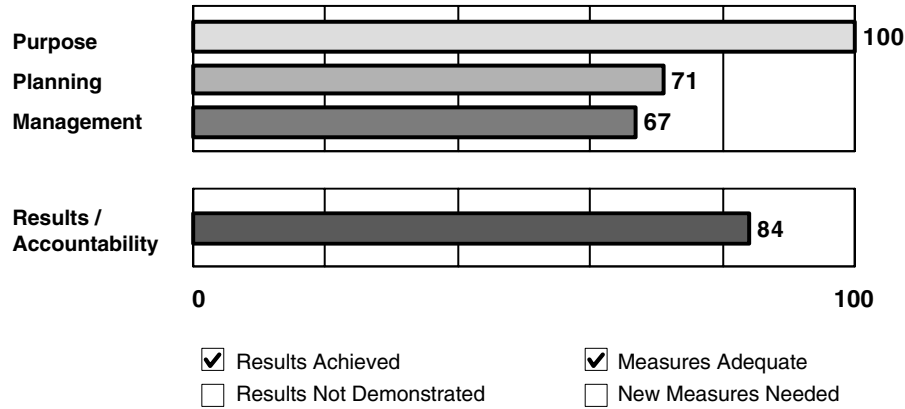


Program: Weatherization Assistance

Agency: Department of Energy

Bureau: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Long-term Measure: Number of homes weatherized from 2002 to 2011	2002	105,000	
	2011	1,200,000	
Long-term Measure: Program benefit-cost ratio (excluding non-energy benefits) The ratio represents the discounted value (4.7 percent discount rate) of energy saved over 20 years divided by the total program costs. (Targets under development).	1989		1.06
	1996		1.79
	2005		
Annual Measure: Number of low-income homes weatherized	2001	74,803	76,631
	2002	105,000	
	2003	123,000	
	2004	123,000	

Rating: Moderately Effective

Program Type: Block / Formula Grants

Program Summary:

The Weatherization Assistance program provides technical assistance and formula grants to State and local agencies to weatherize homes of low-income families, with target populations including the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children.

The program has a very clear purpose, and generally weatherizes the number of homes it commits to weatherize each year. Other findings include:

1. On average, the program saves each low-income family more than \$200 annually on its energy bill.
2. The program reports a favorable benefit-cost ratio. However, the program does not conduct a periodic independent analysis of its cost effectiveness, nor does the program require States to report on cost effectiveness.
3. Efficiency and quality of service may be improved by better collaboration with other agencies with related missions, particularly the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
4. The program is part of a division that completed a major reorganization in 2002, which should improve program planning and management.

In response to these findings, the Budget:

1. Continues the President's commitment to increase funding by \$1.4 billion over 10 years to help a total of 1.2 million low-income families reduce their energy bills.
2. Recommends periodic independent evaluation of the program's cost effectiveness.

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

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
230	277	288