



Spring 2009 SRTS Program Tracking Brief

The Quarterly SRTS Program Tracking Brief is prepared by the National Center for Safe Routes to School to provide information about State SRTS programs. Each quarter, a snapshot and brief analysis of a key trend across all State programs is presented. It also provides a tracking table summarizing key attributes from all programs.

Spring 2009 Snapshot: SRTS Program in Demand

The National Safe Routes to School Program continued to spread during the first quarter (Jan - March) of 2009. The amount of SRTS spending announced during the first quarter of 2009 was \$23.4 million and that brings the total funding states have announced to \$355.2 million,^{1, 2} which is approximately 60% of the \$596 million available to states. State Safe Routes to School Programs³ have announced SRTS funds for 5,224⁴ schools or local programs, up from 4,566 at the end of 2008.

States continue to grow the Program as evident by the progression through their application funding cycles. At the end of the first quarter in 2009, 71 percent of states had made awards for their second, third or fourth funding cycles or had a rolling application process. This represents an 8 percent increase over the previous quarter. Based on the number of cycles that were closed but not yet awarded during this quarter, it's anticipated that over the next two quarters up to 30 percent of states may report additional award announcements.

New to this Tracking Brief is information on the funding amount requested by the SRTS applications submitted to the states. Since the beginning of the National SRTS program, there has been a request for \$1.3 billion and together states have supplied approximately 25 percent⁵ of the funds requested. Further analysis show that 71 percent of states (32/45)⁶ awarded up to half of the funding their constituency requested and 4 percent of states (2/45) were able to provide 75 percent or more of the funding requested.

To date, states have received 7,060 program applications with 37 percent⁷ of those being selected for funding. This 37 percent is similar to the percent reported for the Winter 2008. For the quarter, the percentage of states that fund less than 60 percent of the applications increased slightly up to 57 percent (26/48 states for the previous quarter and 28/49 for this quarter.)⁵ While this brief does not investigate the quality of the applications received, the legitimacy of the funding requests or each state's selection criteria, the percentage of unfunded applications may suggest that states are receiving more applications than they can fund and those applications are requesting more financial need than the states can accommodate.

Key Points

- States announced \$23.4 million in funding for local and/or statewide SRTS programs during the quarter.
- Approximately \$355.2 million has been spent or committed for SRTS programs.^{1, 2}
- States have been able to fund 25%⁵ of the \$1.3 billion in SRTS funding requests received.
- At least 5,244 schools are participating in state-funded SRTS programs.⁴

¹ This amount reflects the funding announced based on the funding amounts appropriated to each state under the current federal SRTS legislation. The figure is less than the cumulative amount reported on the previous Tracking Brief as the previous Brief included anticipated funding announced for several states.

² The spending figure does not include state-level program administration costs, such as salaries for State Coordinators, office expenses, printing, travel, etc.

³ For the purposes of this tracking report, the District of Columbia is treated as a state, because it receives funds and is subject to the same program requirements and restrictions as states.

