

**FY23 Budget Performance Review**  
**Department of Rehabilitation Services (805)**

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**Agency Mission**

The Mission of the Department of Rehabilitation Services is to empower Oklahoman's with disabilities.

**Division and Program Descriptions**

**Vocational Rehabilitation / Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Activities 11-36**

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is the employment agency for Oklahomans with disabilities. DVR provides vocational rehabilitation services for individuals needing support to enter careers of their choice. As a result, thousands whose disabilities were barriers to employment become taxpayers each year, eliminating or reducing their need for disability benefits and social assistance. DVR includes three career planning centers, a transition school to work program, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, coordination with the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation program, and outreach to minority and underserved populations.

The Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DSBVI) offers vocational rehabilitation services to thousands of blind and visually impaired Oklahomans each year to help them enter the workforce. In addition to quality employment services, DSBVI programs include the Business Enterprise Program (vending facilities), the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a Rehabilitation Technology Lab, and Older Blind Independent Living Program, Rehabilitation Teaching Services for the visually impaired, and a transition school to work program. Consumers enjoy an enhanced quality of life as a result of the multiple services provided by this division.

**Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is a unit within the Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Division which provides circulation of books on tape, Braille and large print books, periodicals and other materials to blind adults and children, digital recordings of books, ordering and circulating Braille textbooks and educational materials to blind and visually impaired children in public schools.

Library operations are primarily funded through state appropriations. The Library may qualify for certain federal grants as they are available. The state is eligible for money for Braille textbooks through Federal Quota funds, which are set aside through the American Printing House for the Blind for eligible students. Hundreds of children are eligible for textbooks purchased through Federal Quota funds each school year.

**Oklahoma School for the Blind, Activities 42-43**

The Oklahoma School for the Blind (OSB) is a residential school in Muskogee that offers education options for children who are blind or visually impaired, ages two through twenty-one. Residential, day and summer school students are served each year. OSB has a residential capacity of 114.

OSB provides an educational program to assist students to be equipped for life-long learning, responsible citizenship and productive employment in an ever-changing society. In addition to meeting state curriculum requirements, the following expanded curriculum is provided to each student at OSB: Daily Living Skills Training; Braille and Abacus Instruction, Use of Adaptive Equipment, Tactile Graphic Skills, Mobility and Orientation Training; Assistive Technology Training and Low Vision training as per requirements of the National Agenda for the Education of Children and Youth with Visual Impairments organization. OSB provides services to school systems, students and families in many Oklahoma counties.

**Outreach Program**

Outreach services provided evaluations to children from birth to age twenty-one, in-service training programs and recommendations for adaptations and modifications to the child's educational environment. OSB provided direct services, consultations and evaluations, contacts of families, contacts with schools, and contacts with organizations.

**Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Activities 52-55 and 95**

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) is a residential school that offers educational options for deaf children ages two through twenty-one. The campus occupies a 37 1/2 acre site in Sulphur, Oklahoma and includes a residential capacity of 154. Residential and day students on campus are served each year, as well as providing two satellite preschool programs.

**Outreach Program**

Outreach services provide evaluations to children from age two to twenty-one, in-service training programs for local school district staff and make recommendations for adaptations and modifications to the child's educational environment. OSD provides direct services to deaf or hearing-impaired students, evaluation services, contacts of families, and contacts with hearing-impaired organizations.

**Disability Determination Services, Activities 72-74**

Disability Determination Services (DDS) provides determination of medical eligibility for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income Programs. Disability examiner staff obtain medical and vocational information on the person applying for disability benefits and decide if the person meets the medical eligibility criteria.

**Administration (Support Services), Activities 38 and 82-83**

Support Services (SS) provides administrative and programmatic support for the Agency including financial services, human resources, purchasing, contracts, property standards.

