

REPORT  
FROM

The Public Administration and  
Appropriations Committee

EXAMINATION  
OF

The Statements of Expenditure for the First, Second and Third  
Quarters of the financial year 2021, with respect to:

- Recurrent Expenditure; and
- Development Programme - Consolidated Fund and  
Infrastructure Development Fund.

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This Report of the PAAC for the Twelfth Parliament contains the details of the examination of the Statements of Expenditure for the first, second and third quarters of the financial year 2021, with respect to:

- Recurrent Expenditure;
- Development Programme - Consolidated Fund; and
- Infrastructure Development Fund.

The Committee in the discharge of its Parliamentary Financial Oversight function of monitoring the implementation of the budget focused on Recurrent Expenditure, Development Programme - Consolidated Fund and Infrastructure Development Fund. The objective of the Committee's inquiry was to determine the level of expenditure by Ministries and Departments for fiscal 2021.

The Committee made a general call for written submissions from the Ministries and Departments and then focused on a review and analysis of the written submissions. The Committee submits the analysis of the Statements of Expenditure in Chapter 3.

# INTRODUCTION

## **The Committee**

The PAAC of the Twelfth Republican Parliament was established by the revised Standing Orders to:

- examine the current public expenditure, thereby capturing the full budget cycle by providing Parliamentary oversight of the implementation of the budget; and
- conduct a real-time examination of the expenditure of Ministries and Departments (M&Ds).

In the 12th Parliament, the Members of the Committee were appointed by resolutions of the House of Representatives and the Senate at sittings held on Friday November 9, 2020 and Tuesday November 17, 2020 respectively.

## **Chairman & Vice-Chairman**

By virtue of S.O. 109(6) and 99(6) of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively, the Chairman of the Committee is the Speaker. At its First Meeting held on November 25, 2020, Dr. Lackram Bodoie was elected as the Vice-Chairman.

## **Quorum**

Additionally, in order to exercise the powers granted to it by the House, the Committee was required by the Standing Orders to have a quorum. A quorum of three (3) Members, inclusive of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, with representatives from both Houses, was agreed to by the Committee at its First Meeting.

## METHODOLOGY

### Determination of the Committee's Work Programme

Given Ministries and Departments were approaching the middle of the financial year, the Committee agreed that it would examine the expenditure of Ministries and Departments of the Statements of Expenditure for the first, second and third quarters of the financial year 2020/2021. Further details on each Ministry and Department analyzed can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.ttparliament.org/publications.php?mid=92>

### Review of Documents

The Committee deliberated on the Statements of Expenditure for the first, second and third quarters of the financial year 2020/2021, with respect to:

- ✓ Recurrent Expenditure;
- ✓ Development Programme - Consolidated Fund; and
- ✓ Infrastructure Development Fund.

### The Inquiry Process

The following Inquiry Process outlines steps taken by the Committee in the conduct of the exercise:

- i. A Circular Letter was sent to all Ministries and Departments in March 2021 requesting their Statements of Expenditure for the first and second quarter of the financial year 2020/2021;
- ii. A second Circular Letter was sent to all Ministries and Departments on August 2021 requesting their Statements of Expenditure for the period April 1 to June 31 of the financial year 2020/2021;
- iii. Based on the responses received, the Committee agreed to draft a report focusing on Ministries and Departments spending over the first and third quarters as well as the month ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, to keep Parliament informed on how the budget allocations are being released; and
- iv. To facilitate the presentation of data in this report, Ministries and Departments were categorized based on the sum of allocations received, according to the following:
  - Allocations below **\$50,000,000**;
  - Allocations between **\$50,000,000** and **\$125,000,000**;

- Allocations between \$125,000,000 and \$710,000,000; and
- Allocations above \$710,000,000.

### Request for Information

The Committee sent a Circular Memorandum dated March 2021 to the following Ministries and Departments:

| HEAD | Ministry and Department                                      |
|------|--|
| 01   | President  |
| 02   | Auditor General  |
| 04   | Industrial Court   |
| 05   | Parliament   |
| 06   | Service Commissions  |
| 08   | Elections and Boundaries Commission                          |
| 09   | Tax Appeal Board   |
| 11   | Registration, Recognition and Certification Board            |
| 12   | Public Service Appeal Board                                  |
| 13   | Office of the Prime Minister                                 |
| 15   | Tobago House of Assembly                                     |
| 16   | Central Administrative Services, Tobago                      |
| 17   | Personnel Department   |
| 18   | Ministry of Finance  |
| 22   | Ministry of National Security                                |
| 23   | Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs           |
| 26   | Ministry of Education  |
| 28   | Ministry of Health   |
| 30   | Ministry of Labour   |
| 31   | Ministry of Public Administration and Digital Transformation |
| 37   | Integrity Commission   |
| 38   | Environmental Commission                                     |
| 39   | Ministry of Public Utilities                                 |
| 40   | Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries                     |



| <b>HEAD</b> | <b>Ministry and Department</b>                     |
|-------------|--|
| <b>42</b>   | Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government |
| <b>43</b>   | Ministry of Works and Transport                    |
| <b>48</b>   | Ministry of Trade and Industry                     |
| <b>61</b>   | Ministry of Housing and Urban Development          |
| <b>64</b>   | Trinidad and Tobago Police Service                 |
| <b>65</b>   | Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs            |
| <b>67</b>   | Ministry of Planning and Development               |
| <b>75</b>   | Equal Opportunity Tribunal                         |
| <b>77</b>   | Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries        |
| <b>78</b>   | Ministry of Social Development and Family Services |
| <b>79</b>   | Ministry of Sport and Community Development        |
| <b>80</b>   | Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts          |
| <b>81</b>   | Ministry of Youth Development and National Service |

Ministries and Departments were grouped into categories based on the allocation received. The categories and respective Ministry and Departments are shown in the following tables:

**Allocations under \$50,000,000**

| <b>HEAD</b> | <b>Ministry and Departments</b>                   | <b>Allocation Received<br/>RE + DP</b> |
|-------------|---|--|
| <b>01</b>   | President   | 14,450,900                             |
| <b>02</b>   | Auditor General                                   | 33,224,720                             |
| <b>04</b>   | Industrial Court                                  | 42,120,000                             |
| <b>07</b>   | Statutory Authorities Service Commissions         | 7,625,590                              |
| <b>09</b>   | Tax Appeal Board                                  | 7,936,800                              |
| <b>11</b>   | Registration, Recognition and Certification Board | 3,974,100                              |
| <b>12</b>   | Public Service Appeal Board                       | 2,758,255                              |
| <b>16</b>   | Central Administrative Services, Tobago           | 36,073,045                             |
| <b>37</b>   | Integrity Commission                              | 8,648,452                              |

|           |                            |           |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>38</b> | Environmental Commission   | 8,123,010 |
| <b>75</b> | Equal Opportunity Tribunal | 0         |

Allocations over \$50,000,000 and up to \$125,000,000

| <b>HEAD</b> | <b>Ministry and Departments</b>     | <b>Allocation Received<br/>(RE+DP)</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>06</b>   | Service Commissions                 | 74,298,550                             |
| <b>08</b>   | Elections and Boundaries Commission | 74,875,000                             |
| <b>17</b>   | Personnel Department                | 45,393,900                             |

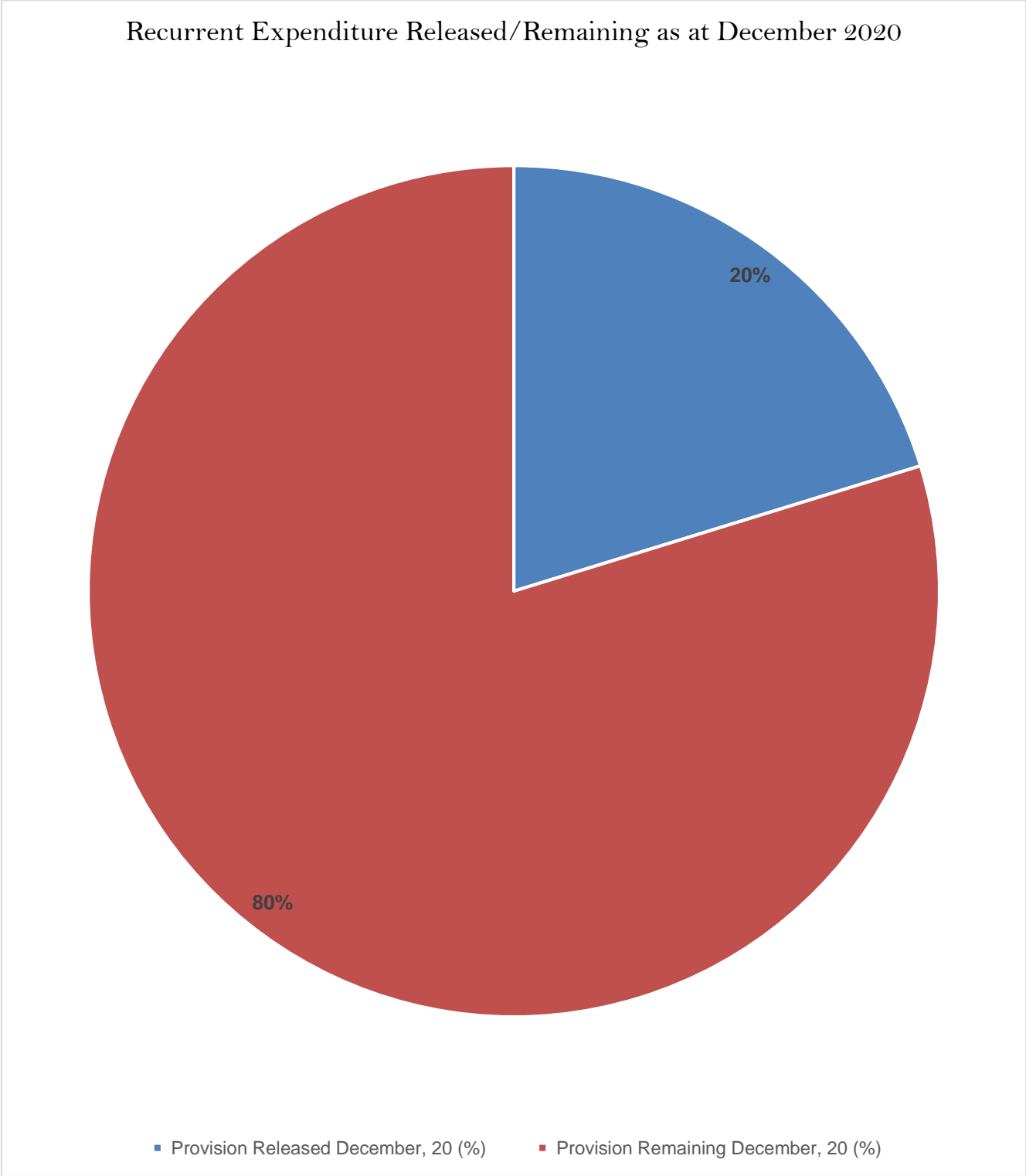
Allocations over \$125,000,000 up to \$710,000,000

| <b>HEAD</b> | <b>Ministry and Departments</b>                    | <b>Allocation Received<br/>(RE+DP)</b> |
|-------------|--|--|
| <b>05</b>   | Parliament   | 151,696,660                            |
| <b>13</b>   | Office of the Prime Minister                       | 471,111,325                            |
| <b>23</b>   | Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs | 356,077,200                            |
| <b>30</b>   | Ministry of Labour                                 | 427,624,132                            |
| <b>40</b>   | Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries           | 643,270,000                            |
| <b>48</b>   | Ministry of Trade and Industry                     | 200,081,489                            |
| <b>65</b>   | Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs            | 259,426,950                            |
| <b>67</b>   | Ministry of Planning and Development               | 271,403,350                            |
| <b>77</b>   | Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries        | 695,267,700                            |
| <b>79</b>   | Ministry of Sport and Community Development        | 296,266,209                            |
| <b>80</b>   | Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts          | 139,033,606                            |
| <b>81</b>   | Ministry of Youth Development and National Service | 232,346,729                            |

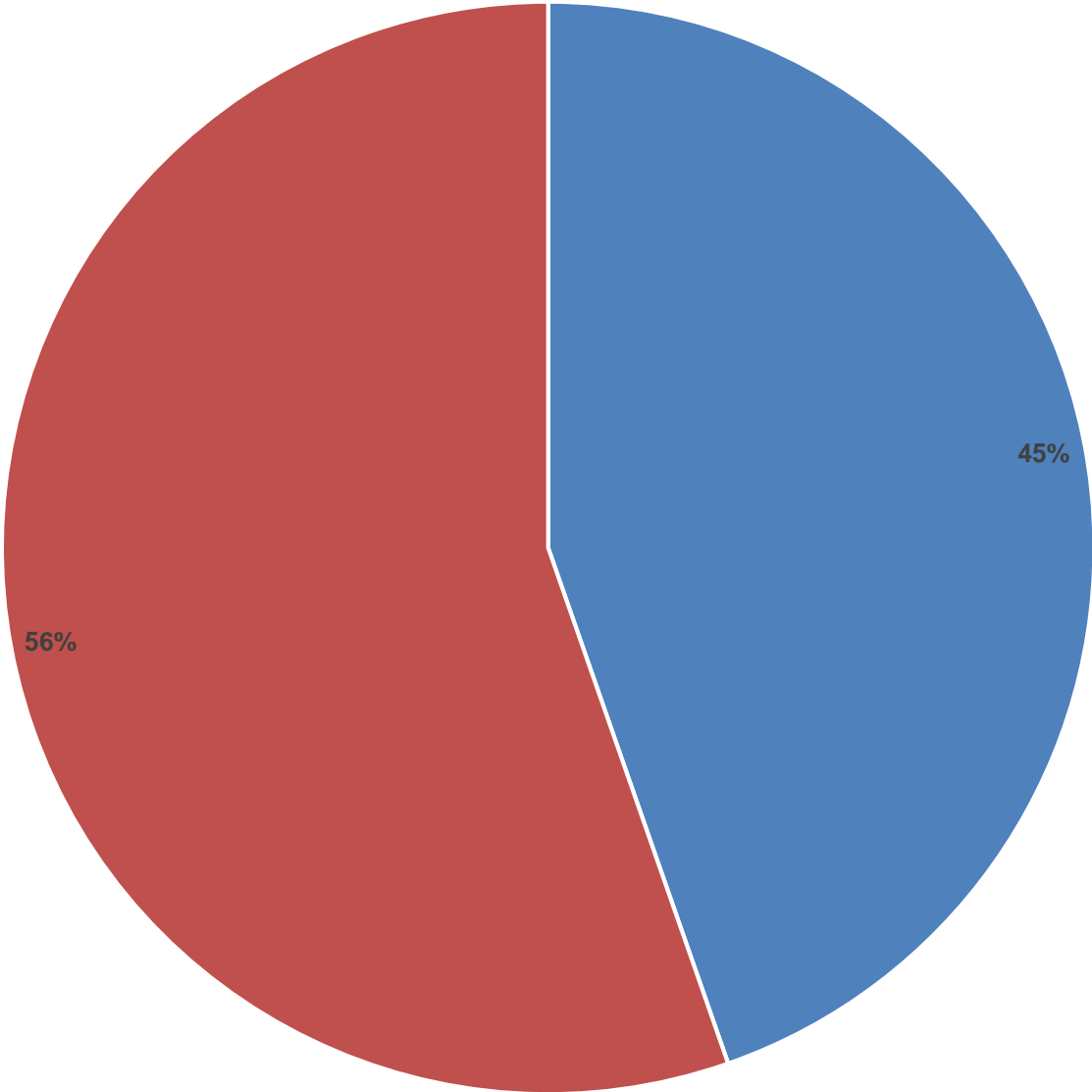
Allocations over **\$710,000,000**

| <b>HEAD</b> | <b>Ministry and Departments</b>                    | <b>Allocation Received<br/>(RE + DP)</b> |
|-------------|--|--|
| <b>15</b>   | Tobago House of Assembly                           | 2,116,000,000                            |
| <b>18</b>   | Ministry of Finance                                | 6,312,869,104                            |
| <b>22</b>   | Ministry of National Security                      | 2,768,958,858                            |
| <b>26</b>   | Ministry of Education                              | 5,070,856,830                            |
| <b>28</b>   | Ministry of Health                                 | 5,057,315,548                            |
| <b>31</b>   | Ministry of Public Administration                  | 1,207,530,475                            |
| <b>42</b>   | Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government | 2,304,204,253                            |
| <b>43</b>   | Ministry of Works and Transport                    | 2,417,253,141                            |
| <b>61</b>   | Ministry of Housing and Urban Development          | 844,028,300                              |
| <b>64</b>   | Trinidad and Tobago Police Service                 | 2,283,953,921                            |
| <b>78</b>   | Ministry of Social Development and Family Services | 4,963,845,000                            |