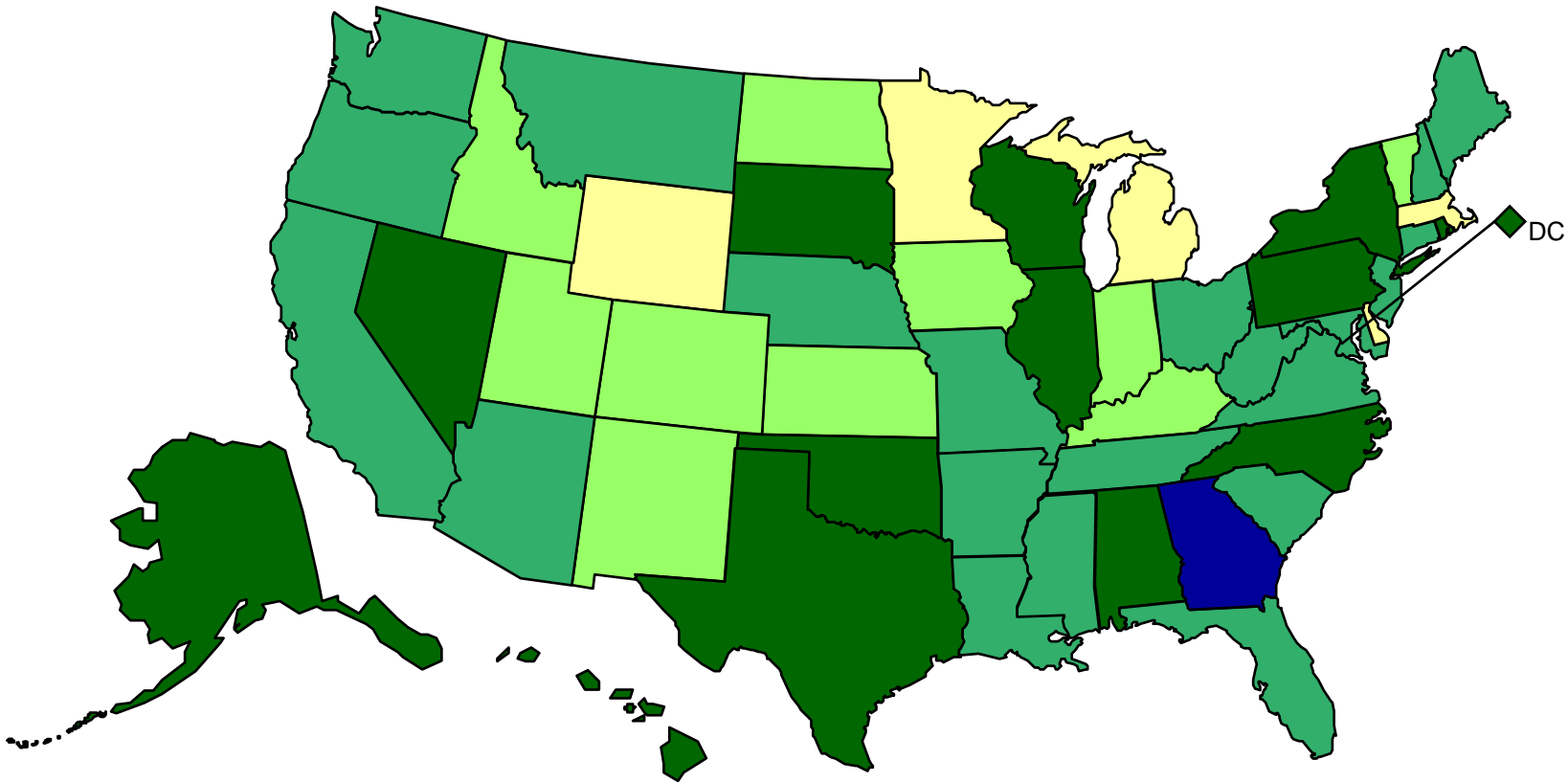
⁴ This number is a conservative estimate because states can report the number of schools or number of programs that received SRTS funds or state-funded SRTS activities. For states that report the number of local programs funded, those programs may involve numerous schools.

⁵ This number only includes states where both the amount of funding request and amount awarded was known and reported.

⁶ 45 states are used in calculating this percentage as the funding amount requested was known and provided for these states.

⁷ These numbers only include states where both the number of applications received and selected were reported.

Safe Routes to School: Application Funding Cycles Completed by State Programs *(as of March 31, 2009)*



| State Funding Cycle Status Funding awards made for: | Percent of States (number) | |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| 4 th , 5 th or Rolling cycle | 9.8% (5) | |
| 3 rd cycle | 19.6% (10) | |
| 2 nd cycle | 41.2% (21) | |
| 1 st cycle | 27.5% (14) | |
| Statewide SRTS funds spent only | 2.0% (1)* | |

*Georgia has closed its first funding cycle.



