



February 2007 SRTS Program Tracking Brief

The Monthly SRTS Program Tracking Brief is prepared by the National Center for Safe Routes to School to provide information about State SRTS programs. Each month, 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.

February 2007 Snapshot: Current Spending by State Programs

Little more than one year after the Federal Highway Administration issues program guidance for the Safe Routes to School Program, a total of nineteen State Safe Routes to School Programs¹ (37%) have announced spending on either local SRTS programs or statewide SRTS activities. A total of approximately² \$22.7 million has been provided or committed to local SRTS programs or for statewide SRTS activities.³ These figures show that the national SRTS program continues to grow, and when also considering states that currently have open application periods (12) or are close to announcing funding (7), more than half of all states (38 states, 75%) are actively involved in their funding process. Another 11 state programs (22%) are preparing to open applications for local SRTS grants. The National Center for Safe Routes to School continues to report that the national SRTS program enjoys impressive overall success and maintains long-term promise.

These figures represent major advances in the implementation of the national Safe Routes to School program. During the first two months of 2007,

- State-announced grants to local programs increased 35% (\$13.8 million to \$18.7 million),
- The number of schools participating in SRTS activities increased 38% (285 to 394), and
- The number of states with active SRTS funding processes - those that have either opened applications, completed an application cycle, or announced local grants - increased 31% (29 to 38).

Also as of February 28, 2007, 46 states, including the District of Columbia, have full-time permanent State SRTS Coordinators. Another 4 have interim Coordinators. These State Coordinators are critical leaders and technical experts about SRTS activities in their states.

Key Points (February 2007) - SRTS Spending:

- 19 states have announced funding for SRTS programs.
- Approximately \$22.7 million has been spent or committed for SRTS programs.
- At least 394 schools in those 19 states are participating in state-funded SRTS programs.

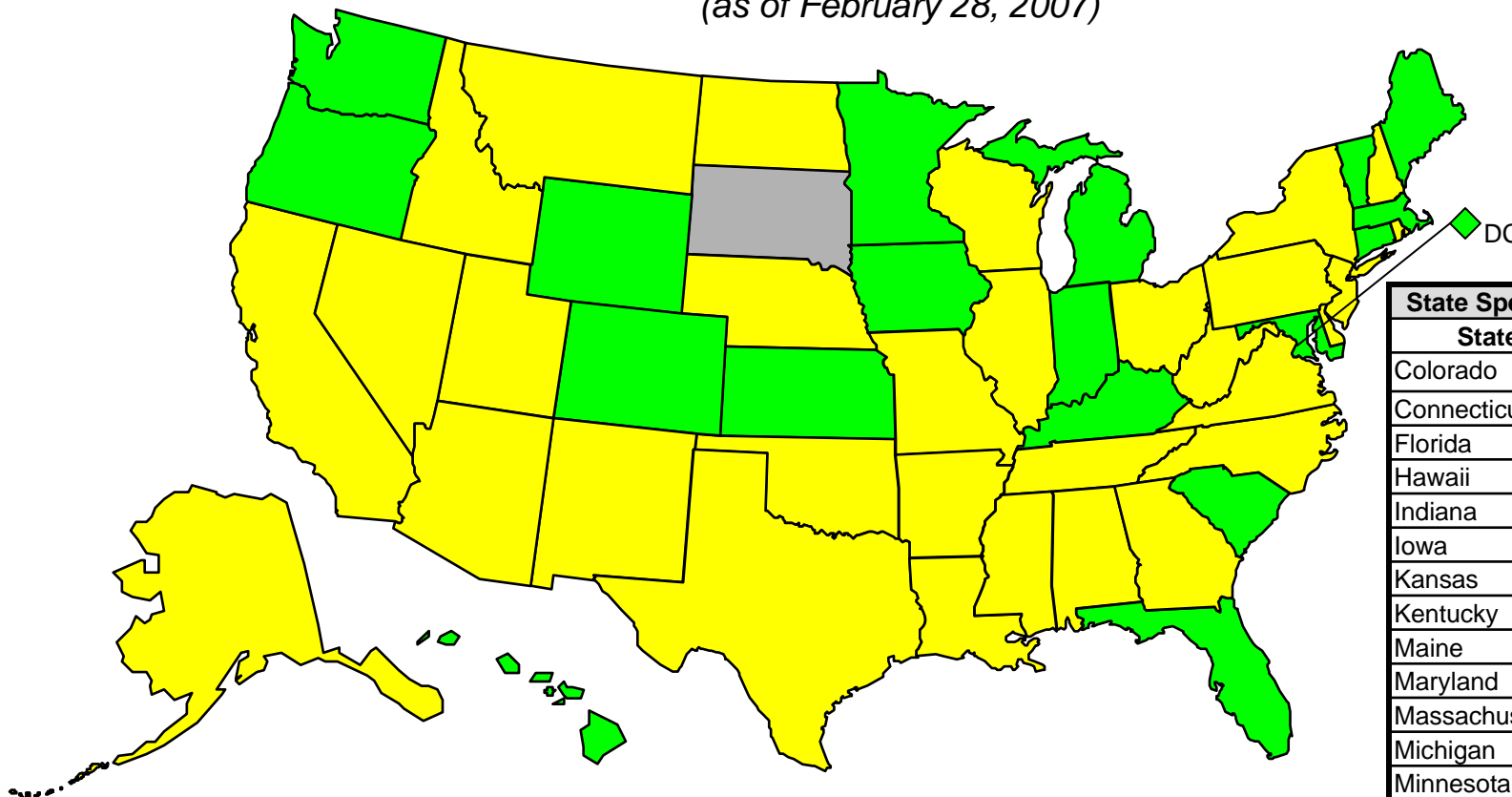
¹ For the purposes of this tracking report, the District of Columbia is treated as a state, because it receives funds and is subject to the same program requirements and restrictions as states. This approach also simplifies the tracking and reporting of SRTS programs.

