**Program: Weed and Seed**

**Agency: Department of Justice**

**Bureau: Office of Justice Programs**

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.

**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.

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

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