



Summer 2008 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 different snapshot and brief analysis of one key trend across all State programs is presented. It also provides a tracking table summarizing key attributes from all programs.

Summer 2008 Snapshot: SRTS Spending Tops \$266 million

The National Safe Routes to School Program continued its impressive expansion during the second quarter (April—June) of 2008. The total amount of SRTS spending announced through June 30 was \$266.4 million,¹ which is a \$44.7 million (20 percent) increase in total committed spending from the \$221.7 reported for the first quarter of 2008.

State Safe Routes to School Programs² have announced spending commitments for approximately 64 percent of the \$416 million that has been made available to states to date. Forty-four states have now announced spending of SRTS funds for local programs, up from 42 at the end of March 2008. *The National Center for Safe Routes to School sees the consistent growth in announced spending and the increase in state-level SRTS activity as encouraging signs of the strength and interest in the National Safe Routes to School Program.*

Of the 4,811 SRTS program applications submitted to states, approximately 33% (1,589 of 4,754) were selected to receive funding. Further investigation shows that the majority (25 of 40)³ of states funded less than 60% of the applications they received. While this brief does not investigate the quality of the applications received or each state's selection criteria, the percentage of unfunded applications may suggest that states are receiving more applications than they can accommodate.

The SRTS National Program continues to grow. Forty-nine states and DC are actively involved in their funding process. Thirteen states⁴ have opened, closed or announced funding for their first application cycle and three states have a rolling application cycle or other process for awarding funds. With twenty-four states in their second cycle and ten states in their third application cycle, the growth in announced spending will increasingly come from second, third, or fourth funding cycles. NCSRTS anticipates announced spending for the next several quarters will be \$38 to \$40 million per quarter.

SRTS programs include infrastructure improvements to make walking and bicycling safer and more appealing for children, and SRTS education, encouragement, and enforcement activities.

Key Points (Summer 2008) - SRTS Spending-

- Approximately \$266.4 million has been spent or committed for SRTS programs.⁴
- 44 states (86%) have announced funding for local SRTS programs.
- 46 states (90%) have announced funding for local and/or statewide SRTS programs.
- At least 3,212 schools are participating in state-funded SRTS programs.

¹ The figures are approximate because Massachusetts has an open-ended contract to a state-level agency that is providing SRTS services to schools and communities, but has not calculated current expenditures.

² 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. This also simplifies the tracking of SRTS programs.

³ The 25 and 40 represent the number of states where the number of applications received and number of applications selected were known for one or more of those states' funding cycles.

⁴ The spending figure does not include state-level program administration costs, such as salaries for State Coordinators, office expenses, printing, travel, etc.