² The figures are approximate because two states, Maine and Massachusetts, have open-ended contracts to a state-level agency or organization that is providing SRTS services to schools and communities, but have not calculated or invoiced current expenditures.

³ This spending figure does not include state-level program administration costs, such as salaries for State Coordinators, office expenses, printing, travel, etc. As of March 2007, 50 states are operating SRTS programs, and therefore have spent some funds for program administration and operations.

Safe Routes to School: Current Spending by State Programs

(as of February 28, 2007)



State Spending Information	
State	Amount
Colorado	\$1.9 million
Connecticut	\$1.3 million
Florida	\$961,000
Hawaii	\$130,000
Indiana	\$2 million
Iowa	\$1.68 million
Kansas	\$730,000
Kentucky	\$1.6 million
Maine	\$60,000
Maryland	\$3.39 million
Massachusetts	Unavailable
Michigan	\$3.25 million
Minnesota	\$1.7 million
Oregon	\$30,000
South Carolina	\$30,000
Vermont	\$590,000
Washington, DC	\$270,000
Washington	\$2 million
Wyoming	\$934,000
Total	\$22.7 million

State Status Summary	Number of States
SRTS funds awarded	13
Statewide SRTS funds spent	9
Total States Spending Funds	19
SRTS Process Underway	38
No SRTS spending activity	1

SRTS Funds Awarded* ■
 SRTS Process Underway ■
 No Action ■

* Note: "SRTS Funds Awarded" also includes states that have spent funds for statewide noninfrastructure activities



Safe Routes to School Monthly State Program Status Table – February 2007

State	Coordinator Status ¹	SRTS Application Status ² [Cycle]	Local SRTS Projects Funded ³	Amount Awarded ⁴	Statewide Spending ⁵
Alabama	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Alaska	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Arizona	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Arkansas	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
California	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Colorado	Permanent	Closed [2nd]	Yes [29]	\$1,900,000	N/A
Connecticut	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [4]	\$1,300,000	N/A
Delaware	Permanent	Open [Rolling]	No	N/A	N/A
District of Columbia	Interim	No Action	No	N/A	\$270,000
Florida ⁶	Permanent	Open [1st] ⁶	Yes [83] ⁶	\$961,283 ⁶	---- ⁶
Georgia	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Hawaii	Interim	Preparation	No	N/A	\$130,000
Idaho	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Illinois	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Indiana	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [40]	\$2,034,033	N/A
Iowa	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [18]	\$1,492,921	\$193,794
Kansas	Permanent	Open [2nd]	Yes [24]	\$729,775	N/A
Kentucky	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [13]	\$1,700,000	N/A
Louisiana	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Maine ⁷	Permanent	Closed [1st] ⁷	No [60] ⁷	N/A	\$60,000
Maryland	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [17]	\$3,395,200	N/A
Massachusetts ⁸	Permanent	---- ⁸	Yes [42] ⁸	---- ⁸	---- ⁸
Michigan	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	\$3,250,000 ⁹
Minnesota	Permanent	Closed [2nd]	Yes [17]	\$1,700,000	N/A
Mississippi	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Missouri	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Montana	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Nevada	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
New Hampshire	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
New Jersey	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
New Mexico	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
New York	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	Vacant ¹⁰	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
North Dakota	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Ohio	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Oklahoma	Interim	No Action	No	N/A	N/A
Oregon	Permanent	Open ¹¹	No	N/A	\$30,000
Pennsylvania	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Rhode Island	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	\$30,000
South Dakota	None	No Action	No	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Texas	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Utah	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Vermont	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [28]	\$504,000	\$87,000
Virginia	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Washington	Permanent	Closed [2nd]	Yes [13]	\$2,052,034	N/A
West Virginia	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Wyoming	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	Yes [6]	\$900,000	\$34,000
Total	----	----	approx. 394	\$18,669,246	\$4,084,794