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FY'22 Budgeted Department Funding By Source							
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1141000	DVR/DSBVI SSA Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1215000	Older Blind IT	\$47,654	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47,654
1414000	Independent Living	\$37,635	\$338,717	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$376,352
1515000	Older Blind	\$448,292	\$320,662	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$838,954
1534000	Older Blind Medical and Direct Client	\$0	\$32,000	\$0	\$0	\$70,500	\$102,500
1717002	Deaf Blind Equipment-FCC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$131,689	\$131,689
2222000	DVR/DSBVI IT	\$88,681	\$3,692,684	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,781,365
2222013	One Stop American Job Center IT	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2321800	Interpreter Certification	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$25,000
2323000	DVR/DSBVI Non IT	\$400,000	\$7,076,735	\$0	\$0	\$104,152	\$7,580,887
2323003	Services to Groups	\$0	\$900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900,000
2323005	DVR/DSBVI Training	\$0	\$368,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$468,000
2323006	DSBVI Field Services	\$2,102,717	\$2,603,394	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,706,111
2323007	DVR Field Services	\$7,173,323	\$9,079,114	\$0	\$0	\$308,189	\$16,560,626
2323008	DSBVI Administration	\$148,743	\$206,366	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$355,109
2323009	DVR Administration	\$360,195	\$467,937	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$828,132
2323013	One-Stop American Job Center	\$0	\$65,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$65,000
2323033	DVR/DSBVI Student Transition Services	\$0	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000
2727000	DVR/DSBVI Non Medical Client Services	\$516,667	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,016,667
2727006	SBVI Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
2734000	DVR/DSBVI Medical and Direct Client	\$0	\$23,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,000,000
2828001	BEP Blind Vendor Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
2828002	Business Enterprise Program	\$395,389	\$1,482,398	\$0	\$0	\$13,712	\$1,891,499
2828003	BEP FRRP	\$0	\$11,884	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,884
3221600	OLBPH Donations IT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
3232000	Oklahoma Library for the Blind IT	\$188,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$188,000
3232036	AIM Center IT	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$170,000
3321600	OLBPH Donations	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
3333000	Oklahoma Library for the Blind	\$1,666,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,666,500
3434000	Able Tech	\$91,021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,021
3535000	Services to the Deaf	\$164,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$164,000
3636000	Braille Education	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
3838000	DRS Commission	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
4221600	OSB Donations IT	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
4242000	Oklahoma School for the Blind IT	\$431,105	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$431,105
4321201	OSB Career Tech	\$0	\$0	\$6,495	\$0	\$7,200	\$13,695
4321600	OSB Donations	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
4343000	Oklahoma School for the Blind	\$7,455,427	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$557,953	\$8,013,380
5221301	OSD Career Tech IT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
5221600	OSD Donations IT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
5223500	TDD Communications IT	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
5252000	Oklahoma School for the Deaf IT	\$538,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$538,100
5321301	OSD Career Tech	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
5321600	OSD Donations	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
5323500	TDD Communications	\$0	\$0	\$245,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$295,000
5353000	Oklahoma School for the Deaf	\$8,966,575	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$995,512	\$9,962,087
5521600	Hearing Aid Donations	\$0	\$0	\$912	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,912
7272000	Disability Determination Services IT	\$0	\$1,873,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,873,800
7334000	DDS Medical and Transportation	\$0	\$8,034,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,034,000
7373000	Disability Determination Services	\$635,000	\$36,265,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,900,700
7434000	DDS EST Medical and Transportation	\$0	\$780,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$780,000
7474000	Disability Determination Services EST	\$0	\$8,585,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,585,500
8282000	DRS Support Services IT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,953,500	\$1,953,500
8383000	DRS Support Services	\$381,057	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,640,739	\$3,021,796
8383001	DRS Support Services MSD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,453,059	\$3,453,059
8383002	DRS Support Services FSD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,423,100	\$1,423,100
8383009	Credit Card Participation Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
9553001	OSD Swimming Pool	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9553002	OSD Emergency Warning System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9553004	OSD Elevator Griffing Read	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$844,425	\$844,425
9553005	OSD Dorm Renovation	\$2,408,921	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$944,526	\$3,353,447
9553006	OSD HVAC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,064	\$750,064

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9553007	OSD General Site Work	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$576,224	\$576,224
9553008	OSD Vocational Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9553009	OSD Roof Repair Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$523,280	\$523,280
9553010	OSD Masonry Repair	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9553011	OSD Superintendent's Residence	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$134,166	\$134,166
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$34,875,002</b>	<b>\$109,088,891</b>	<b>\$327,407</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,874,990</b>	<b>\$161,166,290</b>