Safe Routes to School State Program Status Table – January 1 to March 31, 2009

| State | SRTS Application Status ¹ [Cycle] | SRTS Funded Schools/ Programs ² | Funding Announced ³ | Statewide Spending ⁴ | Percent of funds awarded based on funds requested [\$ millions] ⁵ | Percent of Applications Selected ⁶ |
|----------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Alabama | C [2nd] | 55 | \$4,887,771 | \$415,000 | 74% [\$7.2] | 70% [26/37] |
| Alaska | O [3rd] | 9 | \$715,851 | N/A | N/A | 100% [6/6] |
| Arizona | P [3rd] | 23 | \$1,500,000 | N/A | 13% [\$11.3] | 30% [24/81] |
| Arkansas | A [2nd] | 47 | \$3,907,235 | \$192,105 | 41% [\$10.0] | 56% [50/90] |
| California | A [2nd] | 219 | \$87,039,750 ⁷ | \$3,882,076 | 25% [\$269.0] | 27% [219/806] ⁸ |
| Colorado | C [4th] | 218 | \$6,376,613 | \$1,454,811 | 39% [\$20.0] | 46% [82/177] |
| Connecticut | O [3rd] | 13 | \$2,300,000 | \$319,000 | 35% [\$7.4] | 27% [8/30] |
| Delaware | O [Rolling] | 23 | \$853,250 | \$138,559 | N/A ⁹ | 100% [23/23] ⁹ |
| District of Columbia | A [1st] | 13 | \$466,000 | \$2,348,745 | N/A ¹⁰ | 100% [13/13] |
| Florida | O [3rd] | 928 | \$43,587,599 ¹¹ | \$201,853 | N/A | N/A [237/N/A] ¹² |
| Georgia | C [1st] | No | N/A | \$4,000 | N/A | N/A |
| Hawaii | A [1st] | 5 | \$363,246 | \$185,887 | 42% [\$1.3] | 46% [5/11] |
| Idaho | C [4th] | 150 | \$3,443,813 | \$200,000 | 56% [\$6.5] | 73% [60/82] |
| Illinois | C [2nd] | 113 | \$8,337,721 ¹³ | N/A | 8% [\$105.6] | 11% [113/1044] ¹⁴ |
| Indiana | P [4th] | 94 | \$6,609,619 ¹⁵ | N/A | 27% [\$24.4] ¹⁶ | 28% [40/141] ¹⁷ |
| Iowa | A [3rd] | 52 | \$4,870,011 | \$494,697 | 17% [\$30.9] | 27% [59/215] |
| Kansas | A [3rd] | 55 | \$4,562,719 | N/A | 34% [\$13.5] | 40% [42/105] ¹⁸ |
| Kentucky | O [4th] | 93 | \$5,953,958 | N/A | 18% [\$8.1] ¹⁹ | 18% [9/50] ¹⁹ |
| Louisiana | C [3rd] | 38 | \$3,695,833 | \$143,200 | 53% [\$7.3] | 69% [20/29] |
| Maine | A [2nd] | 33 | \$4,000,000 | \$260,000 | 39% [\$11.0] | 49% [33/68] |
| Maryland | C [3rd] | 182 | \$8,718,700 | \$93,220 | 56% [\$15.9] | 79% [49/62] |
| Massachusetts | O [Rolling] | 206 ²⁰ | N/A ²⁰ | \$2,275,000 ²⁰ | N/A ²⁰ | 100% [206/206] ²⁰ |
| Michigan | O [Rolling] | 51 | \$10,387,451 | \$3,602,938 | 64% [\$22.0] | 79% [48/61] |
| Minnesota | A [4th] | 115 | \$7,300,000 | \$217,000 | 9% [\$81.0] | 23% [92/400] |
| Mississippi | A [2nd] | 68 | \$5,969,597 | \$221,987 | 34% [\$18.5] | 52% [34/65] |
| Missouri | A [2nd] | 156 | \$8,662,059 | \$332,162 | 24% [\$37.7] | 43% [100/230] |
| Montana | C [3rd] | 26 | \$1,270,090 | N/A | 55% [\$2.3] | 61% [33/54] |
| Nebraska | C [3rd] | 64 | \$3,958,259 | \$228,344 | 18% [23.7] | 20% [46/234] |
| Nevada | O [2nd] | 6 | \$1,594,971 | N/A | 27% [\$5.9] | 92% [11/12] |
| New Hampshire | O [3rd] | 55 | \$1,517,706 | \$6,000 | 44% [\$3.5] | 88% [35/40] |
| New Jersey | A [2nd] | 98 | \$8,157,000 | \$775,740 | 7% [\$120.0] | 11% [60/537] |
| New Mexico | A [3rd] | 44 | \$645,981 | \$361,281 | 60% [\$0.7] ²¹ | 74% [25/34] |
| New York | A [1st] | 181 | \$27,499,133 | N/A | 47% [\$58.3] | 40% [70/176] |
| North Carolina | C [2nd] | 65 | \$2,067,000 | N/A | 59% [\$3.5] | 56% [27/48] |
| North Dakota | A [3rd] | 129 | \$3,218,492 | N/A | 23% [\$13.9] | 26% [35/136] |
| Ohio | A [2nd] | 338 | \$8,592,150 | N/A | 77% [\$11.2] | 91% [184/203] |
| Oklahoma | O [2nd] | 38 | \$3,047,000 | \$302,658 | 47% [\$7.2] | 48% [19/40] |
| Oregon | P [3rd] | 68 | \$2,330,206 | \$263,169 | 85% [\$3.1] | 80% [36/45] |
| Pennsylvania | A [1st] | 11 | \$1,261,687 | \$2,037,282 | 6% [\$56.0] | 14% [16/112] |
| Rhode Island | A [1st] | 35 | \$1,868,789 | N/A | 25% [\$7.6] | 39% [13/33] |
| South Carolina | A [2nd] | 26 | \$5,000,000 | \$152,000 | 47% [\$11.0] | 45% [25/55] |
| South Dakota | O [2nd] | 14 | \$702,258 | N/A | 39% [\$1.8] | 83% [5/6] |
| Tennessee | O [3rd] | 55 | \$6,185,850 | N/A | 31% [\$19.8] | 31% [36/115] |
| Texas | P [2nd] | 525 | \$24,678,953 | N/A | 36% [\$69.0] | 68% [244/360] |
| Utah | C [4th] | 43 | \$3,060,305 | \$289,000 | 56% [\$6.0] | 74% [39/53] |
| Vermont | C [4th] | 60 | \$2,400,000 | \$87,000 | 48% [\$5.2] | 60% [55/91] |
| Virginia | C [3rd] | 15 | \$3,530,932 | \$64,500 | 40% [\$9.0] | 63% [31/49] |
| Washington | C [3rd] | 32 | \$10,517,000 ²² | N/A | 22% [\$47.0] | 22% [32/143] |
| West Virginia | C [3rd] | 41 ²³ | \$2,879,170 | N/A | 60% [\$4.8] | 50% [31/62] |
| Wisconsin | C [2nd] | 250 | \$6,910,779 | \$20,000 | 21% [\$32.6] | 29% [82/282] |
| Wyoming | A [5th] | 46 | \$4,554,553 | \$53,000 | 64% [\$7.2] | 86% [37/43] |
| Total | | Approx 5224 | \$333,538,189²⁴ | \$21,622,214 | 25%²⁵ [\$1,297.1] | 37% [2,558/6,995]²⁶ |