**Pie Chart illustrating Recurrent Expenditure as at December 2020**

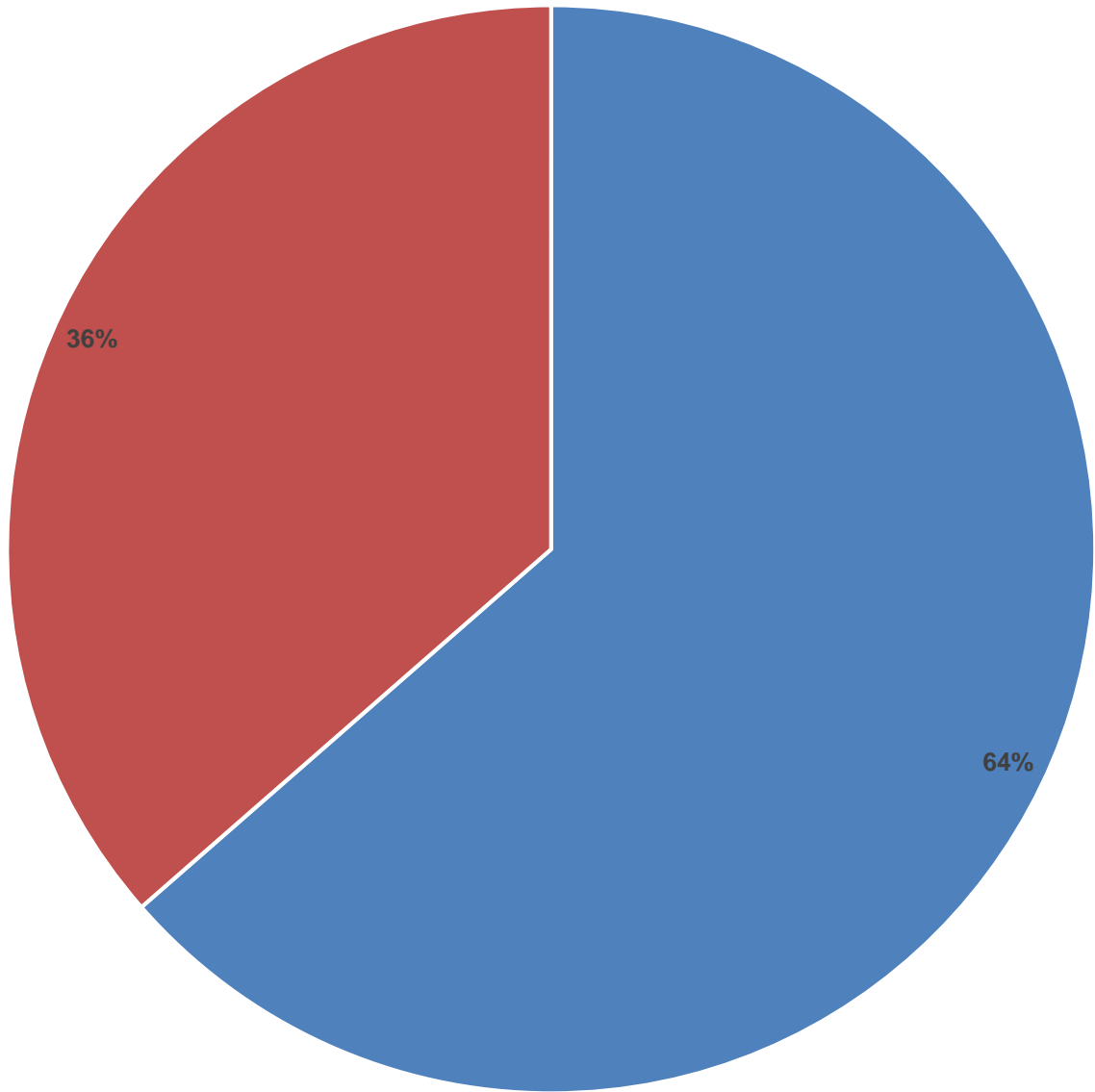


Recurrent Expenditure Released/Remaining as at March 2021



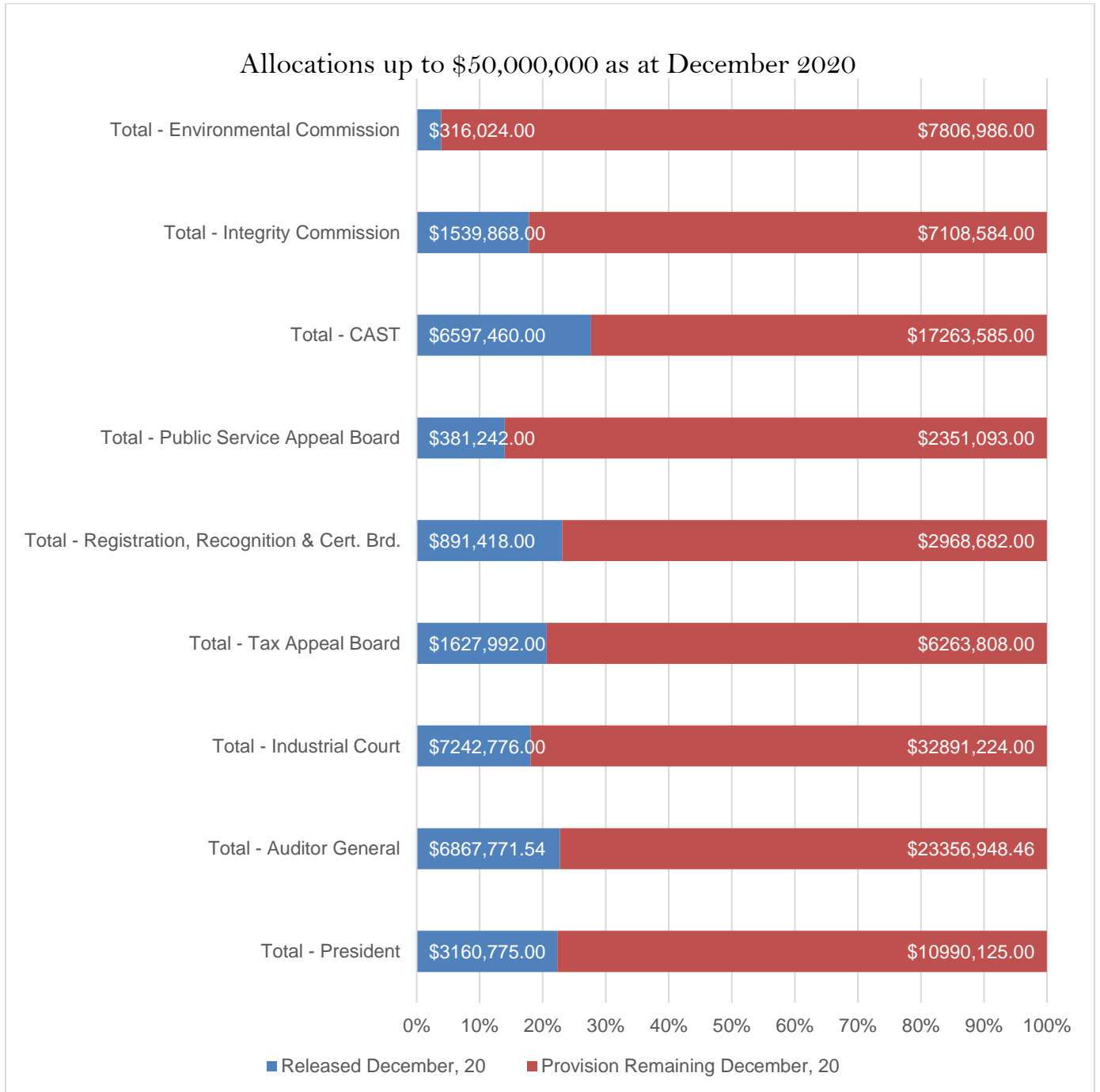
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## Recurrent Expenditure Released/Remaining as at June 2021

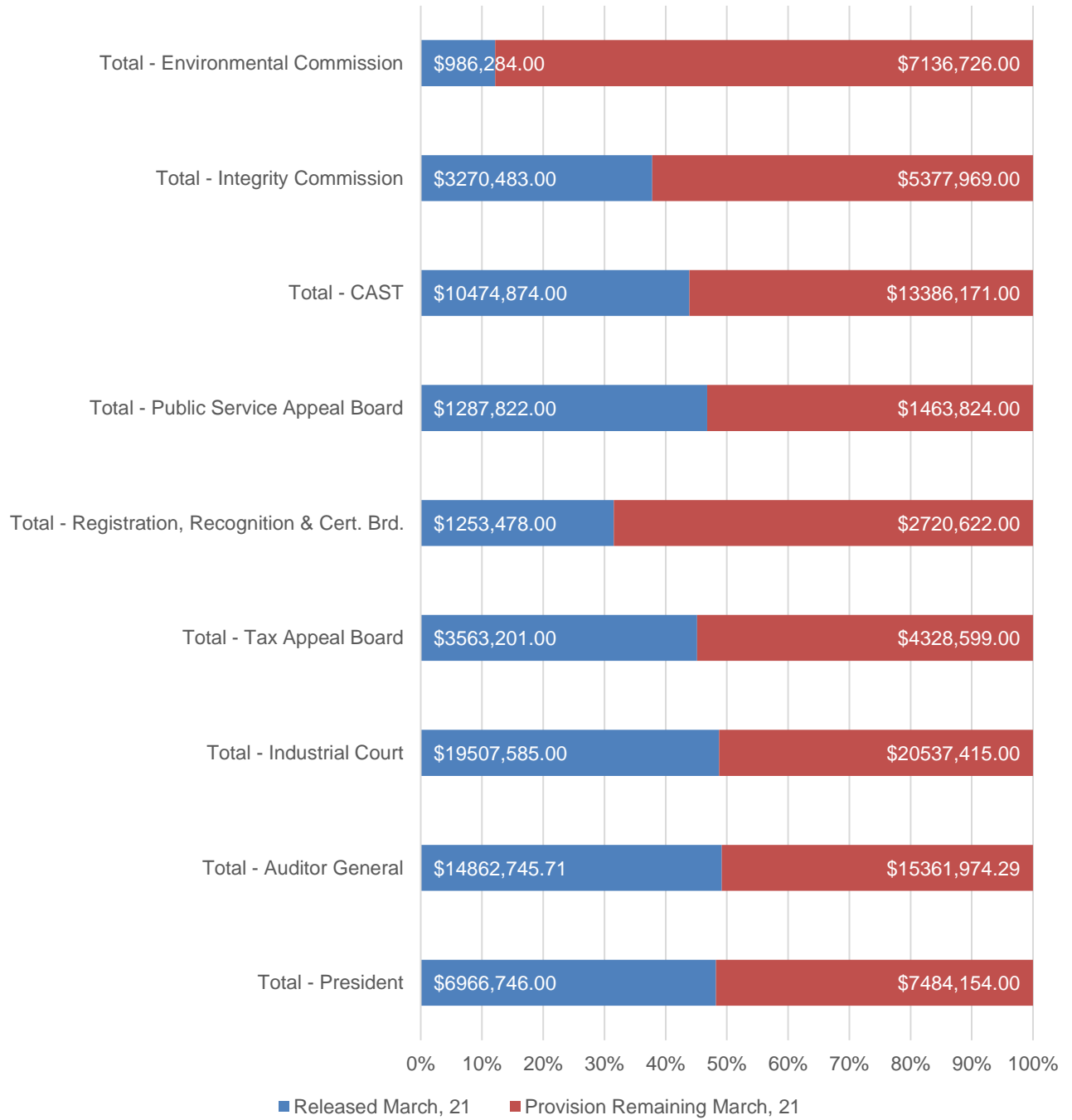


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**Chart illustrating releases to Ministries/Departments Allocated Up to \$50 Million**

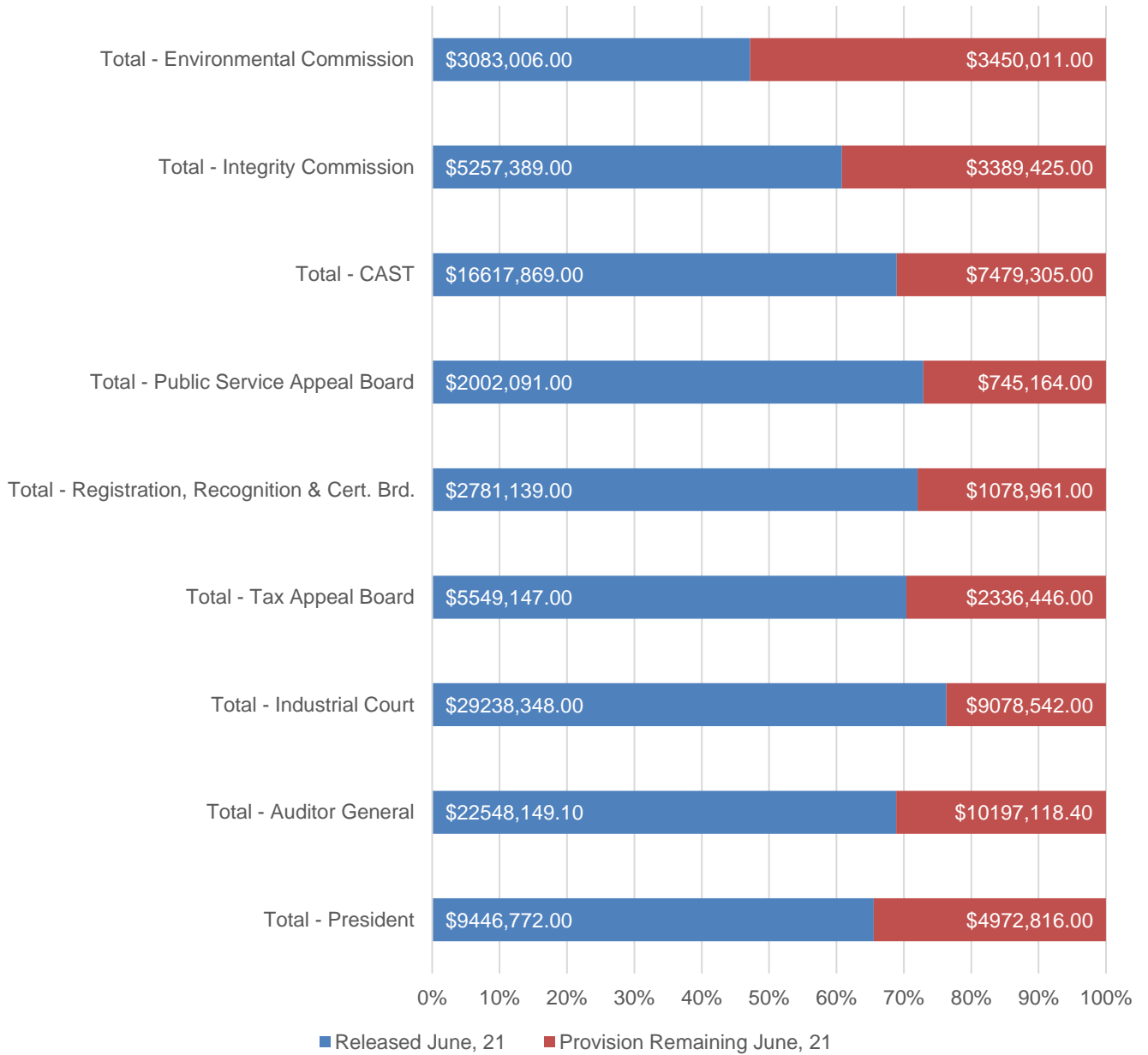


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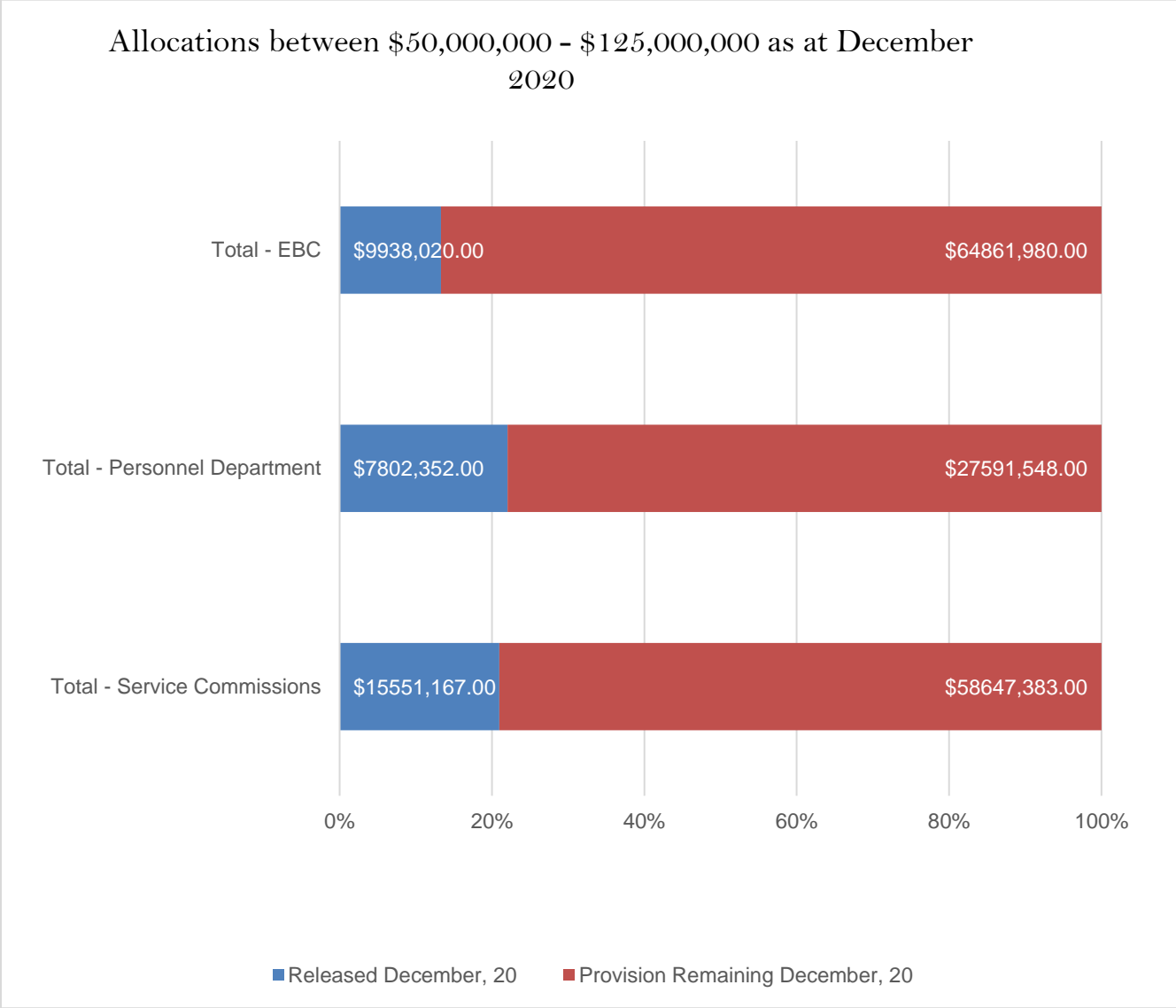




