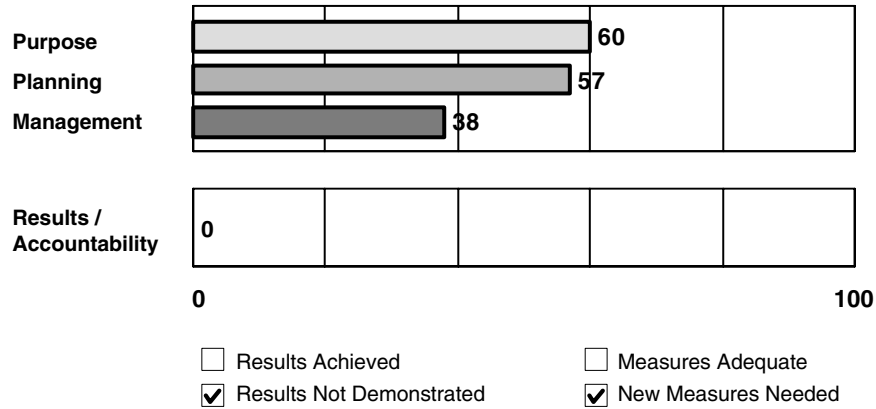


Program: *Safe and Drug Free Schools State Grants*

Agency: *Department of Education*

Bureau: *Office of Elementary and Secondary Education*



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Measures under development			
Annual Measure: Measures under development			

Rating: *Ineffective*

Program Type: *Block / Formula Grants*

Program Summary:

Safe and Drug-Free Schools State Grants awards grants to States and school districts for programs to reduce youth crime and drug-abuse.

The PART assessment found that:

1. The program has failed to demonstrate effectiveness. Existing program indicators use national surveys that don't measure youth crime and drug abuse at State and local levels.
2. A 2001 RAND study determined that the structure of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools State Grants program is fundamentally flawed. The study concluded that Safe and Drug Free grant funds are spread too thinly to support quality interventions.
3. Program financial management is good, but the agency should bolster efforts to attain higher quality program performance information and provide meaningful technical assistance through the State Grants authority.
4. The Department of Education has authored "Principles of Effectiveness" in an attempt to influence how school districts run Safe and Drug Free programs. The Principles include guidelines for instituting measurable goals and objectives, research-based programs, and strong evaluation techniques. However, the Agency needs to provide performance measures that help improve local programming decisions and are of equal use to State, local, and Federal administrators.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

1. Make a modest reduction in funding and tie future funding to the demonstration of results.
2. Develop a new strategy for measuring program performance that helps improve local programming decisions and is of equal use to State, local, and Federal administrators.
3. Study ways to redesign the program in order to better distribute funds and support high quality, research-based strategies at the local level.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
472	472	422