Detailed Notes and Comments:

¹ **SRTS Application Status** options include [Brackets indicate the funding cycle]:

- P = Preparation: The State SRTS Program has started developing an application process, including some of the following types of activities: identifying program requirements, determining spending levels, developing the application, review and selection process, establishing an advisory board, and/or preparing application materials.
- O = Open: The State SRTS Program has opened its application process. Brackets indicate the funding cycle.
- C = Closed: Applications for SRTS programs have closed, and the State SRTS Program is reviewing applications and will next announce selected funding recipients. Brackets indicate the funding cycle.
- A= Awarded: The State has already gone through a complete application process, and has announced selected funding recipients. In some instances, local programs have already received funds. This category also includes States that have completed a funding cycle and are preparing to release a new application.

² **SRTS Funded Schools or Programs:** shows the number of schools in the State that are receiving SRTS funds or state-funded SRTS activities. If the number of schools is not known, the number of SRTS programs is used. This number will usually be an estimate, because many funding recipients will conduct programs in numerous schools. Fund awards are typically made through a competitive process, but in some instances the State may directly select local programs to fund.

- No: Funds have yet to be awarded to local SRTS funds. The State SRTS Program may be at any point prior to announcing selected projects, including the no action, preparation, open, and closed Application Status options described above.

³ **Funding Announced** includes the amounts that State SRTS Programs have announced they will spend on specific local SRTS projects or programs. This does not identify funds that have actually been dispersed. It also does not include the amounts that a State has committed to making available through its application process.