- Local funding not included in other categories: N/A
- "Other" funding (as % of total "Other"): 1515000 state carryover .41%; 1534000 state carryover .42%; 1717002 FCC non-federal grant .78%; 2321800 revolving existing cash .03%; 2323000 inter-agency .02% and state carryover .59%; 2323005 state carryover .59%; 2323007 state carryover 1.35% and inter-agency .47%; 2727006 state carryover 2.96%; 2828001 BEP vendor benefits 2.96%; 2828002 inter-agency .08%; 3221600 revolving existing cash .12%; 3232036 inter-agency .30%; 4321201 inter-agency .04%; 4343000 inter-agency 3.20% and eRate .09% and misc. revenue .02%; 5221301 inter-agency .06%; 5221600 revolving existing cash .09%; 5321301 inter-agency .12%; 5323500 revolving existing cash .30%; 5353000 surplus .02% and inter-agency 5.67% and eRate .16% and misc. revenue .06%; 5521600 revolving existing cash .59%; 8282000 indirect cost recovery 11.58%; 8383000 indirect cost recovery 15.58% and state carryover .07%; 8383001 indirect cost recovery 20.46%; 8383002 indirect cost recovery 8.43%; 8383009 credit card fees .02%; 9553004 state carryover 5.00%; 9553005 state carryover 5.60%; 9553006 state carryover 4.45%; 9553007 state carryover 3.41%; 9553009 state carryover 3.10%; and 9553011 state carryover .80%.

**FY'21 Carryover by Funding Source**

Class Fund #	Carryover Class Fund Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total
35X00	Rehabilitation Services Disbursing Fund	\$4,781,874					\$4,781,874
34000	DRS Medical and Assistance Fund	\$70,500					\$70,500
21300	OK School for the Deaf Revolving Fund						\$0
21600	Donation Fund			\$135,000			\$135,000
21800	Interpreter Certification Fund			\$5,000			\$5,000
23500	Telecommunications for Hearing Impaired Fund			\$50,000			\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,852,374</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,042,374</b>

- Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories: N/A
- Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable: N/A

**What changes did the agency make between FY'21 and FY'22?**

- 1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?**  
Services continue to be provided for existing clients with barriers to employment. Through order of selection, new applicants are placed on a wait list for services.
- 2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?**  
DRS is not permitted to cap or limit services needed by current clients in order to reach their employment goals. Instead DRS must control costs, implement state budget reductions and absorb inflationary increases in goods and services by delaying services to new applicants starting with those whose disabilities are determined to be least significant.
- 3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?**  
All priority groups remained closed during SFY-21 as new applicants were placed on a wait list for services; however, the waiting list continued to be worked. During SFY-2021 there were 3,571 participants removed from the waiting list to receive services.
- 4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required?**  
DRS processed the following pay raises this past year: competitive promotion 21, skill based pay upon receiving CRC certification 9, unclassified appointments/adjustments 15; equity 22; market adjustment 2; reallocation 4; career progression 55 including 15 for DDS which is federally funded; and intra-agency transfer 1.

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2323000	DVR/DSBVI Non IT	\$3,455,000	\$16,313,824	\$0	\$104,152	\$19,872,976	162.15%
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<b>Total</b>		<b>\$39,724,002</b>	<b>\$118,325,980</b>	<b>\$327,407</b>	<b>\$16,874,990</b>	<b>\$175,252,379</b>	<b>8.74%</b>

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**FY'23 Top Five Operational Appropriation Funding Requests**

Request by Priority	Request Description	Appropriation Request Amount (\$)
Request 1:	OSB - Annual Maintenance Request	\$406,000
Request 2:	OSD - Annual Maintenance Request	\$613,000
Request 3:	DVR/DSBVI - Maintain necessary state match and maintenance of effort funding	\$2,500,000
Request 4:	DVR/DSBVI - State funding to offset the federal unallowable portion of Pathfinder	\$555,000
Request 5:	DDS - State funding to offset the federal unallowable portion of Pathfinder	\$775,000
<b>Top Five Request Subtotal:</b>		<b>\$4,849,000</b>
<b>Total Increase above FY-21 Budget (including all requests)</b>		<b>\$ 4,849,000</b>
Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:		\$0