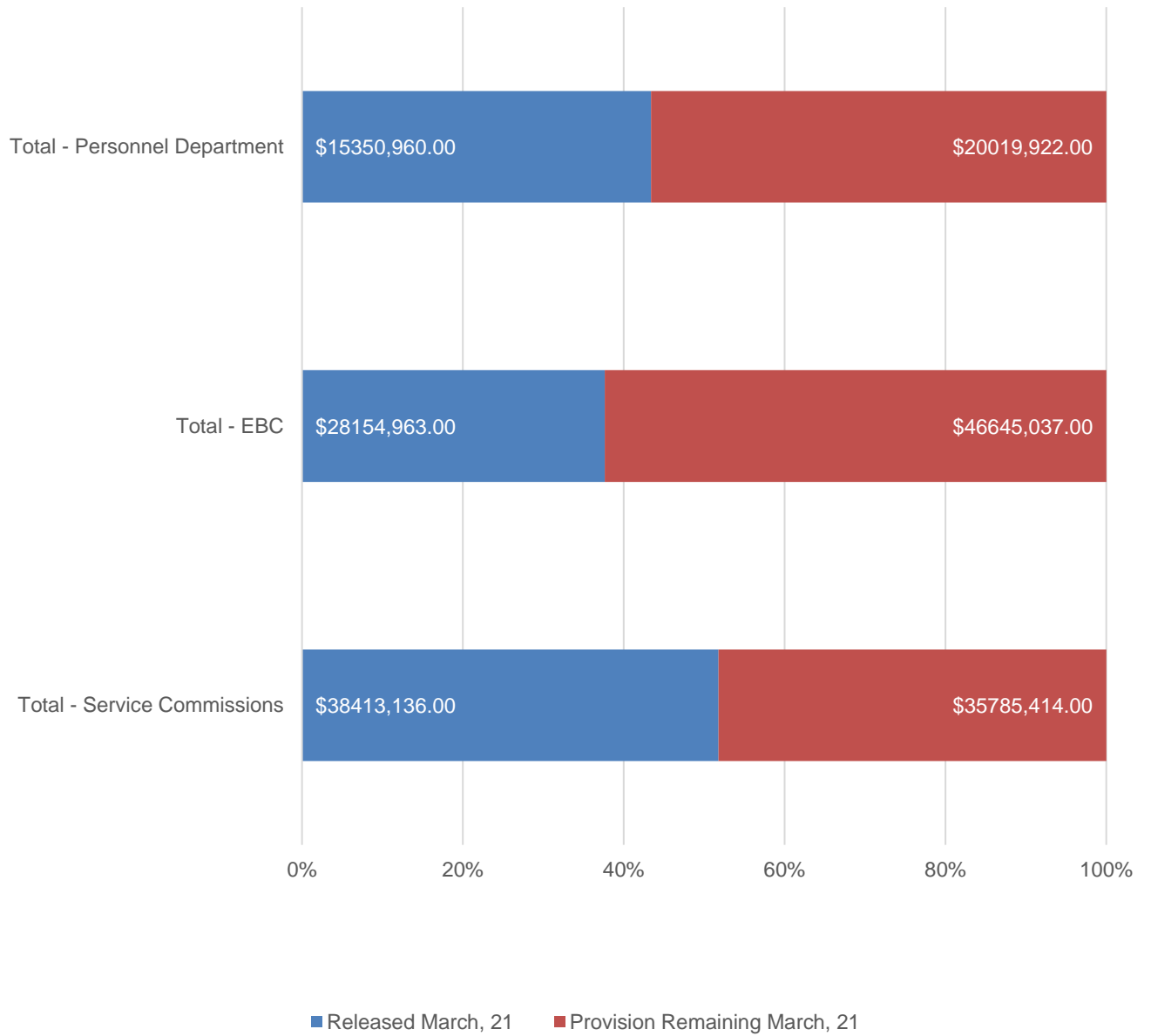
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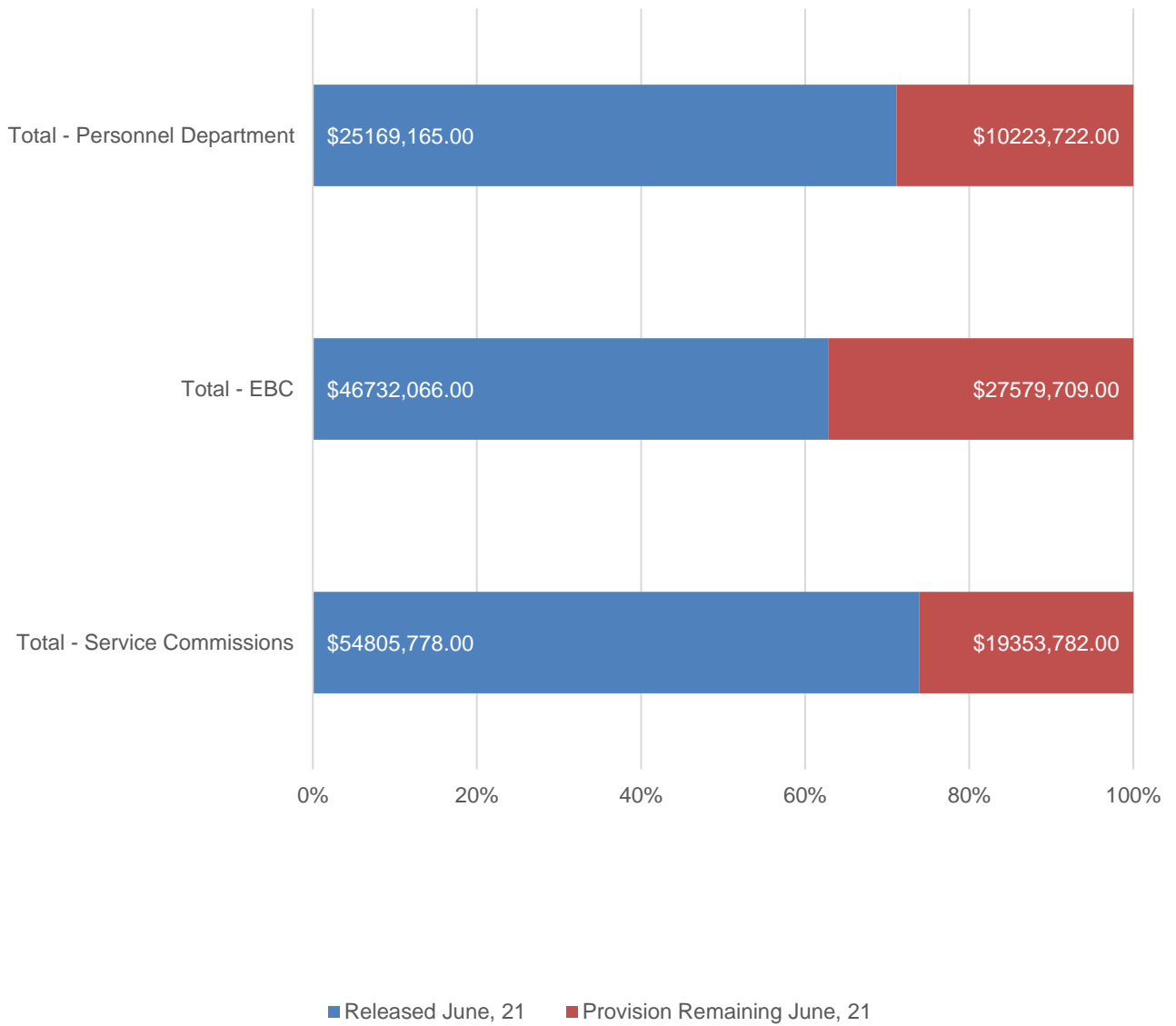
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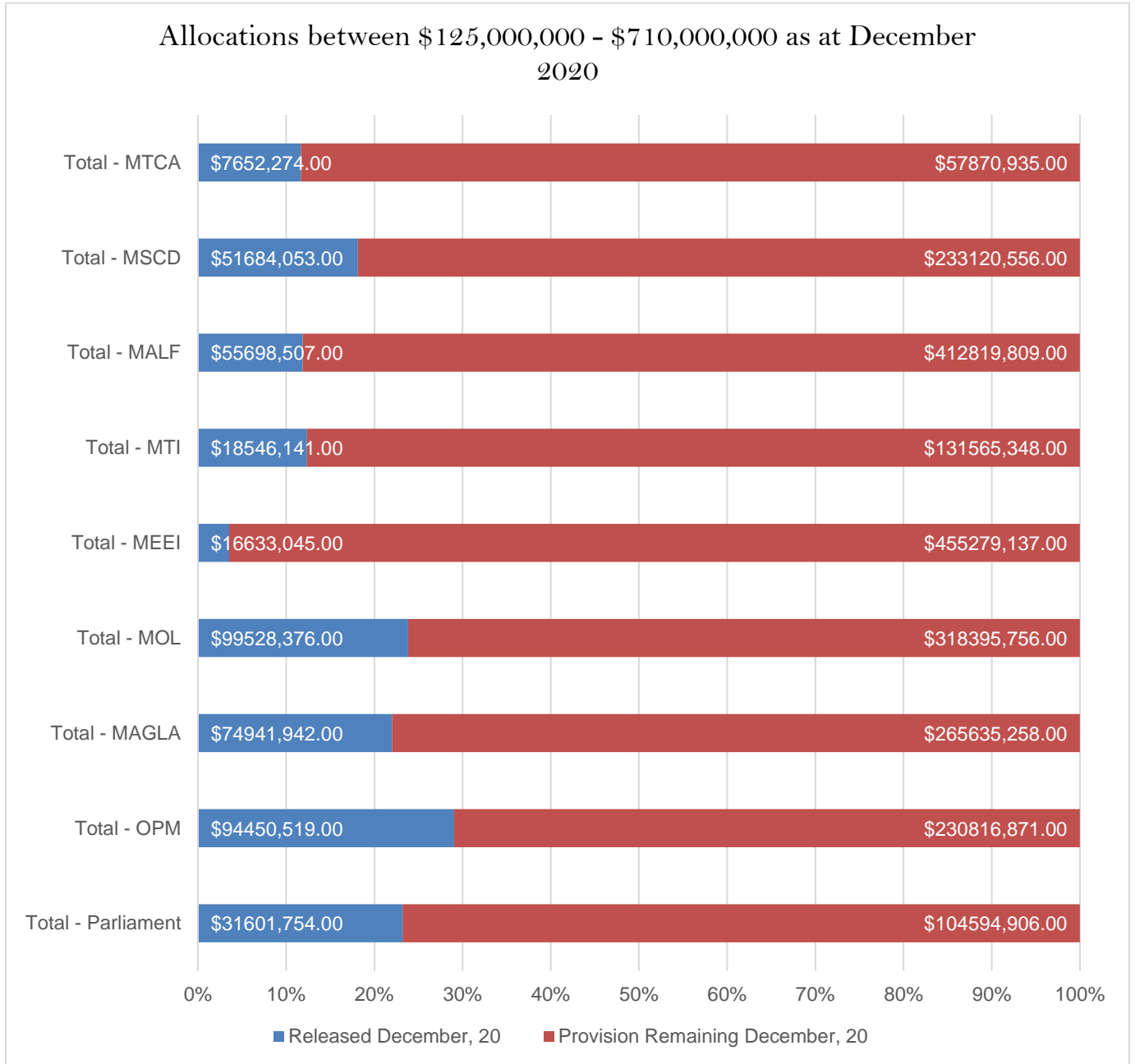
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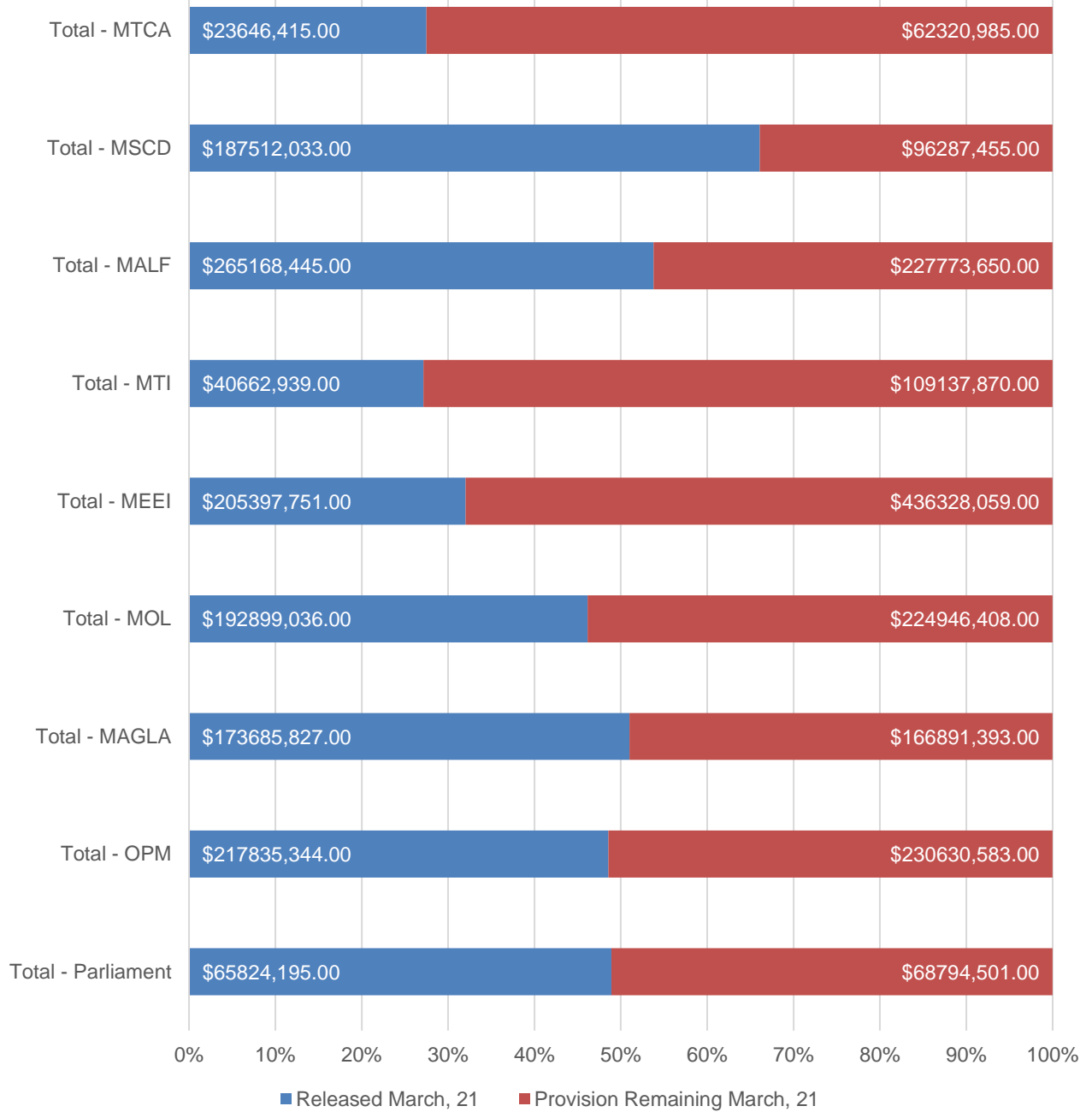
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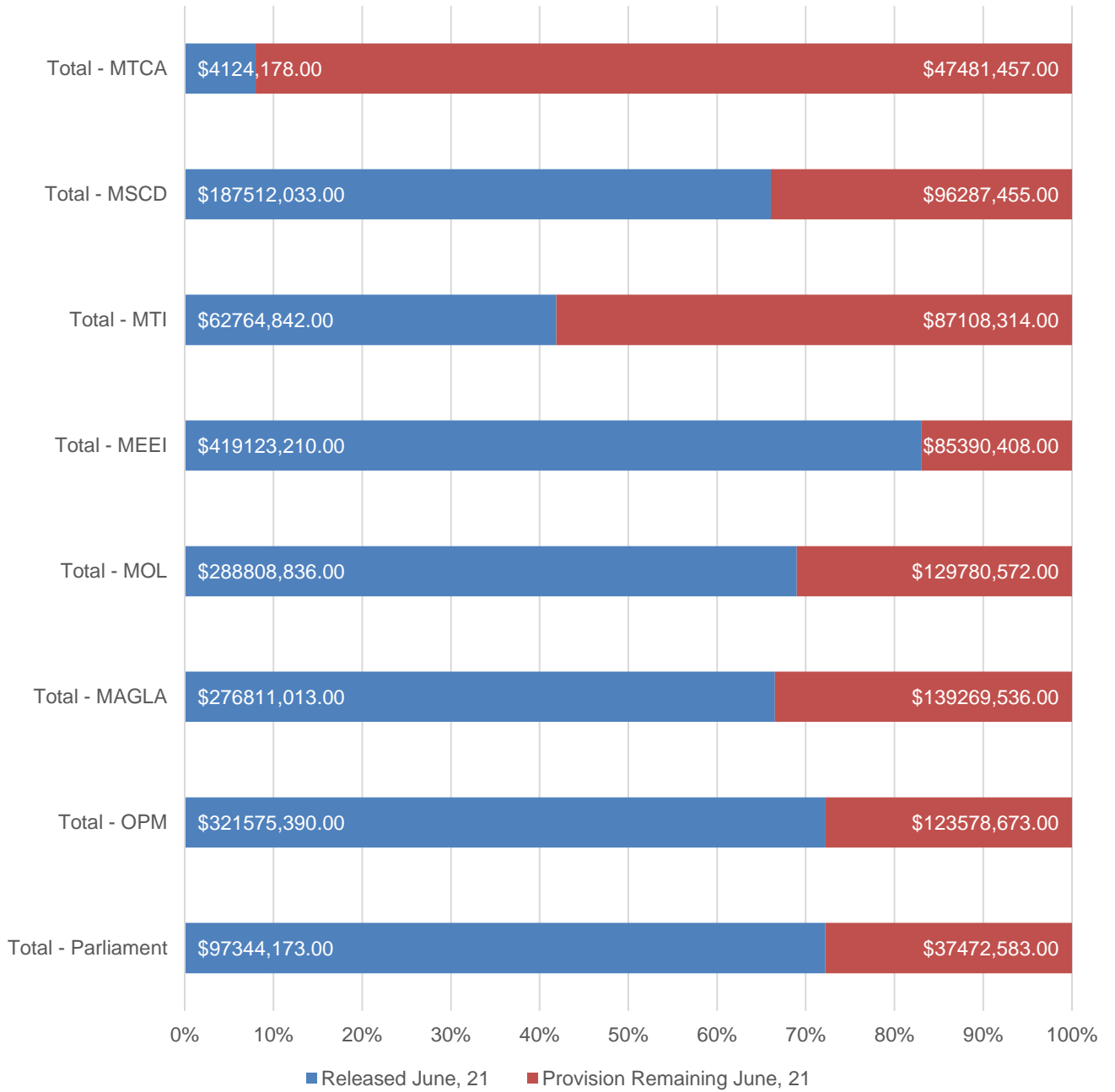
**Chart illustrating releases to Ministries/Departments Allocated Over \$125 and up to \$710 Million**



