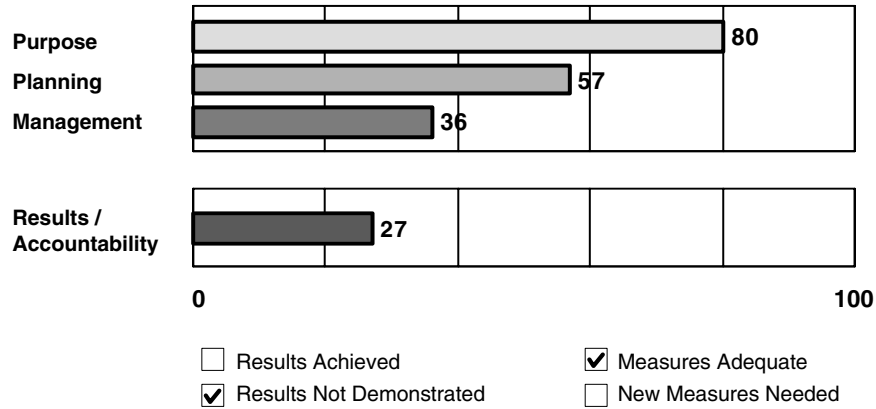


Program: Weed and Seed

Agency: Department of Justice

Bureau: Office of Justice Programs



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long term Measure: Measures under development			
Annual Measure: Percentage of Weed & Seed sites implementing community policing	2001	100%	99%
	2002	100%	99%
Annual Measure: Number of homicides per Weed and Seed site	2000	0	5.5
	2001	0	4.1

Rating: Results Not Demonstrated

Program Type: Competitive Grants

Program Summary:

Weed and Seed aims to reduce violent and drug-related crime in high-crime areas. Grants fund locally devised crime reduction plans which include such activities as targeting specific drug markets and providing after-school activities for at-risk youth.

The assessment indicates that many jurisdictions have actively sought DOJ's assistance in developing local Weed and Seed strategies, but the large number of active projects has led to inconsistent oversight and results. Additional findings include:

1. While Weed and Seed had selected good performance objectives, such as lower homicide rates, it lacks the data to specify a 'baseline' against which improvements can be measured. Furthermore, DOJ has been averse to setting goals implying that any level of crime is "successful."
2. Despite the program's 11-year history, only a limited number of Weed and Seed sites have been independently evaluated. Those results have been promising, but difficult to generalize given the wide variation in local strategies and effectiveness.

In response to these findings, the agency will:

1. Establish performance baselines and targets.
2. Toughen reporting requirements to require annual reports from all sites, and withhold from grantees that fail to submit performance data.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
59	59	58