**Does the agency have any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees?**

The majority of funding for DRS comes from Federal Programs and 69% of the DRS employees are paid utilizing federal funds. Currently, 32% of these employees are subject to the Pathfinder system. Through attrition it is expected that this percentage will only increase. The employer portion paid under account code 513300 to the state's defined benefit plan (OPERS) for employees participating in the state's defined contribution plan (Pathfinder) is anticipated to increase at the agency level from \$970k in FY21 to \$2.3 mil by FY26 as new employees are hired. Because this is an unallowable expenditure on federal grants, any dollars expended under 513300 cannot be drawn on the Basic Support and Social Security Disability grants and also cannot be used as state match for Basic Support. This requires an equivalent amount of state dollars to cover the expenditure for Basic Support and DDS. Based on hiring trends, anticipated additional state dollars will be required the following years for both Basic Support and DDS: FY23 \$1.330 mil; FY24 \$1.476 mil; FY25 \$1.622 mil; and FY26 \$1.767 mil. In addition, all expenditures for 513300 are excluded from indirect cost recovery resulting in an additional loss of federal dollars and possible increase to future indirect cost rates.

**How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '23 as was received in FY '22? (Flat/ 0% change)**

DRS's SFY-21 and SFY-22 state appropriations decreased (\$1,434,097) or (3.95%) compared to SFY-20. As a result, DRS forfeited \$5.7 million in unmatched funds from the FFY-2020 grant, \$6.6 million from the FFY-2021 grant, will forfeit \$8.5 million in unmatched funds from the FFY-2022 grant as well as incur a maintenance of effort (MOE) penalty, and is estimated to forfeit \$8.7 million in unmatched funds from the FFY-2023 grant as well as incur a MOE penalty.

Annually, OSB and OSD are faced with scheduled increases to teacher salaries and do not receive funding from local ad valorem taxes or the State Department of Education funding formula to compensate for these additional costs. Without the annual maintenance funding and information technology increases for both schools, the school's operational budgets would be reduced to provide for the increases in teacher salary.

**How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '23?**

Because we must provide a 21.3% funding match to be eligible to receive the 78.7% allotment of federal funds under Basic Support, a 2% loss of state appropriations would result in forfeiting appx. \$9.3 million federal funds and incurring a maintenance of effort (MOE) penalty of appx. \$853k. In addition, OSB and OSD funding would be reduced by a total of \$396k. As a result, the following actions would be taken:

- 1 Holding and/or elimination of vacancies
- 2 Reduction in travel, supplies, printing, and equipment
- 3 Reduction in client services

**Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '23?**

	Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1	No fees increases are anticipated	
Increase 2		
Increase 3		

**What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?**

Description of request in order of priority	Appropriated Amount (\$)	Submitted to LRCP? (Yes/No)	
Priority 1	OSB - New Cafeteria	\$5,880,831	Yes
Priority 2	OSB - Auditorium Remodel	\$795,271	Yes
Priority 3	OSB - Boys Dormitory Remodel	\$529,200	Yes

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Federal Funds							
CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 22 budgeted	FY 21	FY 20	FY 19	FY 18
84.126	<b>Voc Rehabilitation Grant (Basic Support, Title I)</b> Formula grant from U.S. Dept of Ed; 21.3% state match Provides assistance to individuals with disabilities statewide to obtain gainful employment in careers of their choice.	2323000; 2323003; 2323005; 2323006; 2323007; 2323008; 2323009; 2323013; 2323033; 2727000;	\$50,592,445	\$32,313,553	\$38,156,350	\$39,420,793	\$37,821,986
93.369	<b>Independent Living</b> Formula grant from U.S. Dept of Ed; 10% state match Provides services to severely disabled persons allowing them to function more independently within the home and community. independently within the home and the community.	1214000; 1414000	\$338,717	\$383,385	\$301,965	\$363,958	\$235,998
84.177	<b>IL Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind</b> Formula grant from U.S. Dept of Ed; 10% state match Provides independent living skills and other services to blind and severely visually impaired individuals age 55 and older.	1215000; 1515000; 1534000	\$352,662	\$387,187	\$294,864	\$398,720	\$349,482
84.187	<b>Supported Employment</b> Formula grant from U.S. Dept of Ed; 10% state match on the 50% of award set aside for youth  Provides services leading to competitive employment integrated jobs in the community for individuals who have severe developmental and/or mental disabilities and competitive employment has not occurred.	2727000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
96.001	<b>SSA Disability Program</b> Program income/reimbursement from Social Security Administration Reimbursement is based on successful rehabilitation of social security recipients.	1141000	\$2,000,000	\$2,910,974	\$1,588,930	\$1,365,680	\$1,950,974
96.001	<b>SSA Disability Program</b> Formula grant from Social Security Admin; no state match Provides determination of medical eligibility for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income Programs.	7272000; 7373000; 7474000	\$55,539,000	\$45,663,296	\$44,619,093	\$45,317,949	\$43,635,057
84.426	<b>Randolph-Sheppard Financial Relief and Restoration Payments (FRRP)</b> Formula grant from U.S. Dept of Ed; no state match Provides one-time financial relief and restoration payment to BEP Licenses Managers to offset losses that occurred during calendar year 2020 due to Covid	2828003	\$11,884	\$158,873	\$0	\$0	\$0