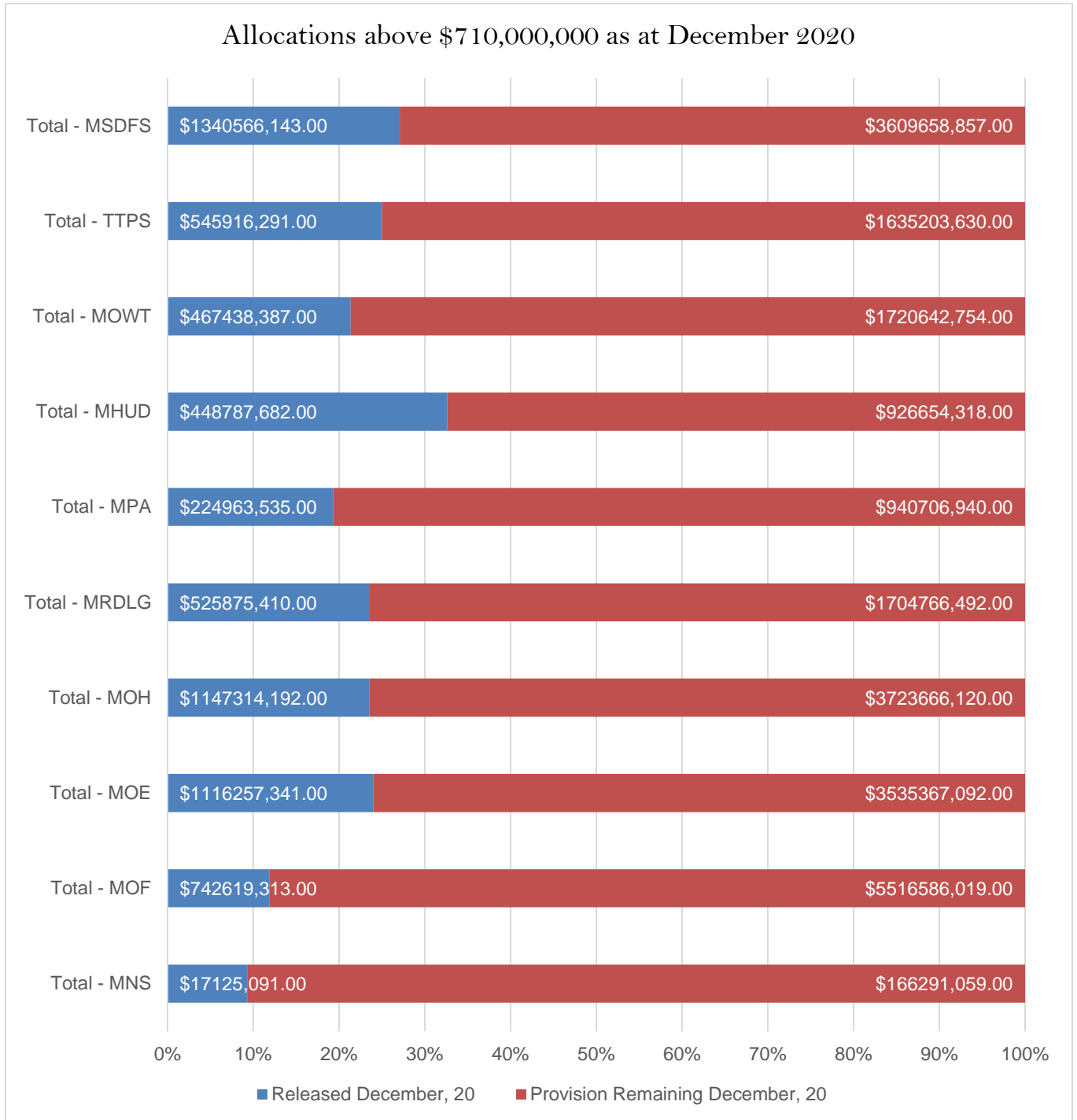
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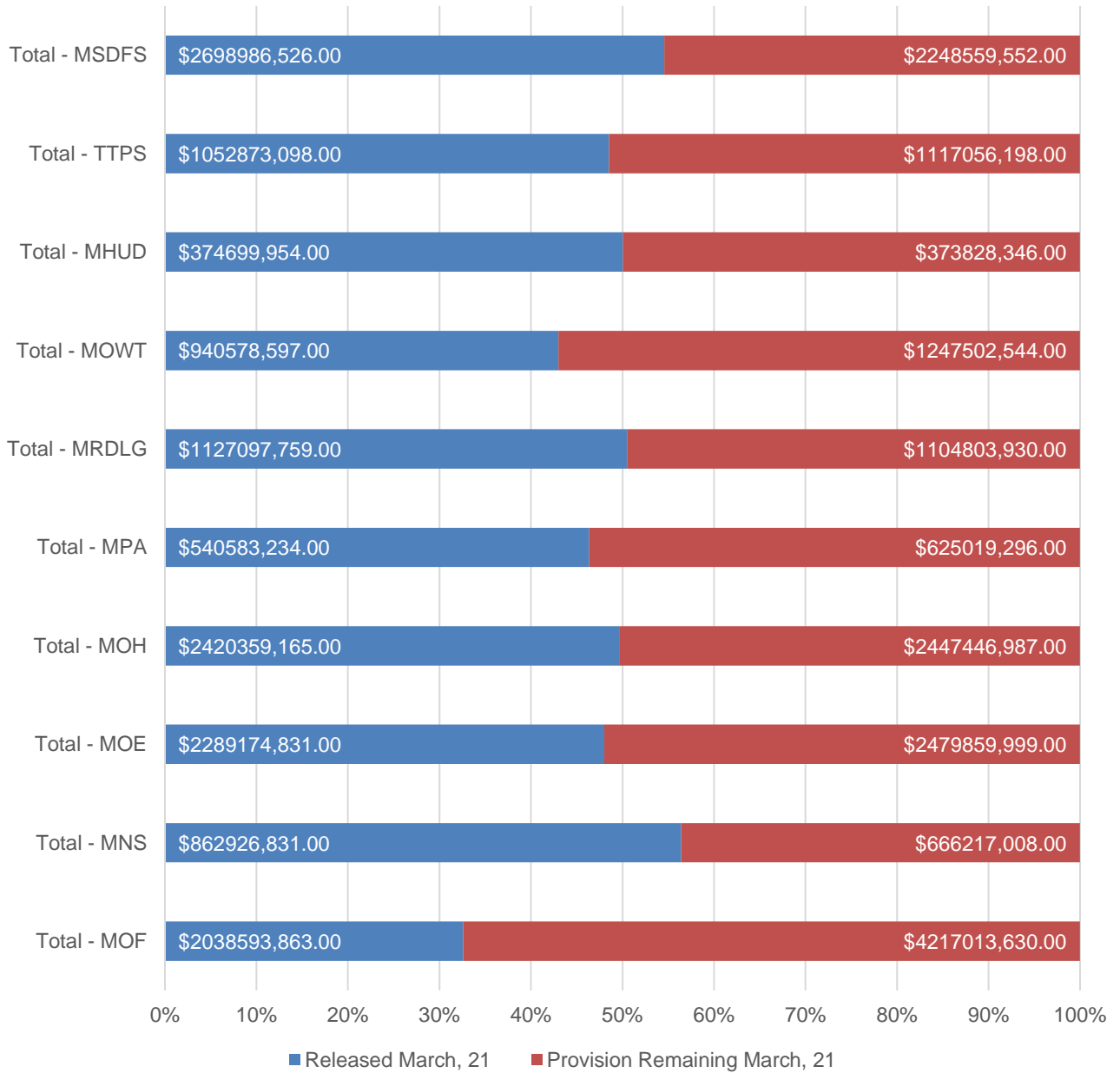


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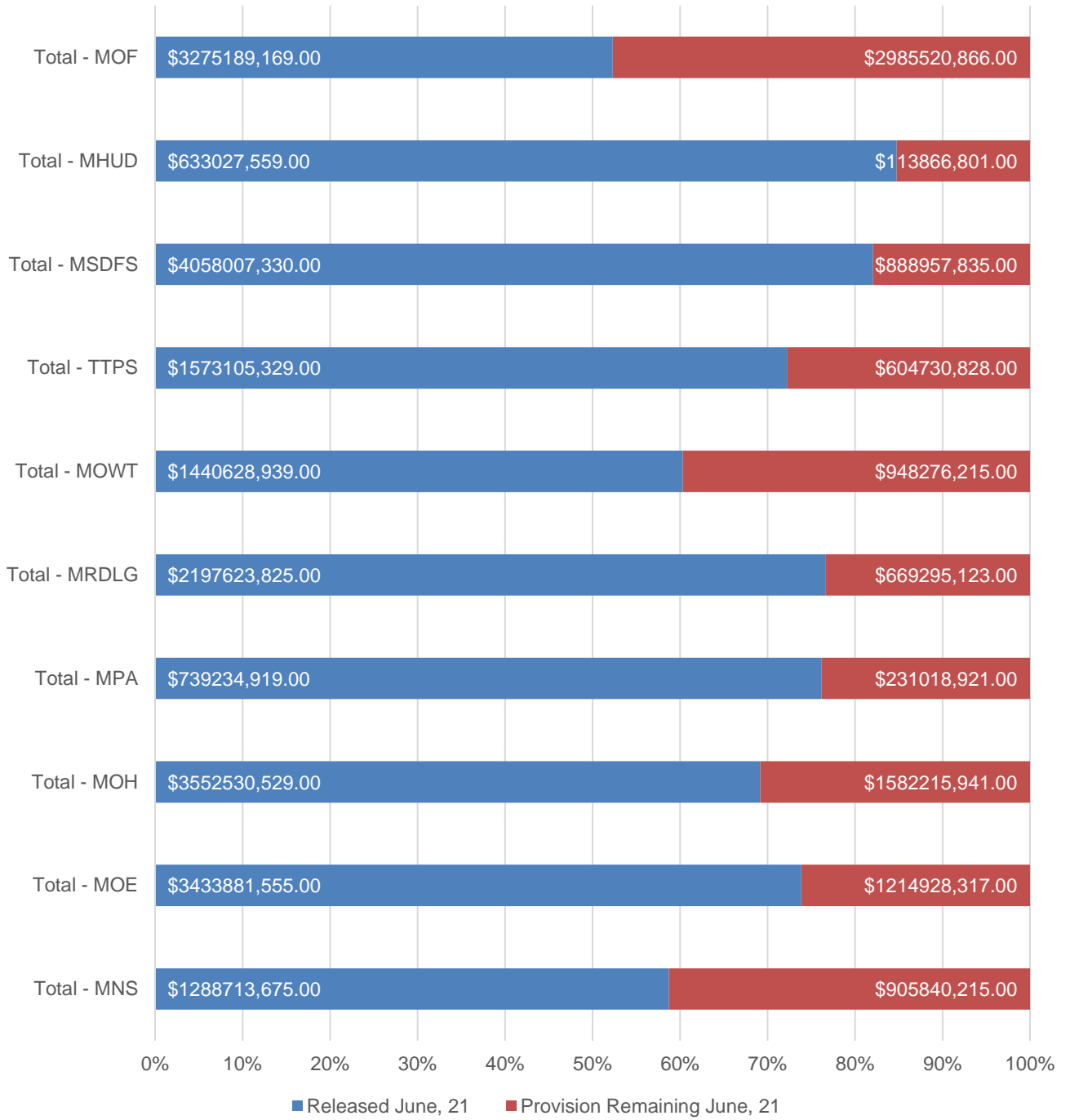