Safe Routes to School State Program Status Table – Summer 2008

State	SRTS Application Status ¹ [Cycle]	Local SRTS Programs Funded ²	Funding Announced ³	Statewide Spending ⁴	Number of Applications Received ⁵	Number of Applications Selected ⁶
Alabama	Awarded [1st]	Yes [47]	\$4,887,771	\$415,000	37	26
Alaska	Open [2nd]	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arizona	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [23]	\$1,899,000	N/A	81	24
Arkansas	Closed [2nd]	Yes [38]	\$2,553,498	\$178,905	67	37
California	Open [2nd]	Yes [98]	\$41,100,000	\$3,900,000	459	98
Colorado	Awarded [3rd]	Yes [199]	\$4,629,681	\$68,700	138	63
Connecticut	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [13]	\$2,300,000	\$319,000	30	8
Delaware	Open [Rolling]	Yes [6]	\$566,000	\$143,699	6	6
District of Columbia	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	\$1,900,000	N/A	N/A
Florida	Closed [2nd]	Yes [380]	\$28,088,723	\$104,023	---	180
Georgia	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hawaii	Awarded [1st]	Yes [5]	\$363,246	\$185,887	5	5
Idaho	Open [3rd]	Yes [98]	\$3,380,000	\$200,000	59	37
Illinois	Open [2nd]	Yes [113]	\$8,337,721	N/A	1044 ⁸	113
Indiana	Closed [3rd]	Yes [67] ⁹	\$4,394,083	N/A	105	29
Iowa	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [37] ⁹	\$3,250,626	\$398,459	165	44
Kansas	Awarded [3rd]	Yes [55]	\$3,457,719	N/A	67 ¹⁰	31 ¹¹
Kentucky	Closed [3rd]	Yes [21]	\$2,659,150	N/A	28 ¹⁰	28
Louisiana	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [38]	\$3,695,833	\$143,200	29	18
Maine	Awarded [1st]	Yes [23]	\$2,300,000	\$260,000	43	23
Maryland	Closed [3rd]	Yes [218]	\$7,000,000	N/A	61	48
Massachusetts ¹²	---- ¹²	Yes [141] ¹²	---- ¹²	---- ¹²	--- ¹²	--- ¹²
Michigan	Open [Rolling]	Yes [10]	\$1,624,000	\$3,250,000	18	7
Minnesota	Closed [3rd]	Yes [67]	\$5,250,000	\$167,000	292	67
Mississippi	Open [2nd]	Yes [56]	\$2,899,290	\$190,000	40	20
Missouri	Closed [2nd]	Yes [96]	\$4,113,220	\$275,000	99	46
Montana	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [22]	\$840,000	N/A	54	33
Nebraska	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [39]	\$2,957,392	N/A	171	32
Nevada	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire	Closed [2nd]	Yes [25]	\$477,343	\$6,000	16	11
New Jersey	Closed [2nd]	Yes [65]	\$4,150,000	\$326,970	274	29
New Mexico	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [16]	\$459,700	\$75,000	21	15
New York	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	Awarded [1st]	Yes [65]	\$1,897,000	N/A	48	27
North Dakota	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [22]	\$1,756,592	N/A	108	22
Ohio	Awarded [1st]	Yes [107]	\$4,018,466	N/A	122	107
Oklahoma	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	\$40,015	N/A	N/A
Oregon	Open [2nd]	Yes [49]	\$1,883,549	\$55,000	37	30
Pennsylvania	Awarded [1st]	Yes [5]	\$1,424,525	\$2,037,282	0	0
Rhode Island	Awarded [1st]	Yes [28]	\$1,900,000	N/A	33	13
South Carolina	Closed [2nd]	Yes [13]	\$2,400,000	\$120,000	28	12
South Dakota	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [40]	\$4,446,000	N/A	78	26
Texas	Awarded [1st]	Yes [395]	\$24,678,953	N/A	360	244
Utah	Closed [3rd]	Yes [43]	\$3,060,305	\$184,000	53	39
Vermont	Awarded [3rd]	Yes [60]	\$2,400,000	\$87,000	91	55
Virginia	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [103]	\$3,530,932	\$100,000	49	31
Washington	Closed [3rd]	Yes [32]	\$10,517,000	N/A	143	32
West Virginia	Closed [2nd]	Yes [16]	\$872,226	N/A	31	11
Wisconsin	Closed [2nd]	Yes [192]	\$4,085,432	\$20,000	162	44
Wyoming	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [26]	\$3,614,000	\$50,000	30	26
Total	----	approx 3,212	\$251,220,457	\$15,200,146	4,754¹³	1,589¹⁴

Detailed Notes and Comments:

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

- 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.
- Open: The State SRTS Program has opened its application process. Brackets indicate the funding cycle.
- 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.
- 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 **Local SRTS Programs Funded** options include:

- No: No funds have been 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.
- Yes: The State Program has announced funding for selected local SRTS Programs or projects. This typically indicates that a competitive process has been followed, but in some instances the State may directly select local programs to fund.
- [number]: If known, the number of schools in the State that are receiving SRTS funds or state-funded SRTS activities. This number will usually be an estimate, because many funding recipients will conduct programs in numerous schools.

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 **Number of Applications Received** provides a count of applications requesting National SRTS Program funding that that each state received. The numbers presented only include applications received for funding cycle(s) that have been closed and funds announced.

- N/A: The number of applications received by Alaska, DC, Georgia, Nevada, New York and South Dakota states is not included on this report since these states have yet to announce the recipients of their the first funding cycle.

⁶ **Number of Applications Selected** provides a count of the applications each state selected to receive National SRTS Program funds. The number includes only applicants selected from funding cycles 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 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.

⁸ 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.

⁹ Indiana and Iowa had one to two project cancellations. The number of schools "Receiving SRTS funds" on this brief will be less than the number on the Spring 2008 Brief. The "Funding Announced" amount may have also decreased.

¹⁰ Number does not reflect the total number of applications received for each of that state's funding cycle.

¹¹ Kansas has awarded funds to 55 programs but the total in this cell does not include the 24 programs awarded funds in 2006 because the number of applications received from which the 24 programs were selected was not known.

¹² Massachusetts' SRTS program is currently conducting education and encouragement activities at 141 schools. The State announced its SRTS program and then selected these initial participating schools based on criteria to ensure distribution between different populations, parts of the state, and rural, suburban, and urban locations.

¹³ Total only includes number of applications received for funding cycles where the number of applications received and number of applications selected is known.

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