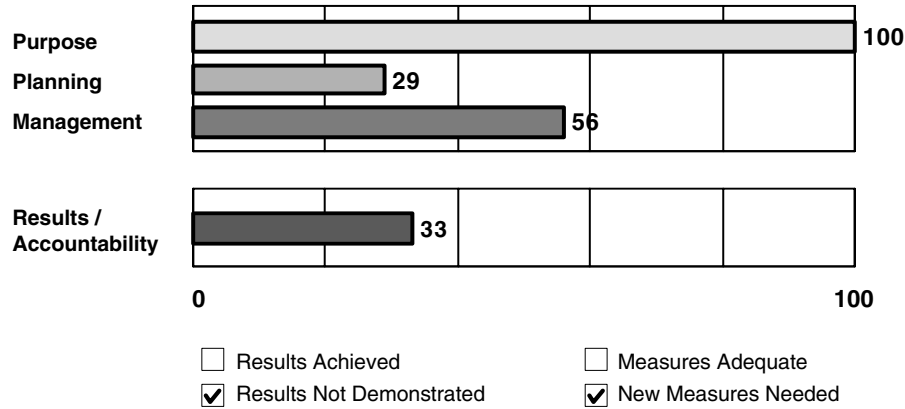


**Program:** Tribal General Assistance

**Agency:** Environmental Protection Agency

**Bureau:** Environmental Protection Agency



**Key Performance Measures**

**Year Target Actual**

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long term Measure: Measure under development			
Annual Measure: Percent of tribes with delegated and non-delegated environmental programs (New measure, targets under development)			
Efficiency Measure: Measure under development			

**Rating:** Results Not Demonstrated

**Program Type:** Block / Formula Grants

**Program Summary:**

The Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) provides grants to federally recognized Native American tribes and eligible intertribal consortia to improve their ability to administer environmental regulatory programs.

The analysis found that:

1. The program's purpose is very clear and agreed upon by interested parties. Not all tribes currently have the financial resources and technical ability to develop and implement Federal environmental programs on their own.
2. Strategic planning is the program's weakest area, and plans from 2003 and earlier had weak performance goals that focused on processes more than environmental outcomes.
3. In recognition of these weaknesses, EPA has been working to develop new long-term goals and efficiency measures.
4. The program also adopted new annual performance measures, which more accurately reflect the program's purpose and activities.
5. GAP has improved its program management over the last year. It implemented a new grants management system which provides better information on grantee activities, and it also developed a tribal database which holds environmental, cultural, and administrative information on each of the tribes.

As a result of these findings, the Administration recommends:

1. Increasing GAP funding to \$62.5 million, \$5 million above the 2003 President's Budget level of \$57 million, in recognition that program management is improving.
2. That EPA use the new information from the recently implemented grants management system to further improve the program's strategic planning and management, including the development of long-term goals and efficiency measures.

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

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
52	57	62