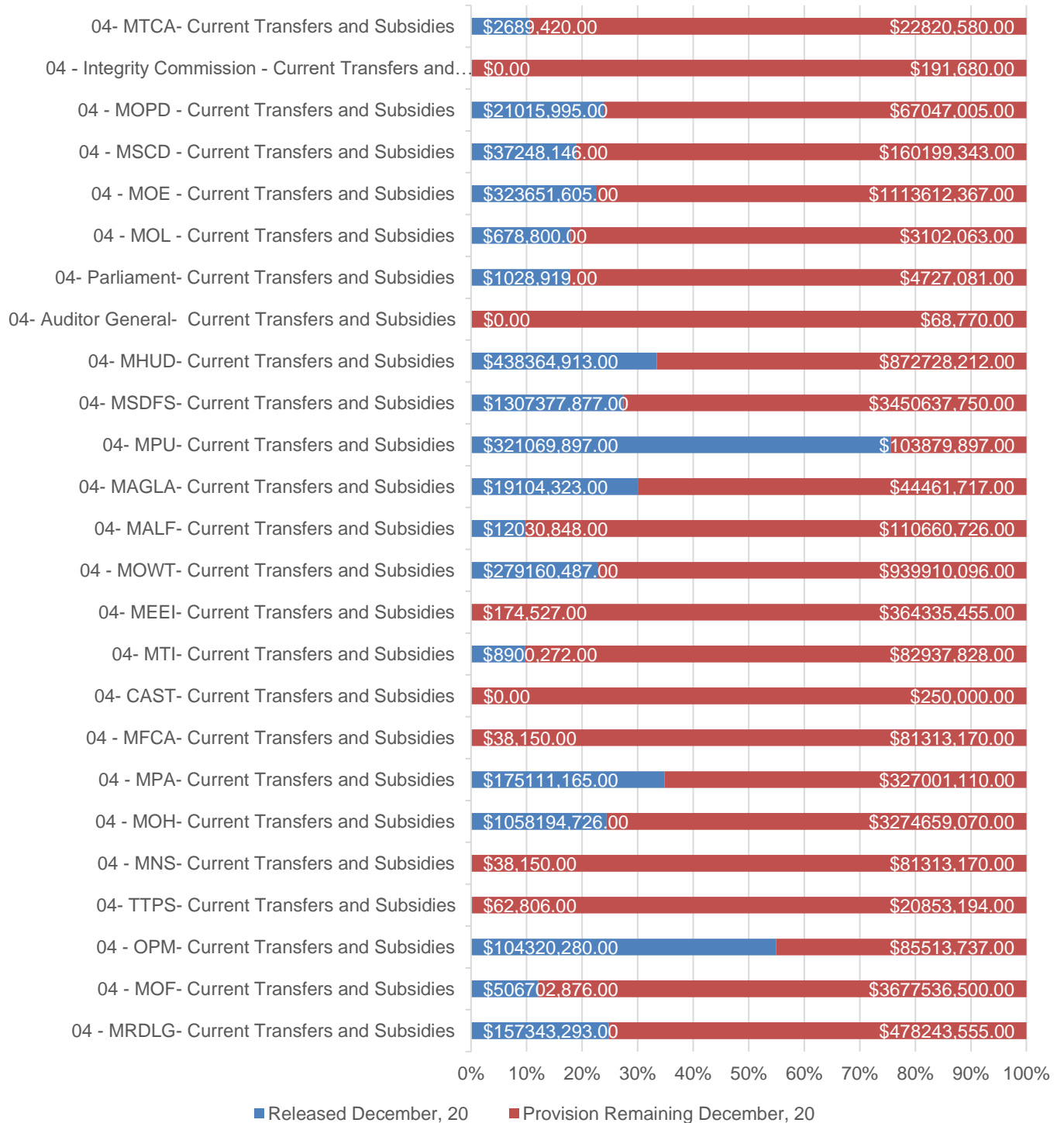
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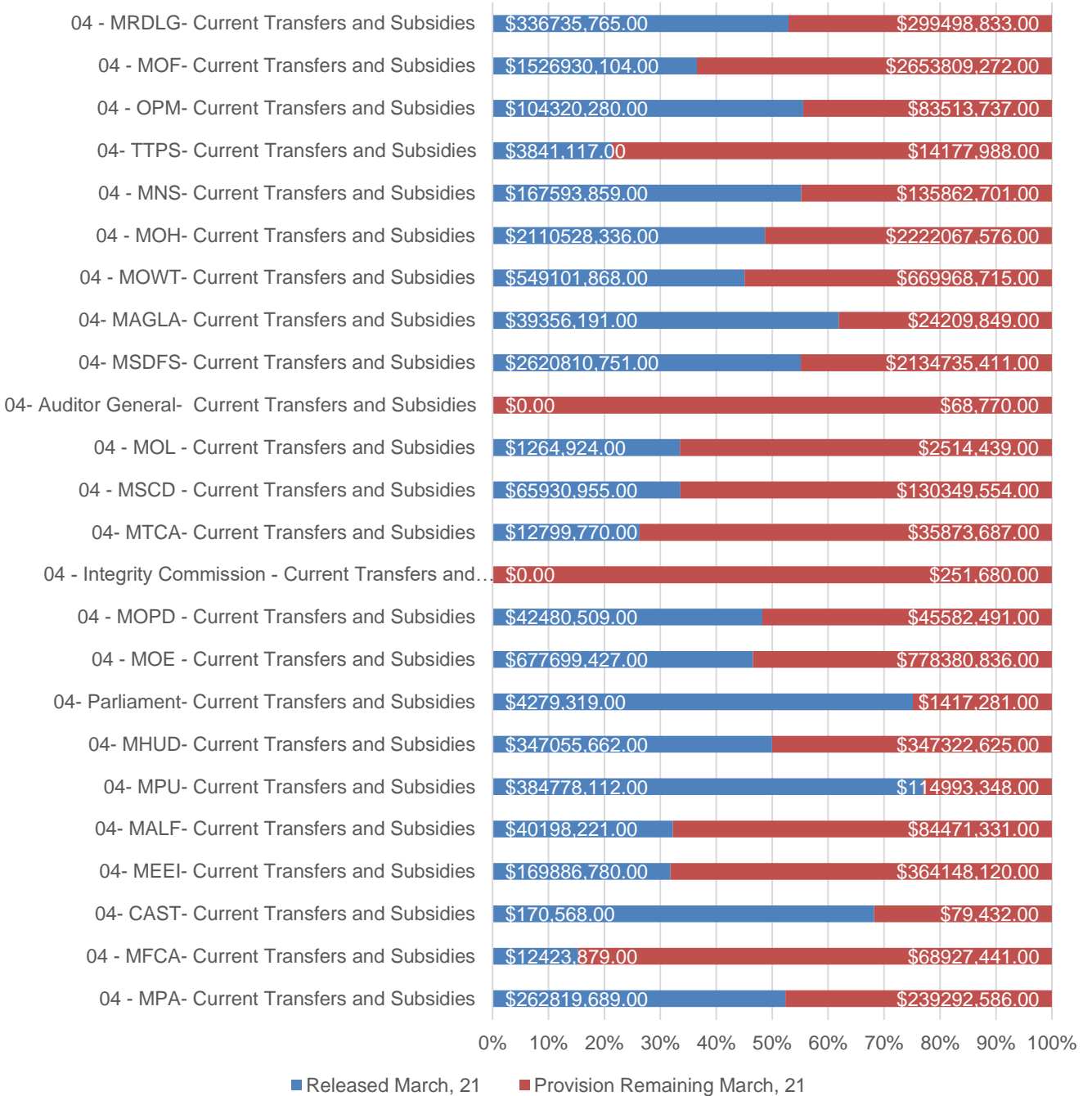
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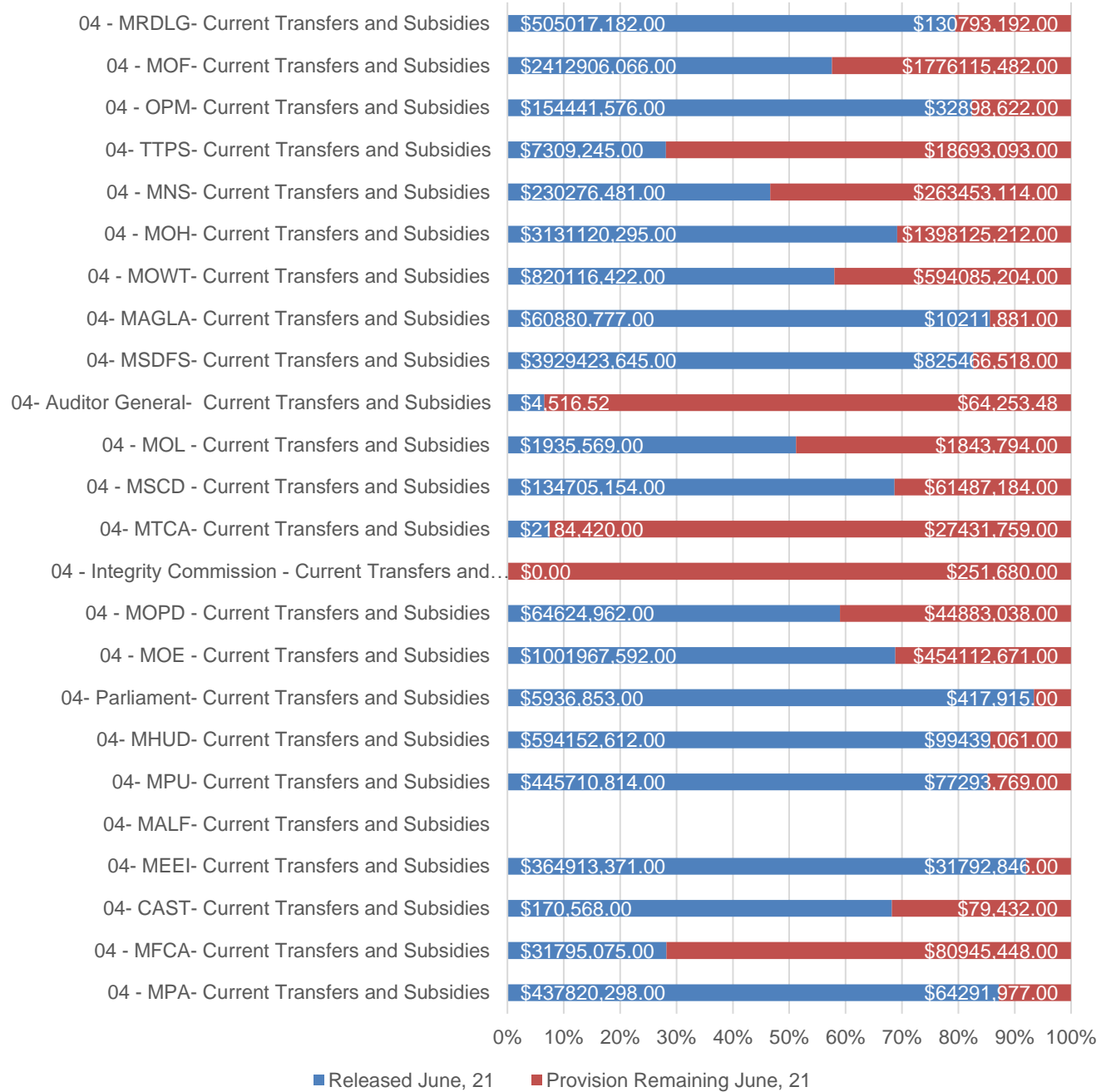
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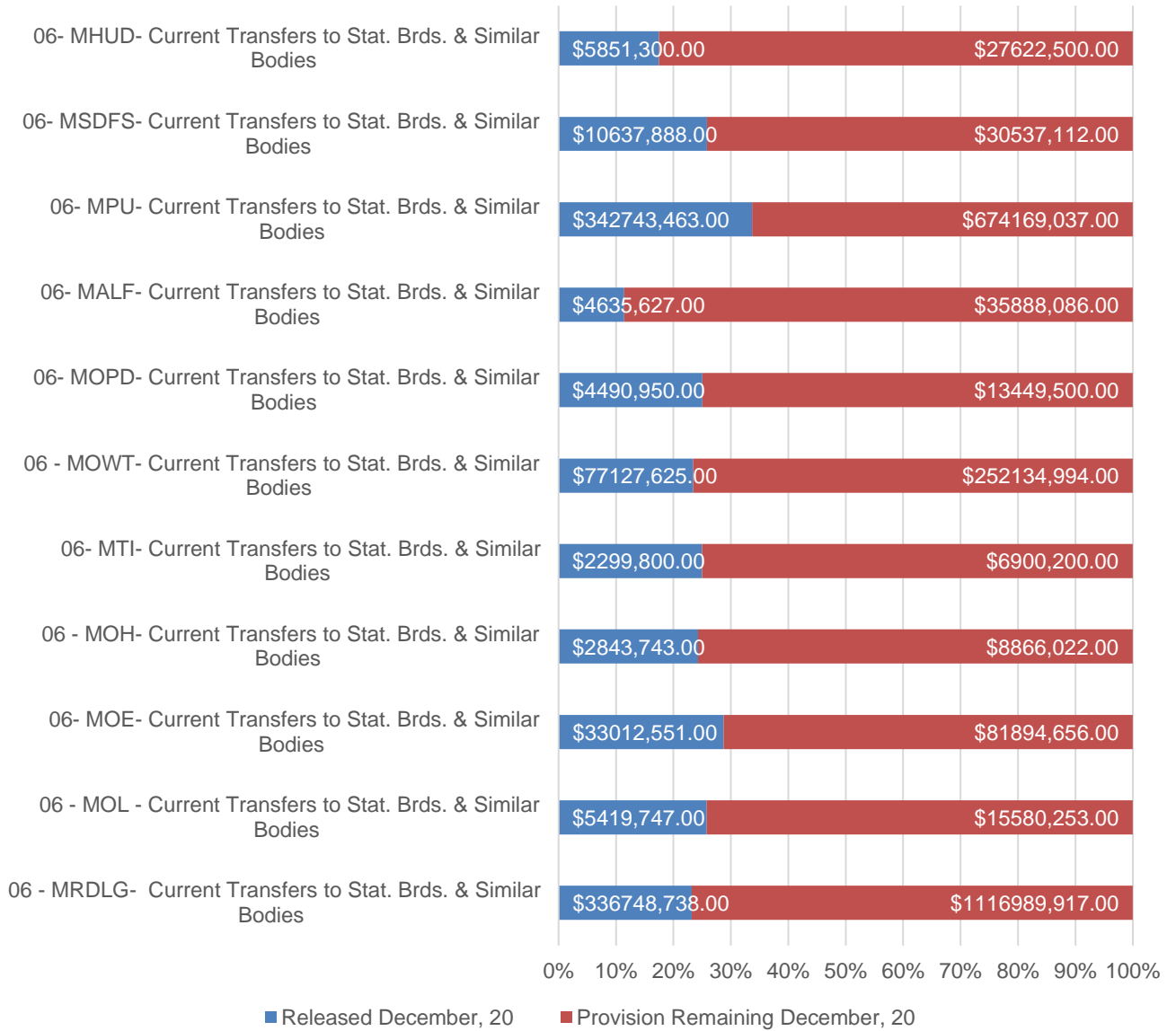
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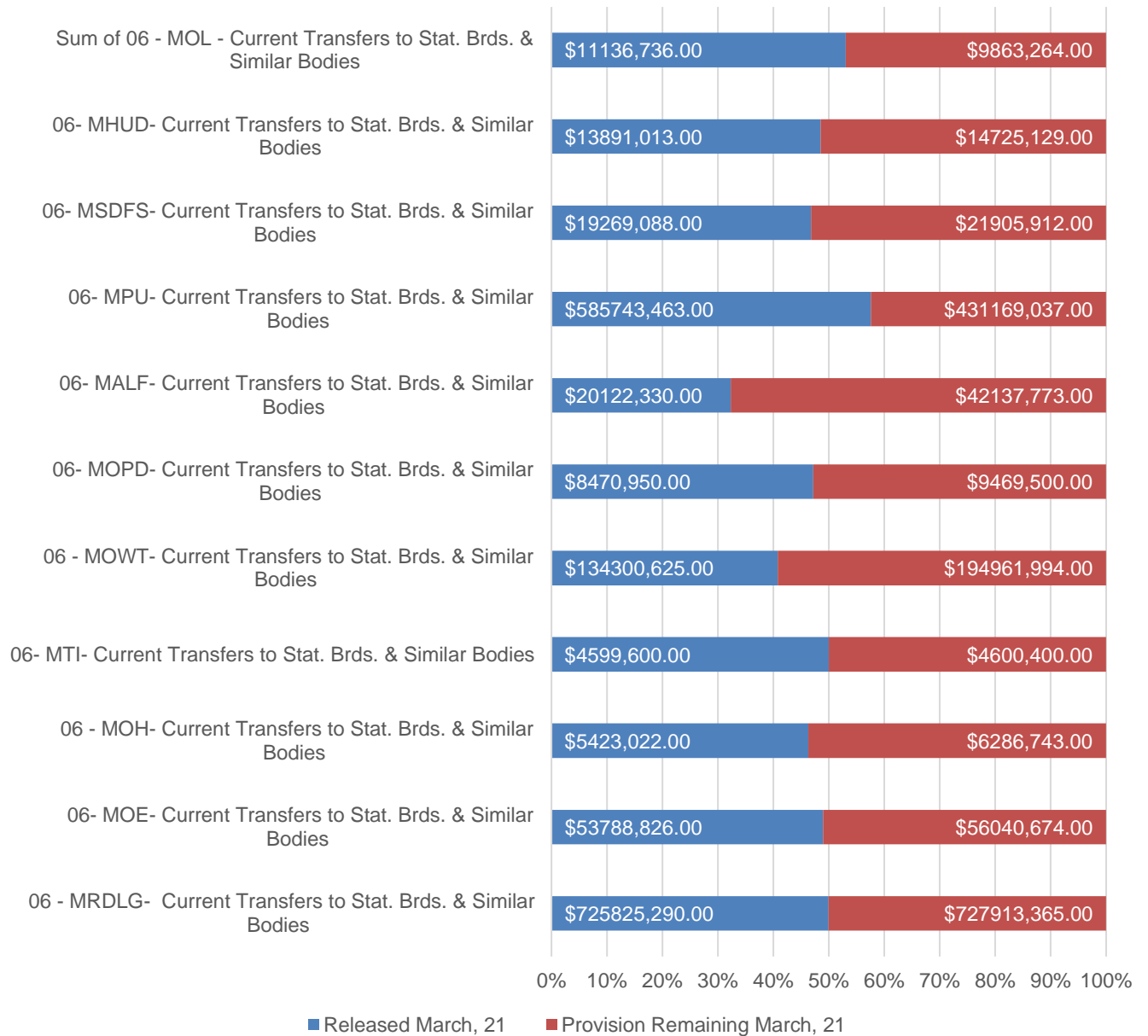
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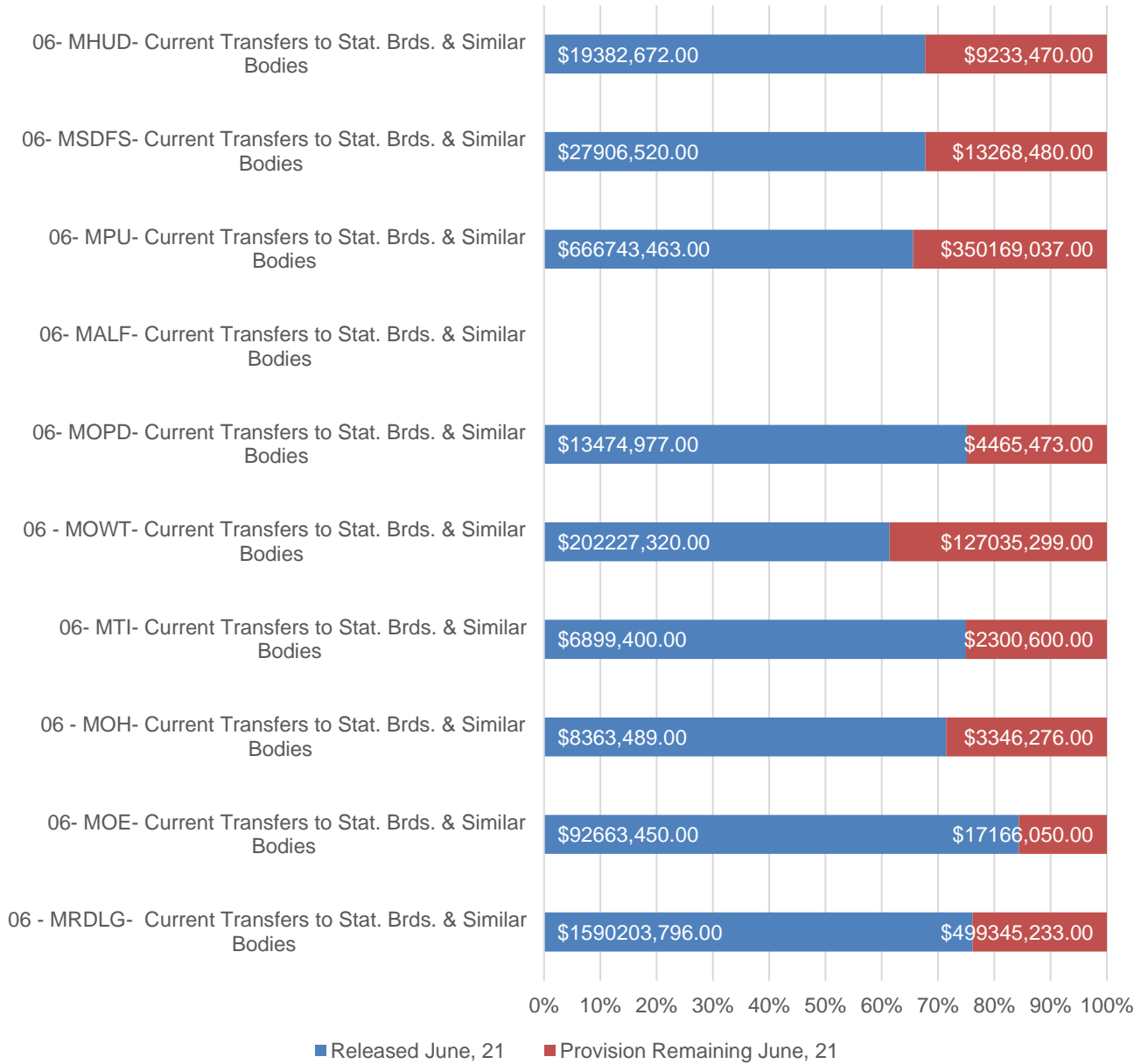
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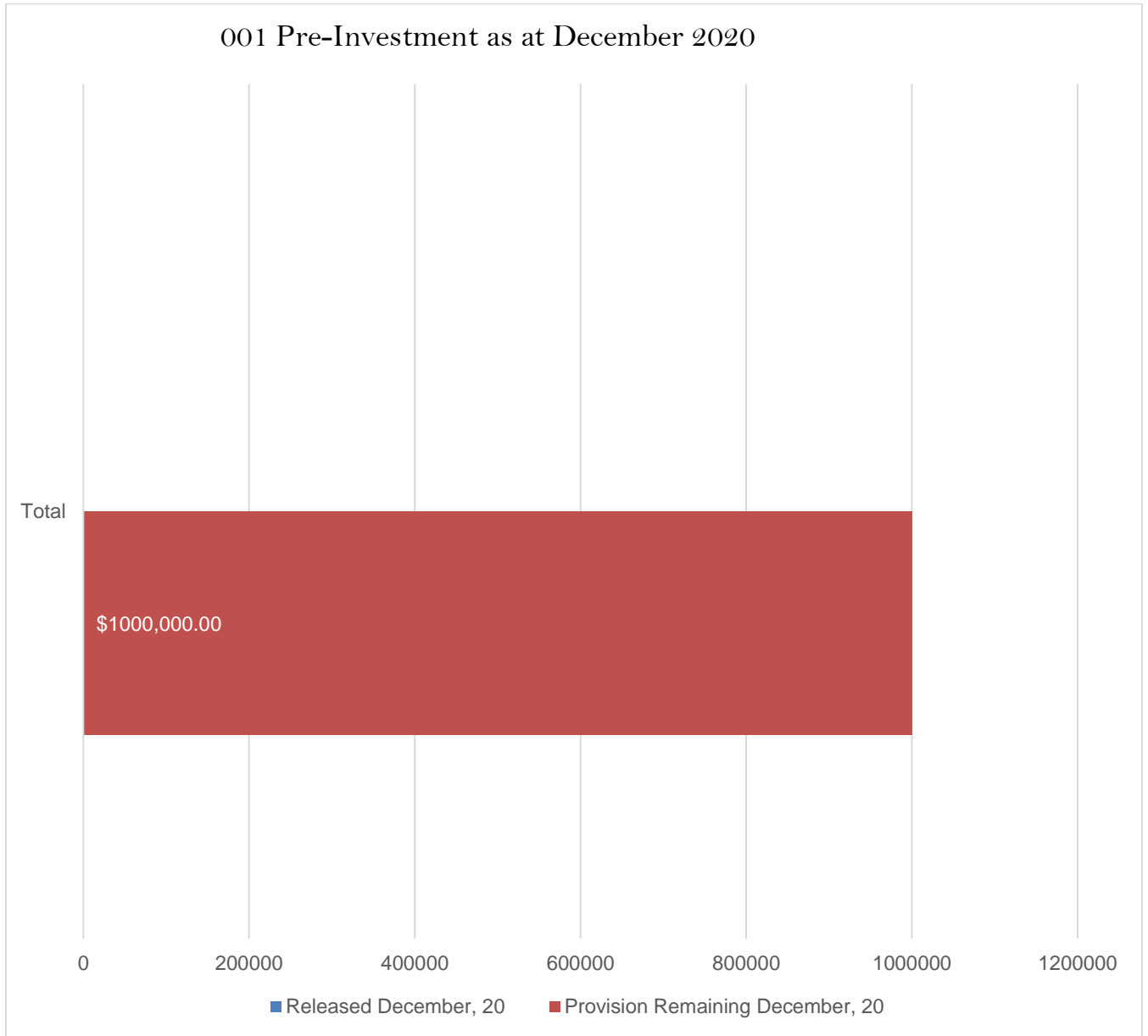