Detailed Notes and Comments:

Methodology: The information contained in the Program Status Table and discussed in the overall report has been provided to the National Center for Safe Routes to School by State SRTS Programs in each state, and has not been verified through other means. For this report, 42 states (82%) provided updated information from previous months. The following states did not provide information for this report (either directly to the National Center for SRTS or through State SRTS Program Web sites), so information listed is the most recently available: AL, DC, LA, MT, NV, NY, SC, SD, UT.

*** Change: Beginning with this February 2007 report, the information in the table is current as of the last day of the month, instead of the first day of the month.*

¹ **Coordinator Status** options include:

- **Permanent:** A full-time, permanent State SRTS Coordinator has been named by the State Department of Transportation. A permanent SRTS Coordinator position usually indicates that a State SRTS program has adequate institutional infrastructure to effectively operate the program.
- **Interim:** An interim SRTS point of contact has been named by the State DOT. This person might oversee the initial establishment of the State SRTS program, as well as operation of the State's program until a permanent Coordinator is in place. Naming an interim point of contact is frequently the first step that a State DOT takes in establishing an SRTS program.
- **Vacant:** The State has already had a permanent SRTS Coordinator in place, but that person has left the position and it is vacant. An interim point of contact may have been named, but the permanent position is vacant and it is presumed that will be filled again.
- **None:** The State DOT has not named an interim point of contact

² **SRTS Application Status** options include [Brackets indicate the funding cycle]:

- **No Action**
- **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.

³ **Local SRTS Projects 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.

⁴ **Amount Awarded** 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.

⁵ **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.

⁶ Florida's statewide application process opened on November 15, 2006, however Florida's SRTS program initially distributed funds to district offices that each followed slightly different processes for funding. As a

result, some districts have already awarded local funding. In general, Florida's awards are either application-based or noncompetitively selected by the district offices. Also, the spending amount for Florida has been reduced from that reported in the October 2006 Tracking Report. Subsequent reporting from the Florida SRTS Program indicates that as of December 1, \$961,283 has actually been spent or committed to specific projects; the amount reported in October included long-term budgeting by some district offices not yet dedicated to specific projects.

⁷ Maine's SRTS program held an application process that ended in August 2006, but is awaiting final information on available funding levels. Selected funding applications will be announced after funding levels have been finalized by the Maine DOT. Funded a statewide contract to promote and encourage Walk to School month in October (supporting the participation of more than 60 schools), provide individual school education and encouragement assistance, and a March SRTS Training conference.

⁸ Massachusetts' SRTS program is currently conducting education and encouragement activities at 42 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.

⁹ Michigan announced a \$3.25 million contract with a state organization and University to conduct education, encouragement, training, and evaluation activities for FY05-FY09. As of December 2006, approximately \$433,000 in spending had been authorized.

¹⁰ North Carolina's Safe Routes Coordinator position, while technically vacant, is filled with an interim coordinator. The "Vacant" category applies to positions that have been previously filled with a permanent coordinator (see footnote one, above), but the permanent position is now vacant. North Carolina is in the process of hiring a new permanent coordinator, and program activities are continuing.

¹¹ Oregon has opened applications for local grants to conduct planning activities; \$30,000 has been set-aside for these small grants. There will be a subsequent application period for grants to conduct SRTS activities and projects.