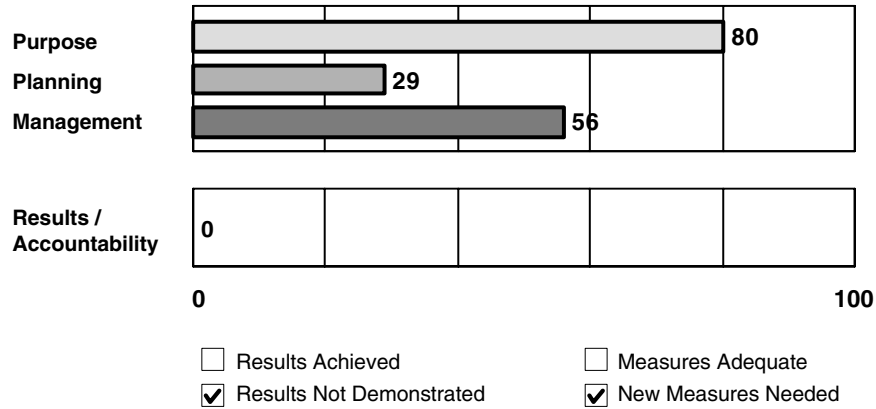# Program: *Native American Housing Block Grants*

Agency: *Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Bureau: *Public and Indian Housing Programs*

☐ Results Achieved	☐ Measures Adequate
☑ Results Not Demonstrated	☑ New Measures Needed

Rating: *Results Not Demonstrated*

Program Type: *Block / Formula Grants*

Program Summary:

The Native American Housing Block grant provides funding to tribes which they use to provide rental assistance, rehabilitation, new construction, homeownership counseling, and other housing-related activities.

The assessment indicates that the overall purpose and design of the program is clear. However, the program receives poor performance scores primarily because the program does not have a history of establishing quantifiable performance goals, targets, and timelines. It, therefore, cannot currently demonstrate what level of impact it has on providing housing to those who need it. Furthermore, the program does not have information systems in place to monitor whether grantees are in compliance with reporting requirements.

To address these findings, HUD will:
1. Look to the HOME program, which received a management score of 100 percent, for ways to effectively run a housing block grant.
2. Develop short- and long-term, outcome-oriented performance measures that track reductions in overcrowded housing.
3. Complete the development and implementation of performance tracking systems. HUD has scheduled and funded the development of information technology systems for the block grant in 2003.
4. Simplify reporting requirements for grantees. HUD should re-examine the essential data needed to evaluate grantee performance and compliance with federal regulations and also give consideration to how administratively burdensome reporting requirements are on smaller tribes.
5. Propose legislative language to strengthen and expedite enforcement actions. HUD should develop language that will expedite enforcement action in cases of fraud or non-compliance.

Key Performance Measures	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Percent of overcrowded houses on tribal lands (New measure, targets under development)			
Annual Measure: Percent of overcrowded houses on tribal lands (New measure, targets under development)			
Annual Measure: Number of households receiving assistance	2003	19,967	
	2004	23,960	

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

2002 Actual	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate
649	647	647