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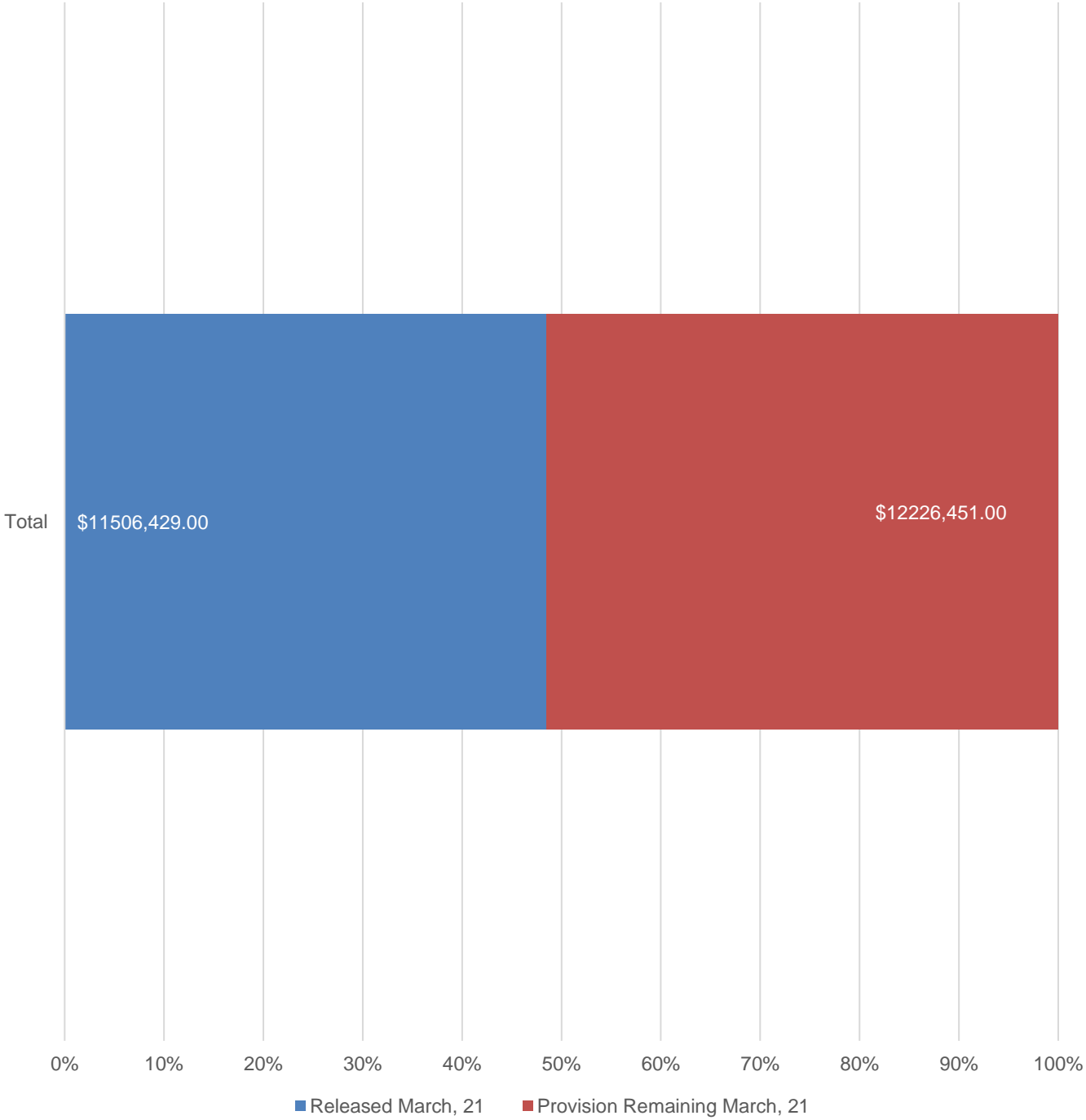