Federal Government Impact	
<b>1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?</b>	The money received for Basic Support is part of an entitlement grant that supports the activities of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act reauthorized as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The level of support provided to the State of Oklahoma is 78.7% with a 21.3% State match. Funds supporting the Independent Living and Independent Living for the Older Blind are provided at a level of 90% with a 10% State match. Supported Employment funds are provided to serve the most severely disabled, with a 10% state match required on 50% of the award set aside for youth.  The Social Security Administration utilizes a Designated State Unit to adjudicate disability claims. The Department of Rehabilitation Services is the DSU for the SSA and the federal funding level is 100%.
<b>2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?</b>	SSA funds DRS's Disability Determination Services based on caseload work. The funding from SSA is adequate. As for Basic Support, Independent Living, Independent Living for the Older Blind, and Supported Employment, the funding is not adequate. According to the latest census data, there are 622,449 Oklahomans with disabilities. When all priority groups are open, DRS is able to serve about 18,000 cases for the year; however, that number decreases when order of selection is in place.
<b>3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?</b>	Individuals with disabilities would not receive services provided by DRS. The scope of services includes the daily support provided through the social security disability insurance program and the training or re-training to become employed. Either program provides vital services to support and restore individual's lives as they work to overcome any limitation as a result of their disability.
<b>4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?</b>	The ratio of available funding is \$4 federal dollars to every \$1 dollar of state matching funds. Federal funds from the Basic Support (Title I) grant through U.S. Dept of Ed. are contingent upon the State of Oklahoma providing the minimum 21.3% funding match to be eligible to receive the full 78.7% allotment of federal funding. Increased funding maximizes services to Oklahomans with disabilities, enhancing their opportunity to become self-sufficient through working and becoming independent in their homes and communities. This means more Oklahomans can terminate their dependence on state and federal programs and move toward becoming taxpayers, which positively impacts the stability of the Oklahoma economy. As a result of the 3.95% appropriation reduction in SFY-21, Oklahoma forfeited \$5.7 million in unmatched funds from the FFY-2020 grant, \$6.6 million from the FFY-2021 grant, and will forfeit \$8.5 million in unmatched funds from the FFY-2022 grant as well as incur a maintenance of effort (MOE) penalty. The requested \$2.5 million in VR/SBVI would prevent the State of Oklahoma from forfeiting additional federal funds from the 2023 grant.
<b>5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?</b>	The agency has not applied for additional federal dollars.

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FY'22 Budgeted FTE							
Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Classified	Unclassified	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$\$\$
11-36	Voc Rehab/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired	70.0	329.3	24.0	100.3	246.0	7.0
42-43	Oklahoma School for the Blind	11.0	56.0	43.0	50.0	45.0	4.0
52-55; 95	Oklahoma School for the Deaf	17.0	68.8	58.5	61.3	61.0	5.0
72-74	Disability Determination Services	45.0	324.0	71.3	1.0	339.5	54.8
38; 82-83	Administration (Support Services)	28.0	62.0	17.3	6.5	57.8	15.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>171.0</b>	<b>840.1</b>	<b>214.1</b>	<b>219.1</b>	<b>749.3</b>	<b>85.8</b>

FTE History						
Division #	Division Name	2022 Budgeted	2021	2020	2018	2013
11-36	Voc Rehab/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired	353.3	306.7	315.4	328.2	373.9
42-43	Oklahoma School for the Blind	99.0	91.4	89.6	83.5	90.2
52-55; 95	Oklahoma School for the Deaf	127.3	114.7	112.8	105.7	119.3
72-74	Disability Determination Services	395.3	337.8	303.5	314.9	291.4
38; 82-83	Administration (Support Services)	79.3	72.7	72.7	64.9	61.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,054.2</b>	<b>923.3</b>	<b>894.0</b>	<b>897.2</b>	<b>936.1</b>

