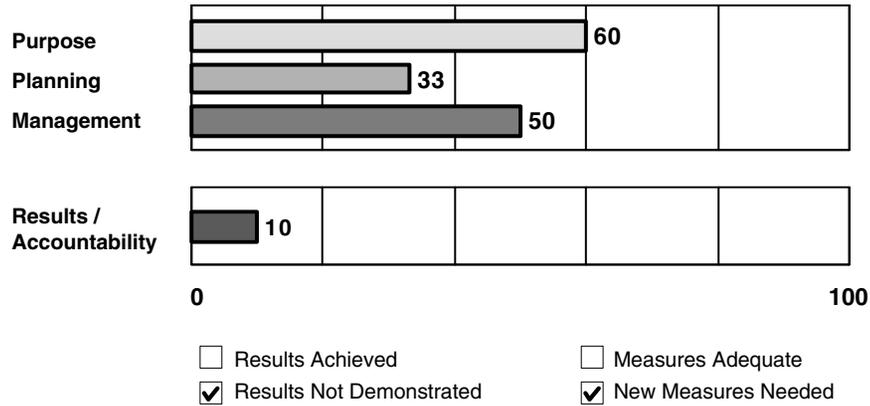


Program: *Juvenile Accountability Block Grants*

Agency: *Department of Justice*

Bureau: *Office of Justice Programs*



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Key Performance Measures	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measures: None			
Annual Measures: None			

Rating: *Ineffective*

Program Type: *Block / Formula Grants*

Program Summary:

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants (JAIBG) provide states with funds to support improvements in state and local juvenile justice systems.

Grants can support up to 16 different purpose areas, including innovative sentencing programs, hiring court personnel, and building or renovating youth correction facilities. The ultimate purpose of the grants is to make juvenile offenders more accountable for their actions and to make the justice system more accountable for juveniles' safety. These disparate goals and the lack of a consistent definition of "accountability" have made it difficult for DOJ to develop clear, outcome-based performance measures. Several funding areas have only a tangential relationship to juvenile crime. Instead, DOJ has opted to track the "Number of formula grant awards made", which does little to illustrate the program's effectiveness. Additional findings include:

1. Because the funding criteria are extremely broad and the reporting criteria are minimal, OJP has little power to redirect funds to higher priority areas or from poorly-performing grantees to successful grantees.
2. Other than anecdotal evidence, the program has not demonstrated any measurable impact on either juvenile crime or the juvenile justice system to date.

In response to these findings, the Budget requests no funding for this program in 2004.

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

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
211	140	0