

WEED AND SEED PROGRAM FUND  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Perm. <u>Pos.</u>	FTE	<u>Amount</u>
2002 Obligations.....	...	...	\$59,308
2003 President's Budget Request.....	...	...	58,925
Adjustments to Base:			
Transfer to the Justice Assistance appropriation.....	...	...	-58,925
2004 Current Services.....	...	...	...
2004 Request.....	...	...	...

	2003 President's Budget			2004 Current Services			2004 Request			Program Improvements/Offsets		
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<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>												
Weed and Seed Program.....	...	...	\$58,925	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Program Description

Weed and Seed represents the Department's premier, neighborhood-based comprehensive crime control initiative. The weed and seed strategy is based on the premise that leaders from neighborhood and community organizations, including faith-based organizations, law enforcement and private enterprise, must leverage resources to solve community problems at the local level. Site funding generally provides resources for "weeding" activities, which include joint law enforcement operations and community policing, and "seeding" activities, which range from prevention activities located in Safe Havens to neighborhood physical improvement and economic development.

Program Realignment

Consistent with the Government Performance and Results Act, the 2004 budget proposes to streamline the decision unit structure of DOJ components to align more closely with the mission and strategic objectives contained in the DOJ Strategic Plan (FY 2001-2006). In addition, the budget has been realigned to reflect each component's outputs and full costs by major program activity, including the costs of management and administration, so that a more accurate picture of total activity costs is reflected in the budget. In this way, budget and performance are more closely linked, and provide a better basis on which to make budget decisions. Over time, agencies will be expected to identify effective outcome measures, monitor their progress, and accurately present the associated costs.

As part of its effort to realign resources to the DOJ Strategic Plan, the 2004 budget proposes to move funding for this program under the Justice Assistance account. In 2004, \$58,265,000 is requested for this program in the Justice Assistance appropriation under the Improving the Criminal Justice System Decision Unit. The (current services) decrease in 2004 funding is attributable to OJP's realignment of its management and administration funding to reflect the full cost, both administrative and programmatic, of each OJP program. In order to achieve this, OJP's total management and administration resources were redistributed among all OJP programs so that the budgeted administrative costs for each program were more closely aligned with actual administrative costs.