Performance Measure Review					
	FY 21	FY 20	FY 19	FY 18	FY 17
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b>					
<b>Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/Services for Blind and Visually Impaired</b>					
1. Clients served	11,887	11,532	15,225	10,082	11,765
2. Program applications	3,549	3,868	4,424	4,614	6,212
3. Employment plans completed	2,329	2,420	3,964	1,114	2,830
4. Employment outcomes achieved	956	1,310	1,115	1,460	2,014
5. Average yearly earnings	\$ 25,397	\$ 24,558	\$ 23,409	\$ 22,299	\$ 22,212
6. Average cost of services per client	\$ 12,765	\$ 10,609	\$ 10,145	\$ 9,478	\$ 11,817
7. Average yearly taxes paid (based on 15% tax rate)	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,511	\$ 3,345	\$ 3,332
<i>data is SFY for FY 18 on; FFY all previous years</i>					
<b>Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped</b>					
<b>1. Services Provided</b>					
A. OLBPH patrons	5,072	5,385	4,798	5,000	4,945
B. Books circulated daily to patrons	488	569	580	807	797
C. Books received weekly by patrons	2,375	2,726	2,913	4,036	3,664
D. Daily inquiries	120	130	150	120	120
<b>2. Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Center</b>					
A. Children served	1,126	1,285	1,158	1,089	924
B. Average days for child to receive in-house books	2	1	1	2	2
C. Average days for child to receive ordered Braille	30	42	28 for book or 1 electronically	15	10
D. Average days for child to receive ordered large print	14	14	14	10	8
E. Total books/items in collection	8,080	8,560	2,686 titles/10,836 products	3,045	13,148
F. New Braille books purchased	30	22	9 titles/16 electronic files	48	78
G. New large print books purchased	229	160	216	229	222
H. New A&E's purchased	2,766	3,105	1,188	2,798	3,959
<b>3. Federal Quota Funds (Previous School Year)</b>					
A. Children eligible for textbooks	875	875	819	753	323
B. Funding	\$ 366,403	\$ 287,501	\$ 287,501	\$ 250,000	\$ 205,336

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	FY 21	FY 20	FY 19	FY 18	FY 17
<b>Oklahoma School for the Blind</b>					
1. Numbers of seniors	6	8	11	15	10
2. Seniors graduating	6	8	11	15	10
3. Graduation rate at OSB	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
4. Number of students taking the ACT *	7	0	6	7	14
5. Average ACT score *	17	0	18	20	14
6. Post graduate summary					
a. Currently attending college/Vo-tech	2	4	5	3	1
b. Employed	1	0	0	0	3
c. Unemployed (includes stay-at-home housewives)	2	4	2	5	6
d. VR/VS Transition program	1	0	4	7	0
e. Unavailable for survey	0	0	0	0	0
7. School census					
a. Residential students	61	58	63	65	59
b. Day students	29	25	31	32	30
c. Students enrolled for the year	90	83	94	97	89
d. Counties served	77	77	60	77	52
e. Students with multiple disabilities	9	6	5	4	12
f. Teacher to student ratio	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 5
g. Direct care specialist to student ratio	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 6	1 to 6
h. Summer school students *	63	0	65	45	62
i. Days of summer school *	8	0	10	10	10
8. Outreach program					
a. Direct services	5,212	8,410	4,522	1,809	2,487
b. Consultations and evaluations	152	200	212	299	280
c. Services to families	157	1401	1392	132	151
d. Services to schools	335	2041	1472	754	1708
e. Services to organizations	1	1141	1658	923	628
* FY20--No summer school and no ACT due to Covid					
<b>Oklahoma School for the Deaf</b>					
1. Numbers of seniors	10	11	9	11	8
2. Seniors graduating	10	11	8	11	8
3. Graduation rate at OSD	100.0%	100.0%	89.0%	100.0%	100.0%
4. Number of students taking the ACT *	12	0	8	6	7
5. Average ACT score *	15	0	12	13	15
6. Post graduate summary					
a. Currently attending college/Vo-tech	6	2	3	3	3
b. Employed	2	1	1	4	4
c. Unemployed (includes stay-at-home housewives)	1	8	2	4	1
d. VR/VS Transition program	0	0	0	0	0
e. Unavailable for survey	1	0	2	0	0
7. School census					
a. Residential students	67	80	84	87	73
b. Day students	30	32	53	50	72
c. Students enrolled for the year	97	112	137	137	145
d. Counties served	77	77	53	52	69
e. Students w/multiple disabilities	10	11	9	4	5
f. Teacher to student ratio	1 to 4	1 to 5	1 to 4	1 to 5	1 to 5
g. Direct care specialist to student ratio	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4	1 to 4
h. Summer school students *	70	0	97	85	52
i. Days of summer school *	8	0	6	6	6
j. Satellite preschool programs	3	3	2	2	2
k. Students in satellite preschool programs	14	21	22	17	16
8. Outreach program					
a. Direct services		29,428	27,396	29,713	32,606
b. Consultations and evaluations		2,648	2,466	2,858	3,170
c. Services to families		14,129	13,150	14,062	15,851
d. Services to schools		8,827	8,219	9,917	10,998
e. Services to organizations		3,824	3,561	2,333	2,587
9. Individuals served					
a. All students served (OSD students at Sulphur, Chickasha & Edmond; external services; FEELS family engagement & early learning support; and summer camp)	385				32,606
b. Oklahoma Educational Interpreter Training Institute (OEITI)	59				3,170
c. ASL family and community classes	11,720				15,851
d. Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program					10,998
Equipment distribution	168				
Senior citizens hearing aid Fund 235	182				
Senior citizens hearing aid donations Fund 216	202				
Children's hearing aid	6				
Speech equipment	4				
Loaner equipment	2				
* FY20--No summer school and no ACT due to Covid					



