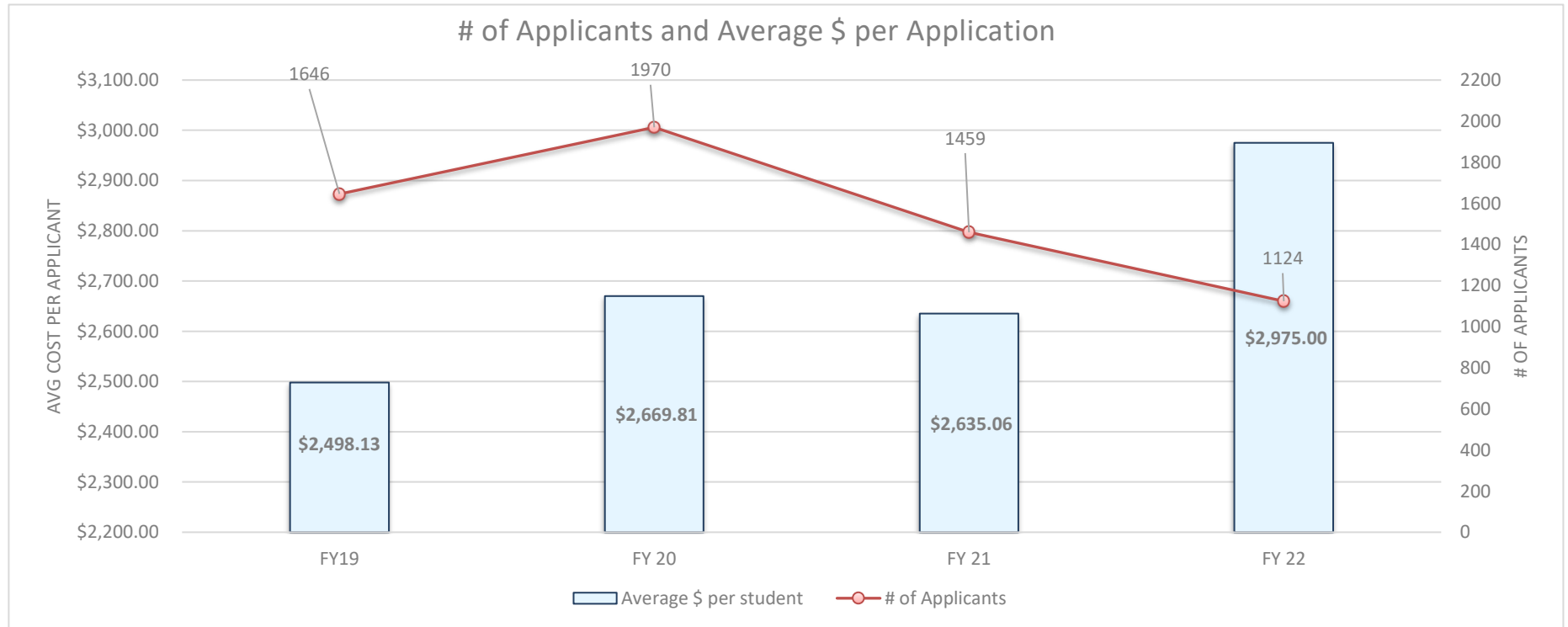
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Program managers certify that each service member is/has:

1. In good standing and has participated satisfactory in required training;
2. A citizen or a permanent resident of the United States;
3. Not previously received a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary institution;
4. Enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student in an approved private or public institution;
5. Maintains academic eligibility (applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or an equivalent on other scales.)



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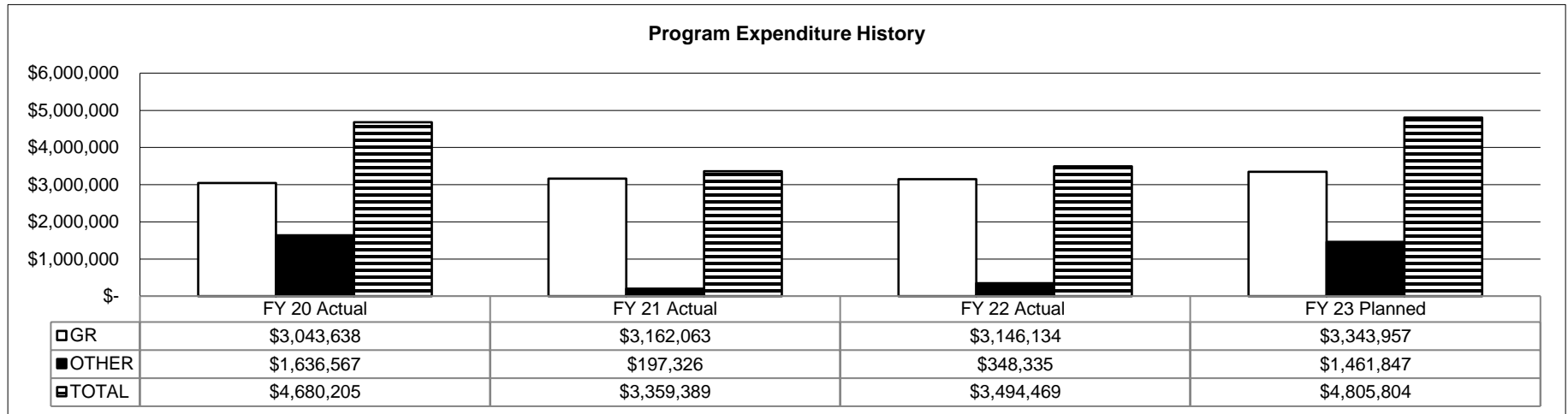
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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

Gaming Commission Fund

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

RSMo 173.239; Any member of the Missouri National Guard who possesses the qualification set forth in this section may be awarded an education assistance grant to an approved public institution or an approved private institution, as those terms are defined in either section 173.205 or section 173.778. of his or her choice while he or she is a member of the Missouri National Guard.

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

No federal matching requirements

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

No federal mandate