⁴ **Statewide Spending** includes funds that State SRTS Programs have announced they will spend on statewide SRTS activities. These are typically funds provided to statewide organizations or agencies that will conduct SRTS-related encouragement, education, enforcement, or training. These are funds that are directly intended to reach target audiences; the category does not include State SRTS Program administrative costs, such as Coordinator salary, office expenses, travel, printing, etc.

⁵ **Percent of funds awarded based on funds requested** shows the percentage of SRTS funds each state has announced relative to the total dollar amount of SRTS funds requested, which is shown in [brackets]. The percentage is calculated by summing the values in the table's Funding Announced and Statewide Spending columns and dividing by the number that appears in [brackets] in this column.

⁶ **Percent of Applications Selected** provides the state by state percentage of applications selected to receive funding and [*Number of Applications Selected divided by Number of Applications Received*] displays counts of the number of applications requesting National SRTS Program funding and the number of applications selected to receive funding. The numbers presented only include application numbers for funding cycle(s) that have been closed and funds announced. A difference may exist between the Number of Applications Selected and the number of Schools Receiving SRTS because applications can contain activities and projects that encompass multiple schools.

⁷ California has announced funding for the entire amount (\$67.5M) it received under the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation. The \$87M reported on the tracking report included this \$67.5M plus funds they anticipate receiving for FY 2010.

⁸ This percentage and number of applications selected are based on the \$87.5M California awarded rather than the number of applications selected if they had awarded \$67.5M.

⁹ Delaware usually receives two requests per school: One request for planning followed later by a formal application for implementation. Therefore there is no requested funding amount to report. The application numbers reflect all programs including those requesting initial planning assistance.

¹⁰ D.C offers planning assistance and SRTS activities but there is no requested funding amount to report.

¹¹ Florida has announced funding for the entire amount (\$29.1M) it received under the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation. The \$43.5M reported includes the \$29.1M plus expected funds they have programmed through FY 2013.

¹² The total number of applications received is unknown. Florida has a decentralized application process that allows each Florida DOT District to receive and review the applications from their district. The Districts forward only the selected applications to DOT headquarters for approval.

¹³ Cumulative amount is less than what was listed on the previous Tracking Report due to reporting error.

¹⁴ Illinois can select individual projects/activities listed within an application so their selection process involved reviewing 298 applications containing 1044 project/activities of which they selected 113 projects/activities to fund.

¹⁵ This amount includes the cancellation of 2 local program from IN's previous funding cycles.

¹⁶ The \$24.4M includes 2 project applications subsequently withdrawn and the amount requested during Indiana's special call for non-infrastructure applications during Oct. and Nov. of 2008.

¹⁷ The 141 number accounts for the cancellation of 2 local programs from the 2006 and 2007 funding cycles.

¹⁸ Number does not reflect the total number of applications received or selected for each of that state's funding cycles.

¹⁹ The calculated percentage and funding requested only include requested and funded amounts since 2008.

²⁰ Massachusetts' SRTS program is currently conducting education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation and/or infrastructure related activities at 206 schools. The State announced its SRTS program and then selected these initial participating schools rather than asking schools to apply for funding. The school selections are based on criteria to ensure distribution between different populations, parts of the state, and rural, suburban, and urban locations.

²¹ The percentage and amount of funding does not include funds the NM SRTS Program is using for a 2 year pilot program in the state nor does it include funds used for SRTS engineering assistance available to all funded communities.

²² The \$10.5M Washington has announced in funding reflect the entire amount (\$10.2M) it received under the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation plus additional funds.

²³ The 41 schools is a decreased from 44 schools present on the previous tracking report. The reduction is due to the schools closing, consolidating or no longer participating.

²⁴ This total dollar amount is less than the amount presented on the previous tracking report. Although the Funding Announced column values for California, Florida and Washington display \$87.0M, \$43.6M \$10.5M respectively, this total for all states does not include the funds California, Florida and Washington announced beyond the amounts apportioned to those states (\$67,618,011, \$29,116,392, and \$10,175,004 respectively) through the current SAFETEA-LU legislation. The California, Florida and Washington dollar values used to calculate the total equals those states' apportioned amount minus their statewide spending.

²⁵ This percentage only includes states where the funding announced, statewide spending, and the amount of funding requested were known and provided.

²⁶ Total only includes number of applications received and selected for funding cycles where the number of applications received and number of applications selected were known.