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<b>Disability Determination Services (DDS)</b>	<b>FY 21</b>	<b>FY 20</b>	<b>FY 19</b>	<b>FY 18</b>	<b>FY 17</b>
1. Budgeted workload	74,848	71,605	88,122	84,681	92,867
2. Disability benefits cases completed	74,223	71,605	89,997	92,547	98,973
3. Processed budgeted workload	99.0%	100.0%	102.1%	109.3%	106.6%
4. Performance indicators					
a. Decision accuracy rate Oklahoma	94.5%	95.3%	92.4%	94.5%	94.9%
b. Decision accuracy rate national	93.4%	96.9%	94.3%	94.7%	94.5%
c. Processing time (days of receipt)	130.7	95.4	89.9	81.2	87.3

*Based on FFY. Current year is estimated as of 9/9/21; prior years are actual.*

<b>Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)</b>			
	<b>FY'19-21 Avg. Revenues</b>	<b>FY'19-21 Avg. Expenditures</b>	<b>June '21 Balance</b>
<b>Fund 205 School for the Blind/Deaf Revolving Fund</b>			
<i>Revenue from tax refund donations, to fund programs for OSB and OSD.</i>	\$0	\$0	\$21,661
<b>Fund 212 OK School for the Blind Revolving Fund</b>			
<i>Revenue from Career Technology and income from land; provides special educational services for OSB. (Also revenue received in previous years from Medicaid for OSB medical services.)</i>	\$18,218	\$13,613	\$83,671
<b>Fund 213 OK School for the Deaf Revolving Fund</b>			
<i>Revenue from Career Technology; provides special educational services for OSD. (Also revenue received in previous years from Medicaid for OSD medical services.)</i>	\$22,524	\$14,404	\$361,031
<b>Fund 216 Donation Fund</b>			
<i>Revenue from donations for OSB, OSD, Sr Citizen Hearing Aids (OSD), Oklahoma Library for the Blind, and DVR/DSBVI; for the benefit of each as received.</i>	\$308,118	\$217,096	\$847,443
<b>Fund 218 Interpreter Certification Fund</b>			
<i>Revenue from fees; provides financial support for the Interpreter Certification Program.</i>	\$20,087	\$17,242	\$26,715
<b>Fund 235 Telecommunications for Hearing Impaired Fund</b>			
<i>Revenue from telecommunications tax on land lines; funds adaptive equipment and hearing aids for deaf and hearing impaired individuals, primarily senior citizens.</i>	\$291,659	\$268,810	\$512,626