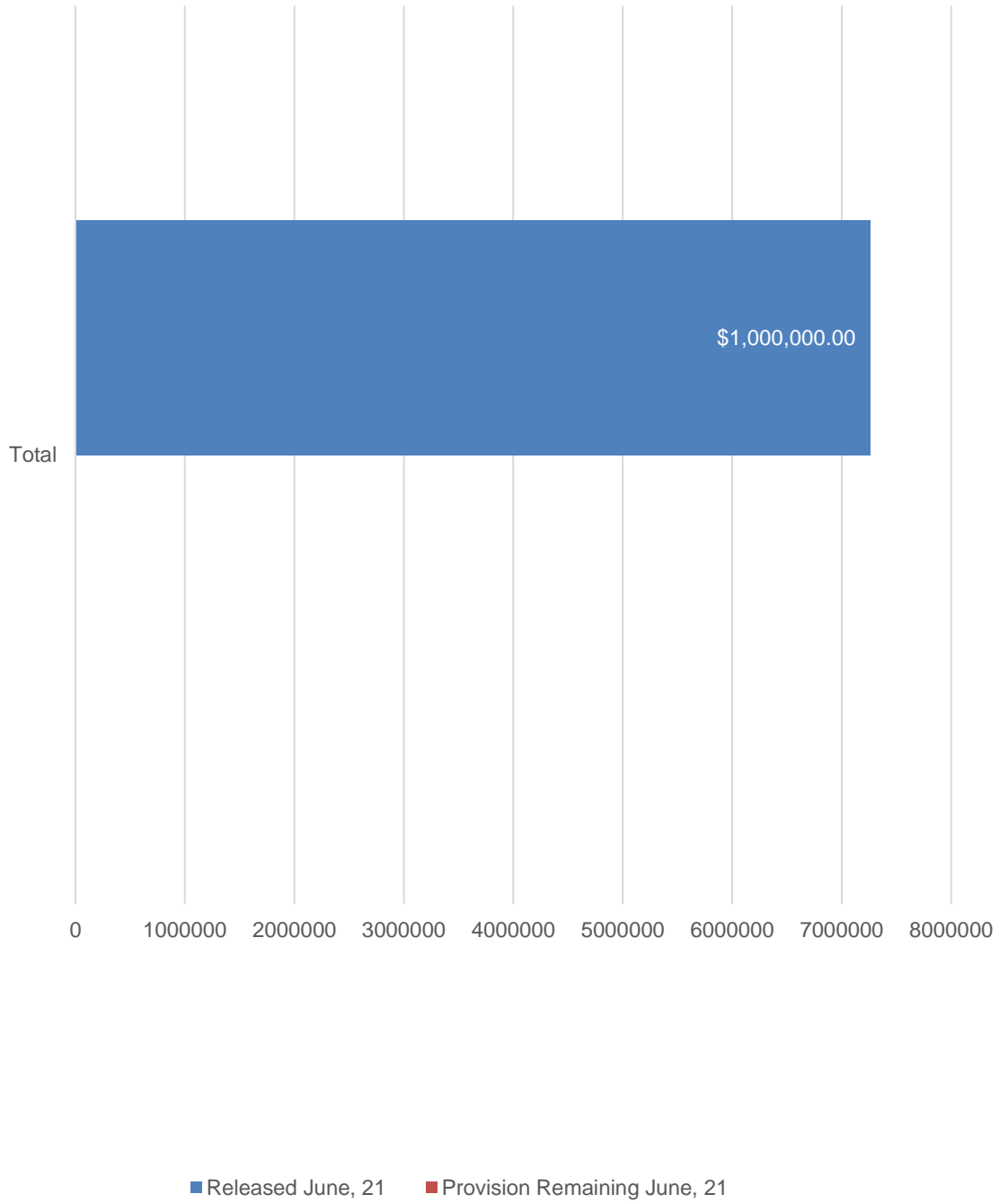
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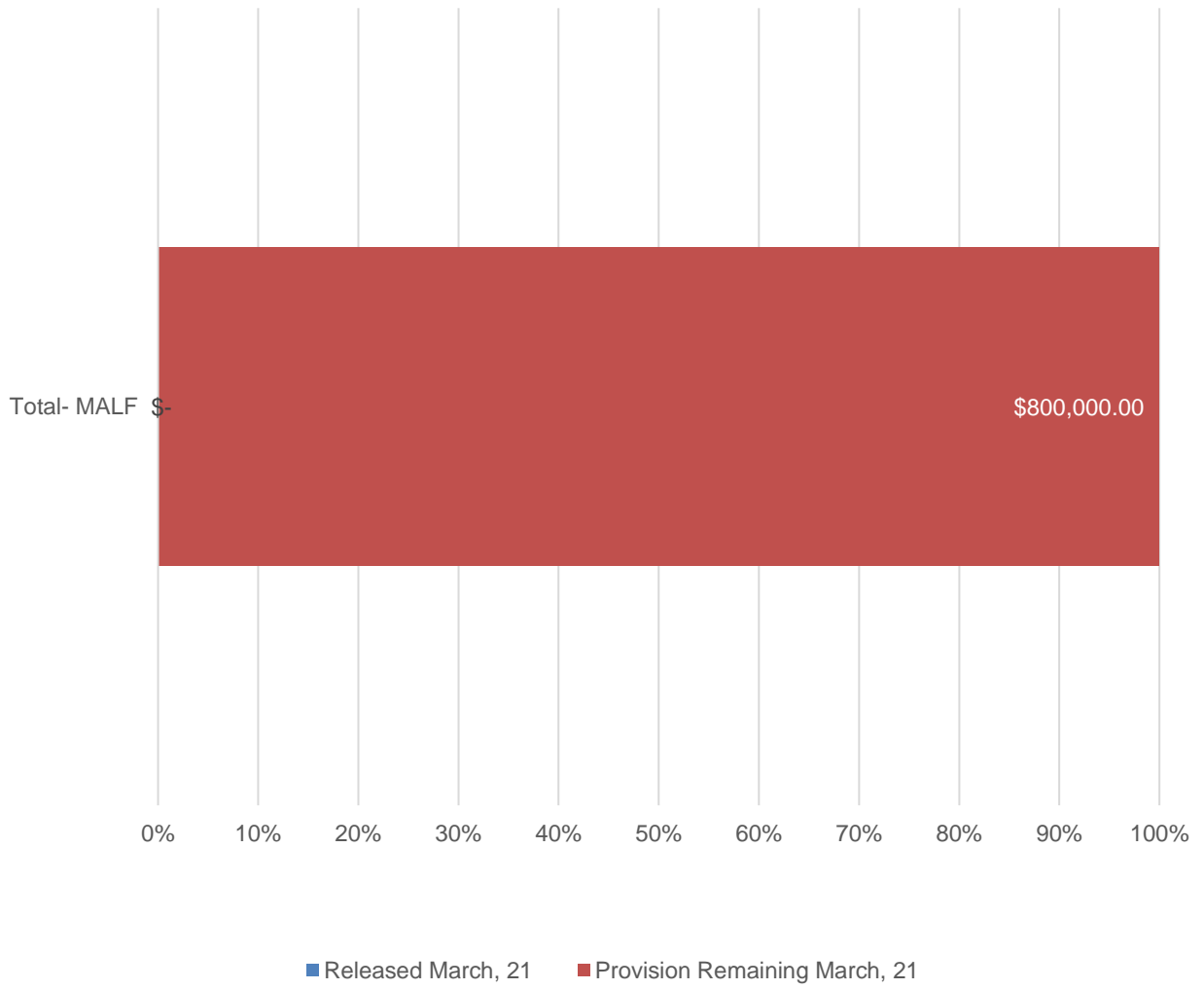
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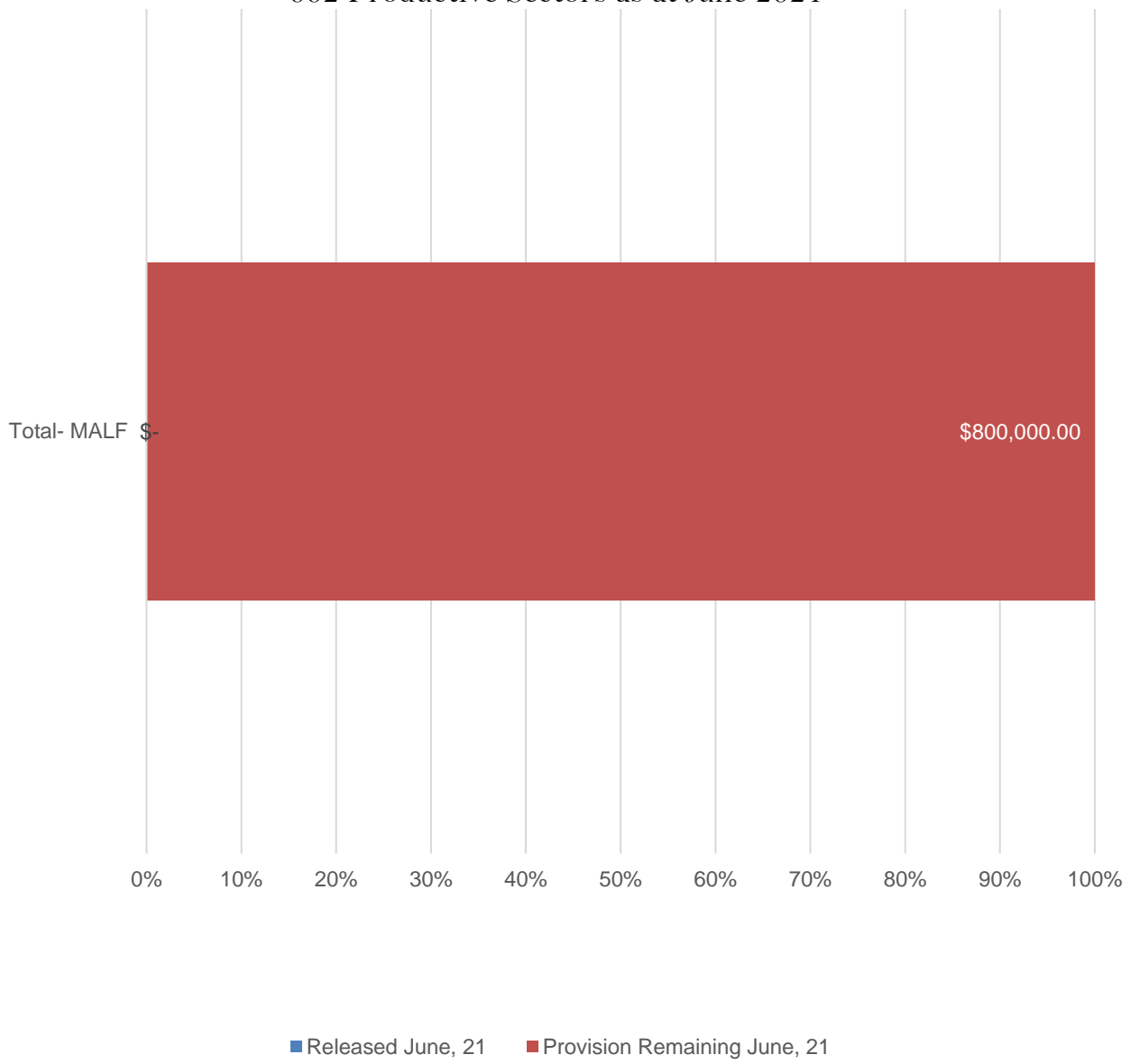
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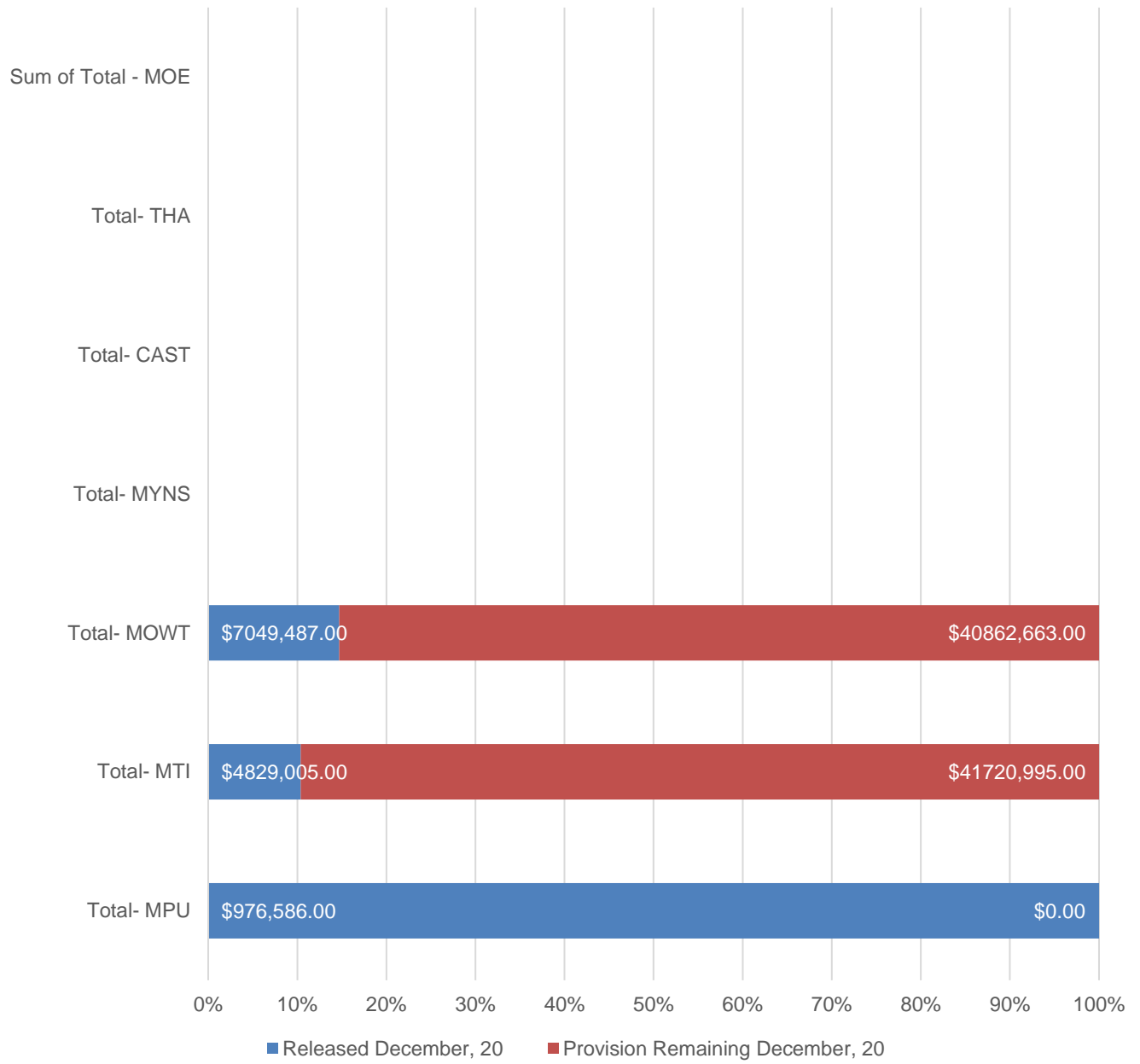
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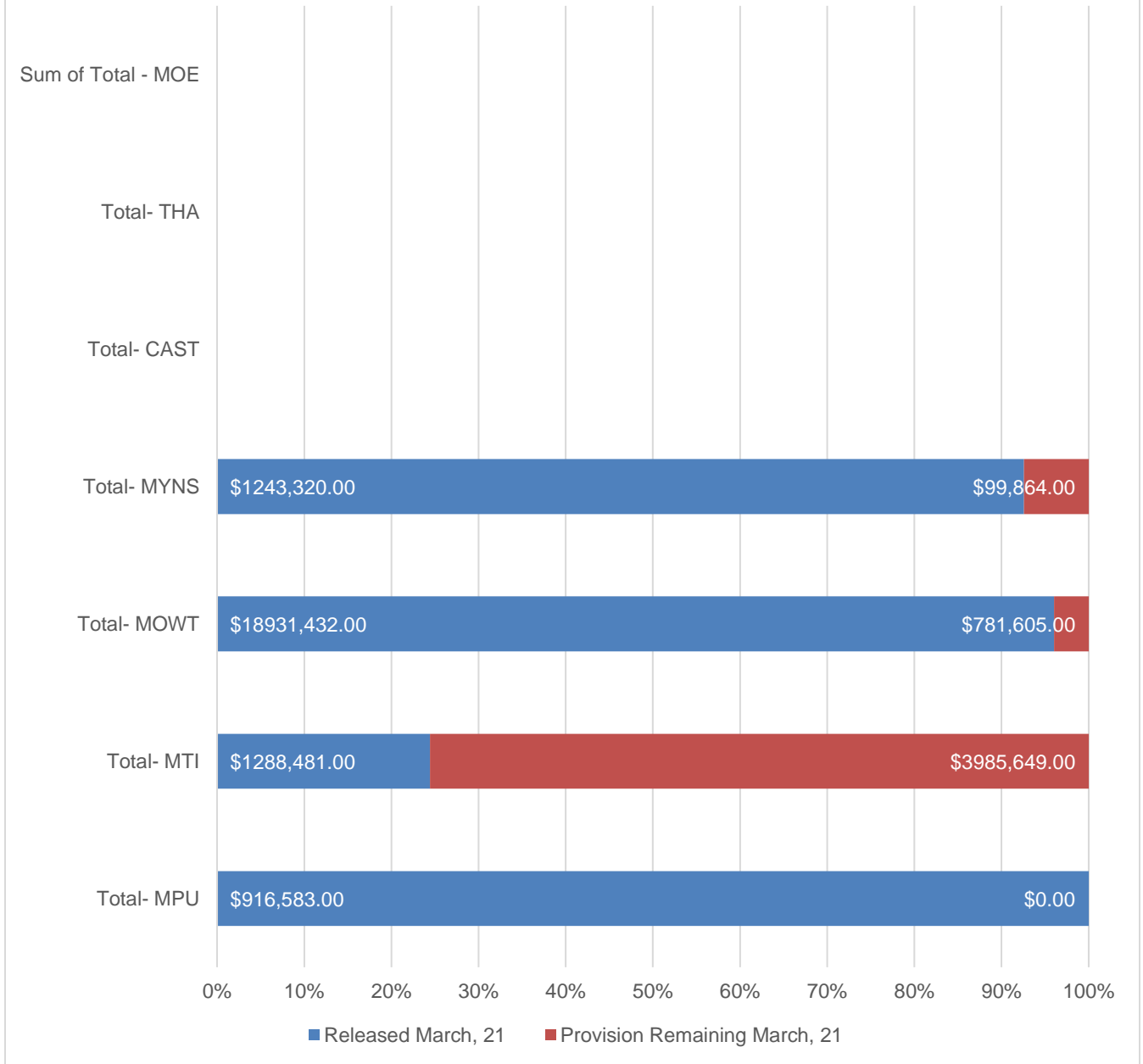
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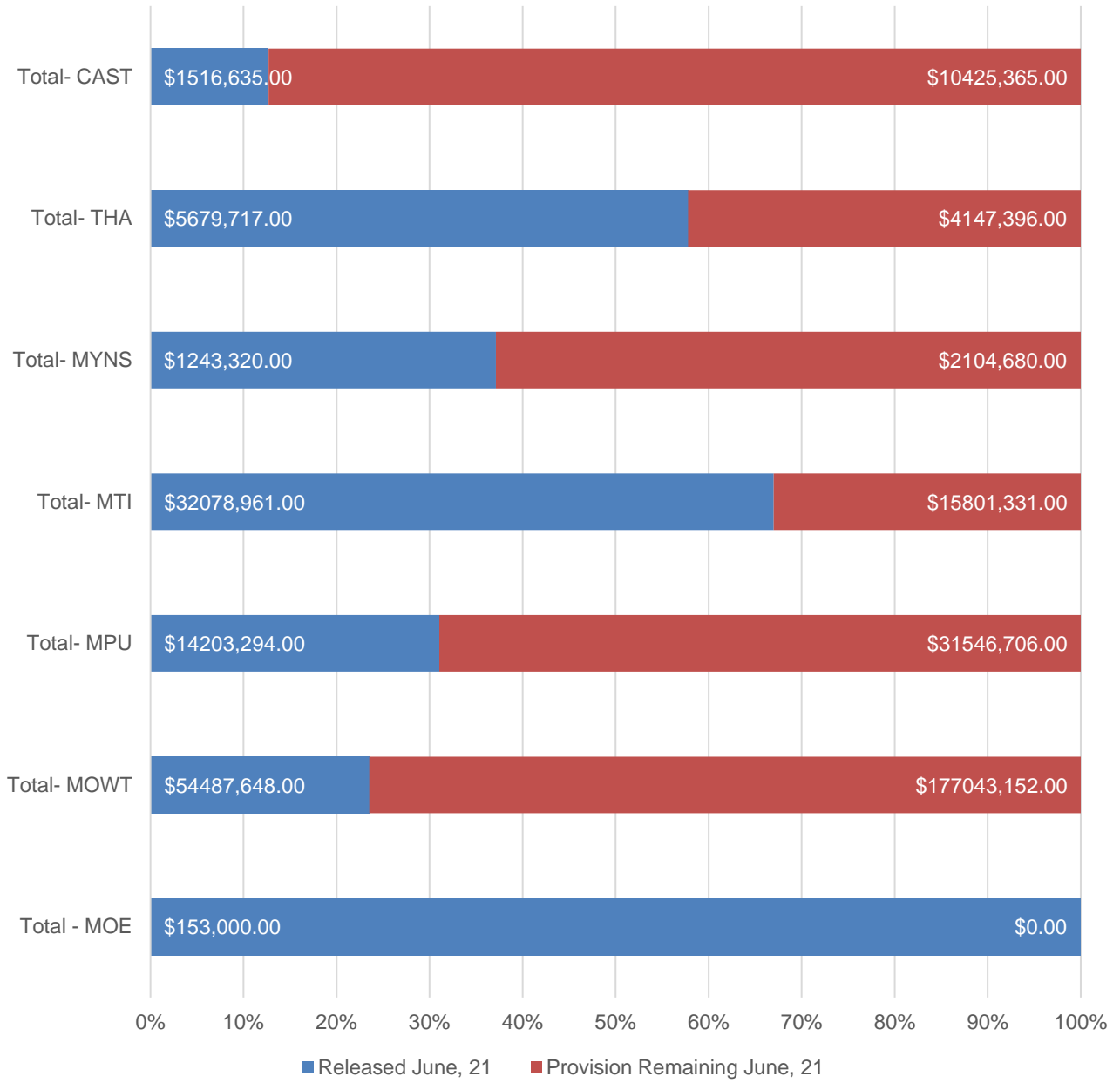
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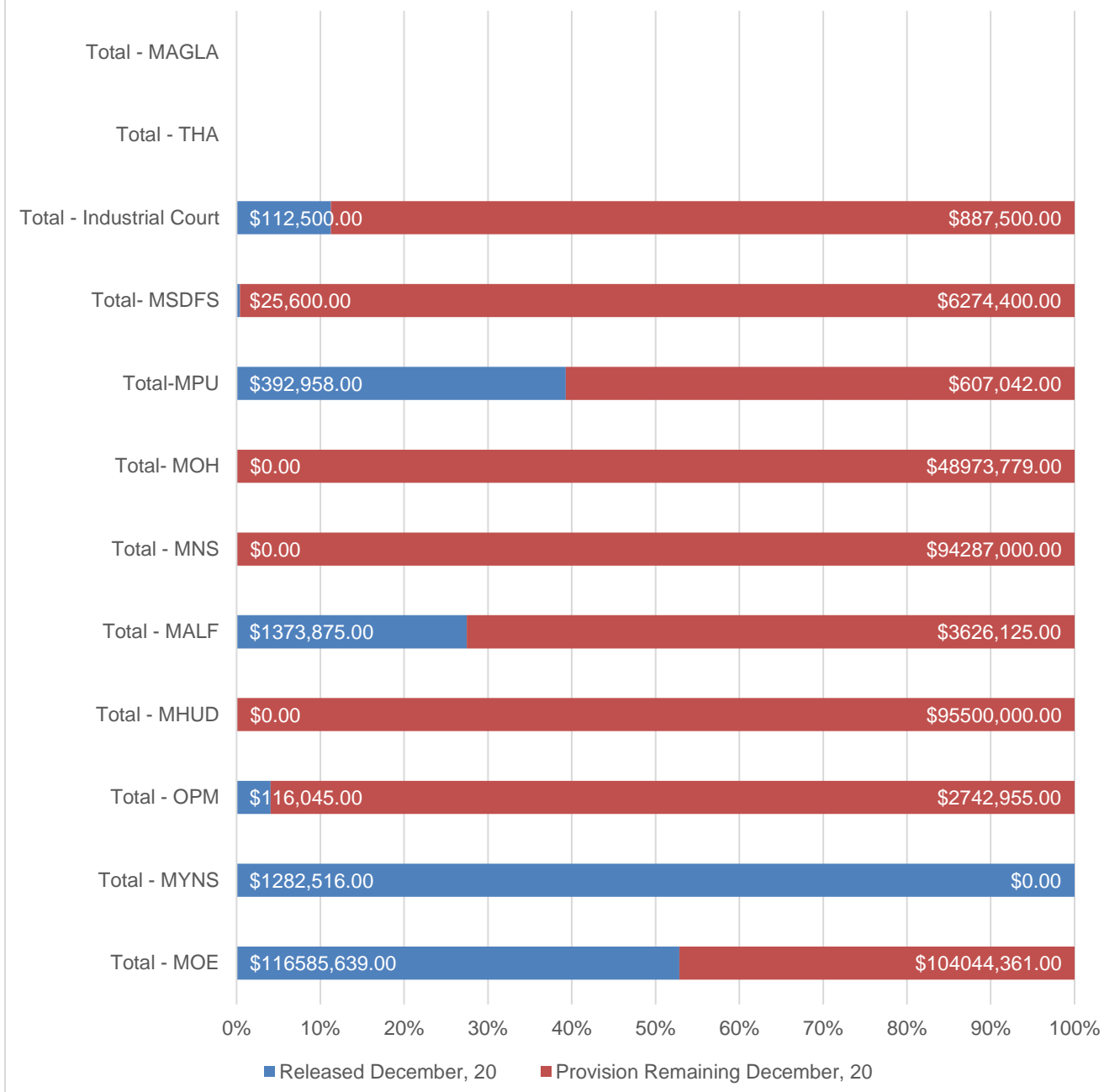
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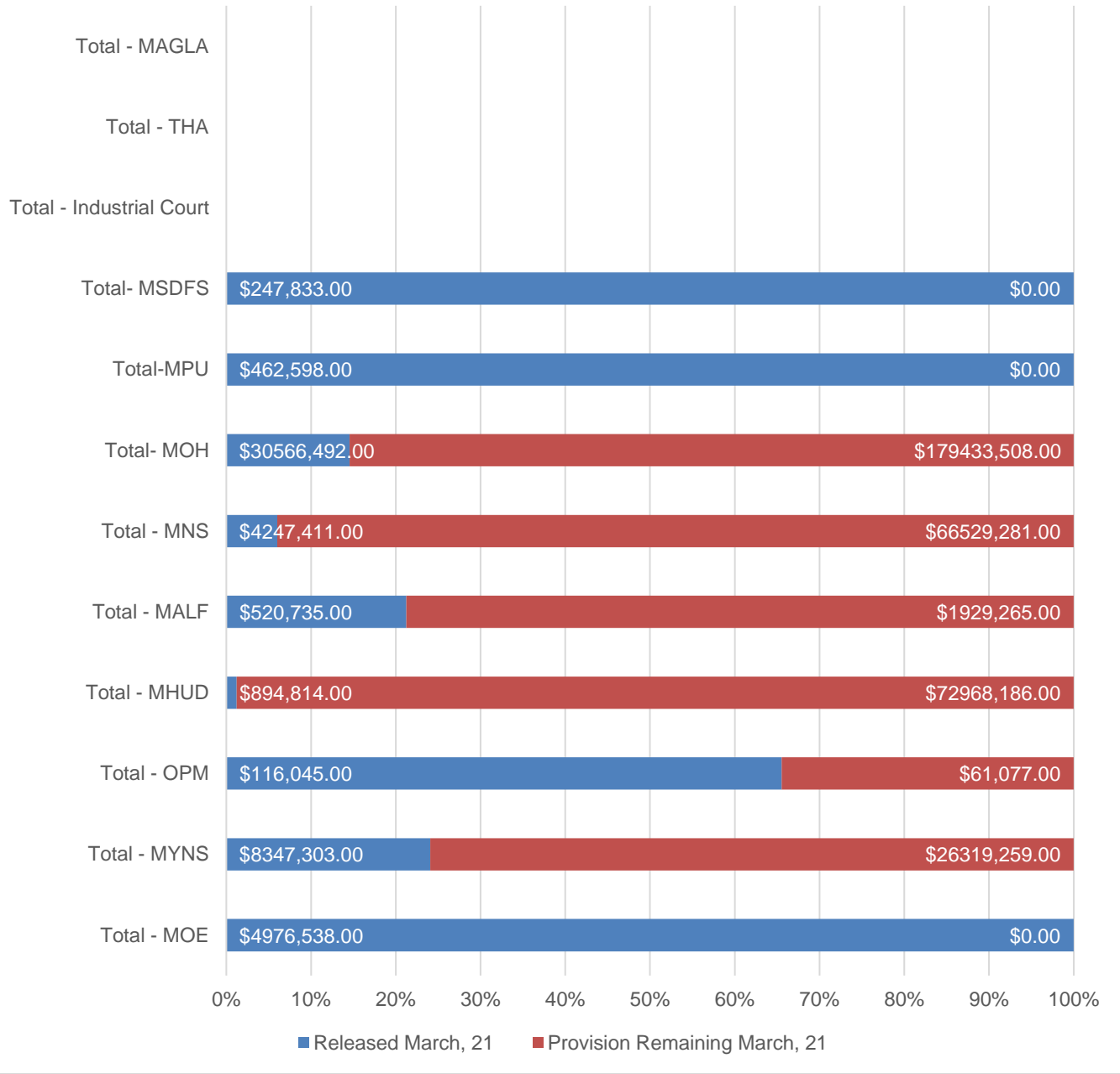
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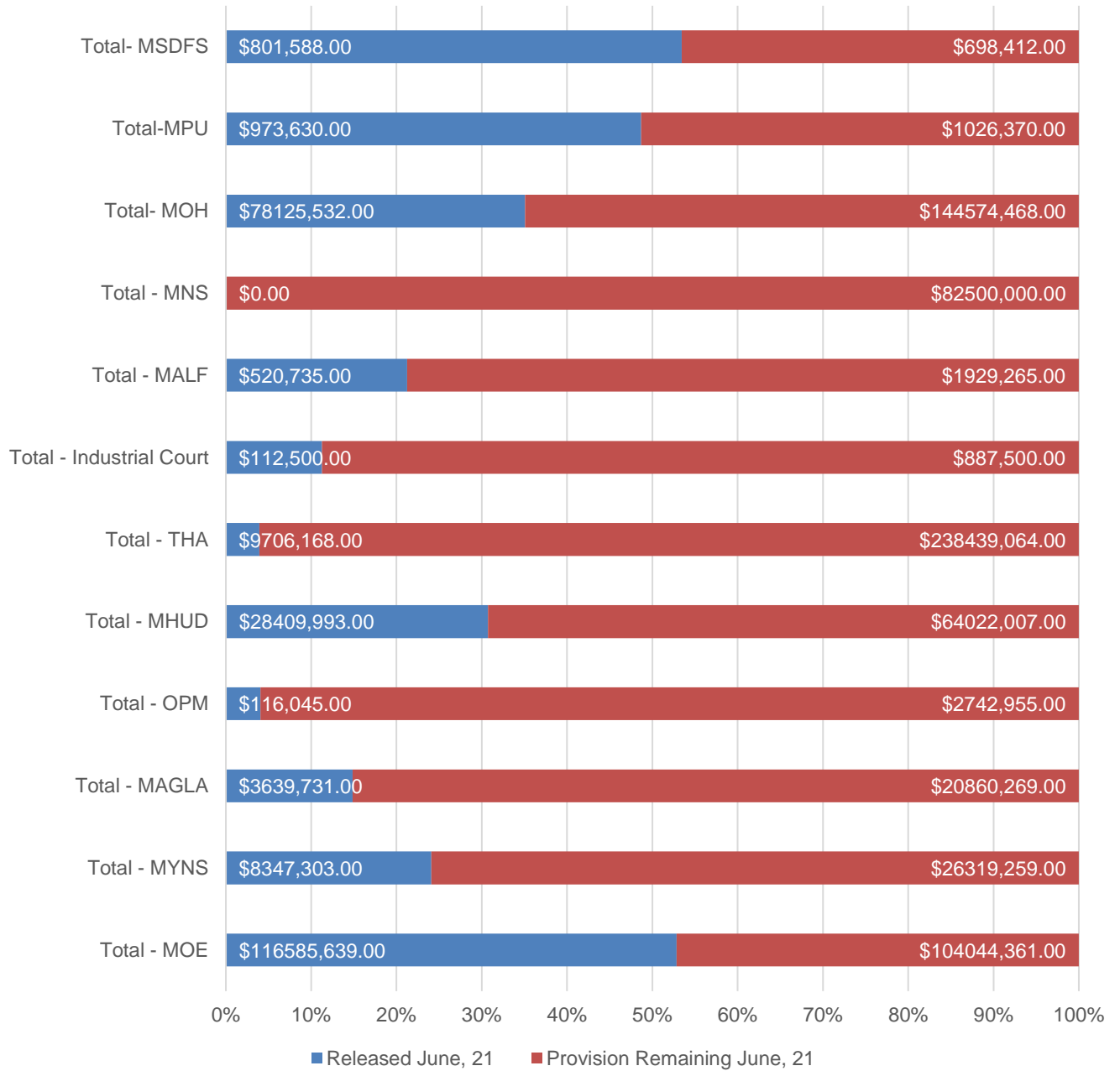
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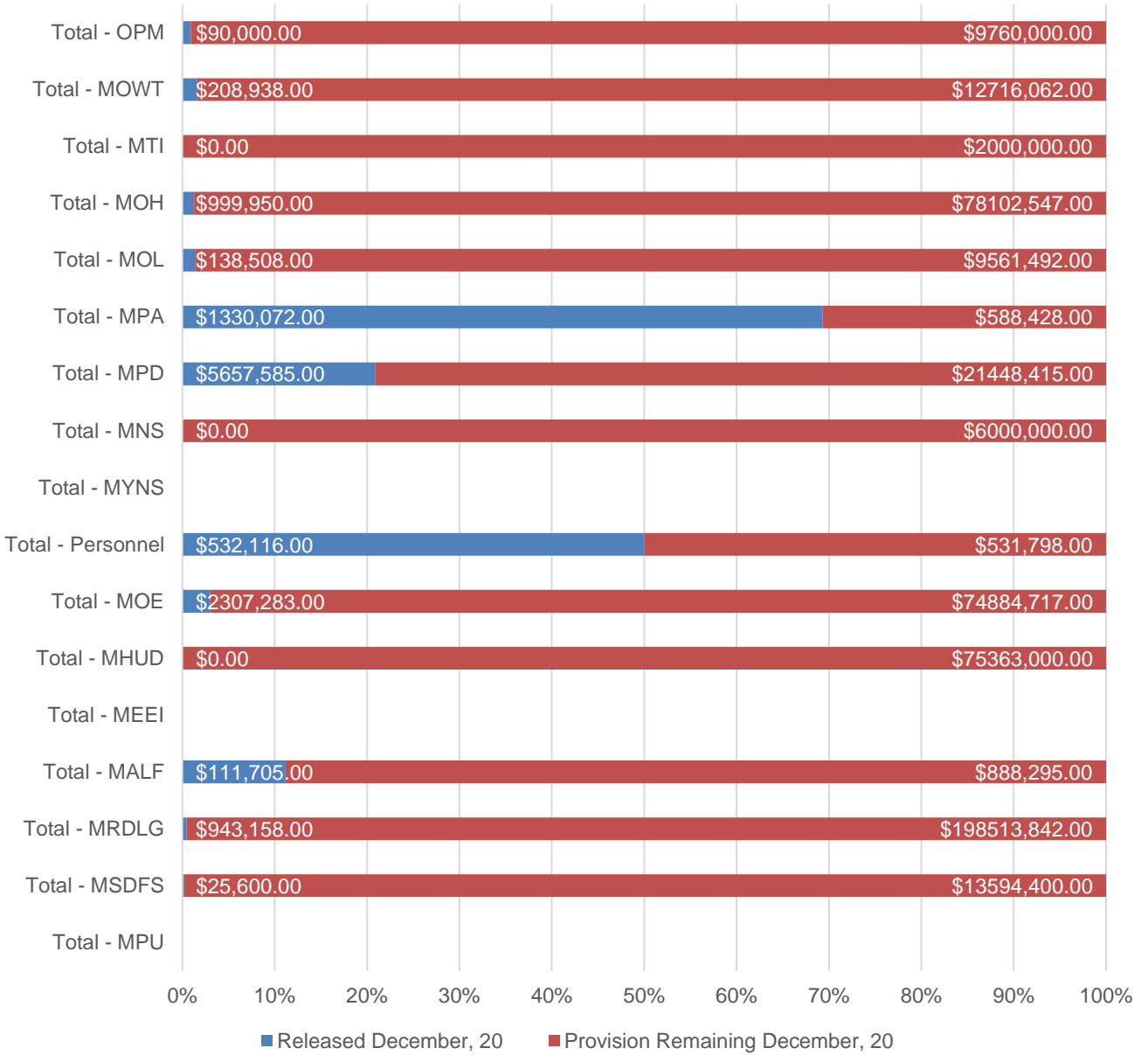
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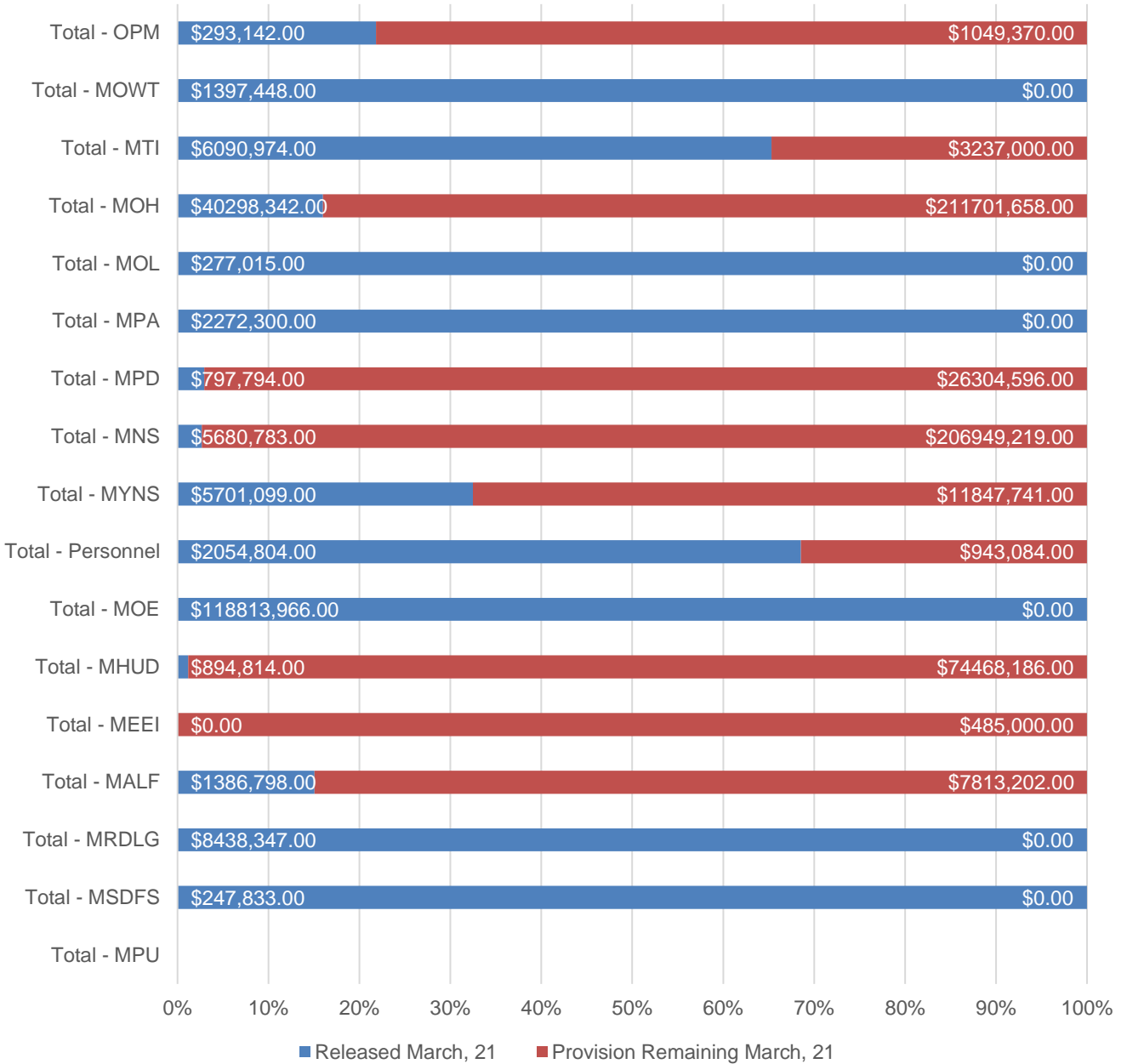
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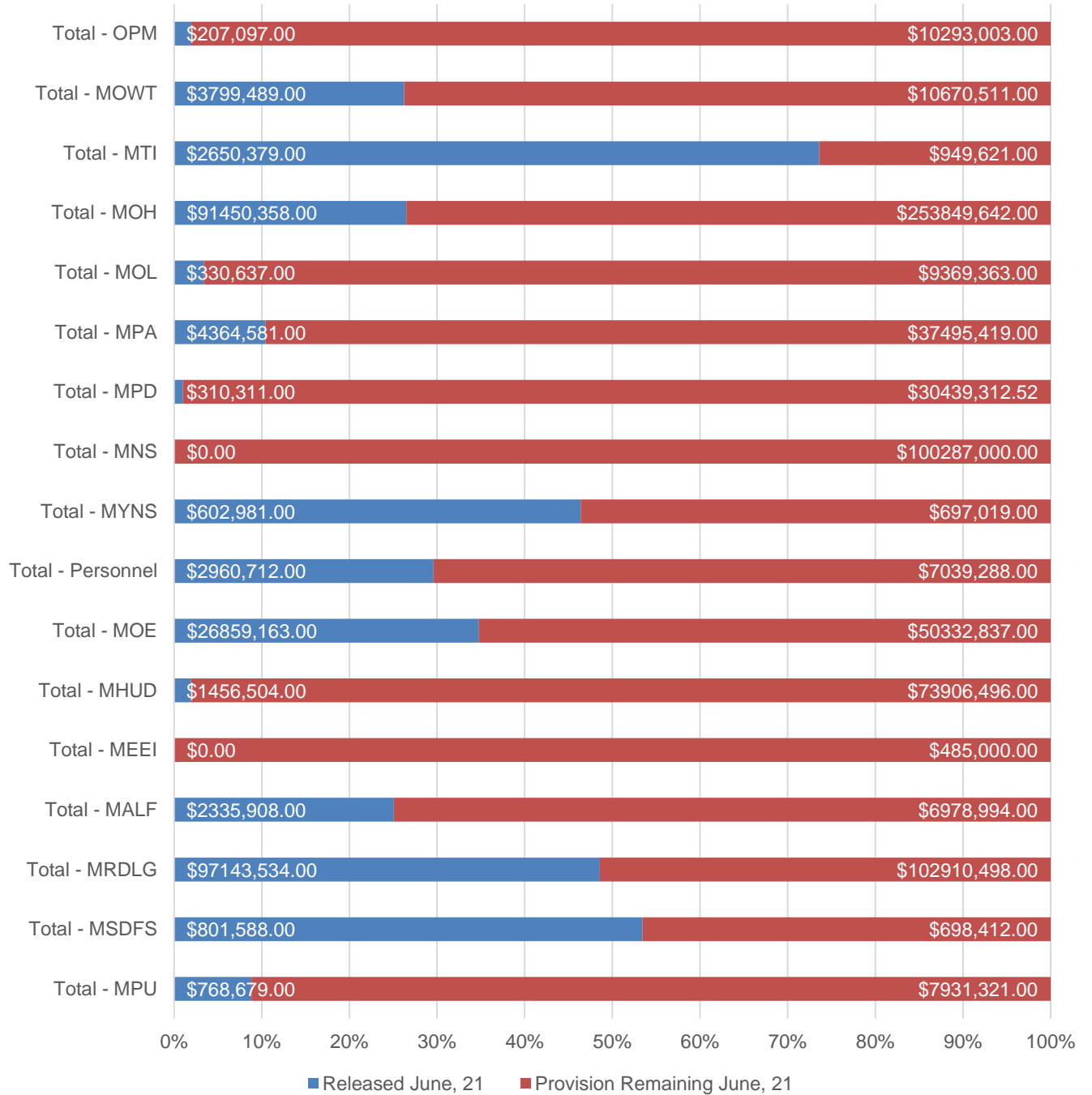
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### 005 Multi Sectoral and Other Services as at June 2021



## CONCLUSION

In support of the PAAC's mandate to monitor the budgetary expenditure of Government agencies as it occurs; and to keep Parliament informed of how the budget allocation is being implemented, the Committee engaged in quarterly tracking of the expenditure of all Ministries and Departments during the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament. The Statements of Expenditure received for the first, second and third quarters of fiscal 2020-2021 were used to develop a database off which the relevant graphs and charts presented above were populated.

The Committee presents this data to the House as information that would be useful to gain an appreciation for the spending patterns of Government agencies over the examined periods during fiscal 2021.

This Committee respectfully submits this Report for the consideration of the Parliament.

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