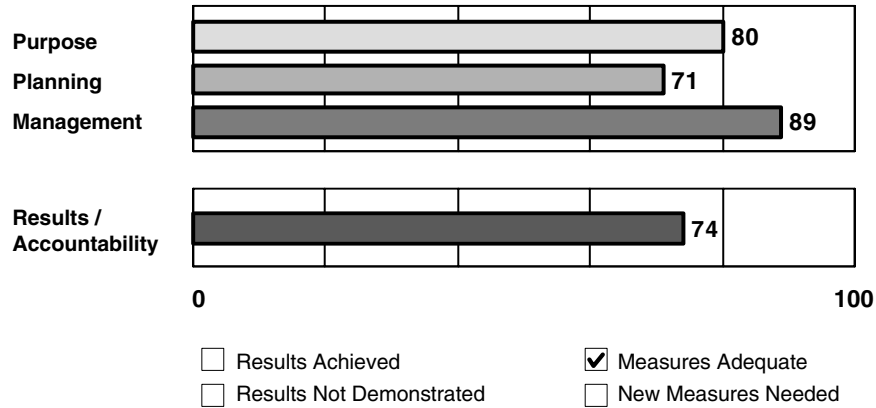


**Program:** *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Grant Program*

**Agency:** *Department of Transportation*

**Bureau:** *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*



**Key Performance Measures**

**Year Target Actual**

Long-term Measure: Fatalities per 100 million vehicle-miles of travel (VMT)	1999	1.6	1.6
	2000	1.5	1.5
	2001	1.5	1.5
	2002	1.4	1.5
Annual Measure: Injured persons per 100 million vehicle-miles of travel	1999	127	120
	2000	116	116
	2001	113	109
	2002	111	N/A
Annual Measure: Percentage of front occupants using seat belts	1999	80%	67%
	2000	85%	71%
	2001	86%	73%
	2002	75%	75%

**Rating:** *Moderately Effective*

**Program Type:** *Block / Formula Grants*

**Program Summary:**

The Highway Traffic Safety Grant program provides money to every State, territory and Indian nations to fund a wide range of highway safety programs. State highway safety programs are funded with Occupant Protection Incentive Grants, Safety Incentive grants for Primary Seat Belt Laws, State Safety Data Grants, Emergency Medical Services Grants, among others.

The assessment shows that the program is in close alignment with the agency mission of saving lives and reducing injuries by preventing vehicle crashes. The assessment also found that NHTSA was successful in meeting their performance goals to decrease the fatality rate and has a good relationship with states.

1. NHTSA manages the grant program through the Grants Tracking System and maintains funding efficiencies.
2. NHTSA has shown measurable progress toward achieving their performance goals. The rate of highway fatalities has been declining steadily since the inception of the state and community safety grant program in the mid 1960s. Continued success depends in large part on the progress of the agency's partners - states, local jurisdictions, private sector and safety organizations.

In response to these findings, the Administration will:

Propose to streamline and focus grants to address state fatality rates, increase the direct appropriation of funds for the grant program, and establish criteria for receiving grants that creates links between performance of states and awarding incentive grants to states.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Transportation chapter in the Budget volume.)

**Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)**

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
223	225	447