



January 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.

January 2007 Snapshot: Important Program Benchmark Reached!

As of January 1, 2007, a significant milestone has been reached in the implementation of the national Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program: More than half (29) of the State Safe Routes to School Programs¹ (57%) are now operating active programs that are receiving and considering applications to fund local programs, have distributed funds for statewide SRTS activities, have completed an application process and made awards to local programs, or have already started a second application cycle.² An additional 20 states (39%) are developing their application processes or preparing their applications for release. The National Center for Safe Routes to School considers this milestone to be another indicator of the impressive progress and potential in the development and implementation of the national SRTS program.

Of the 26 states with open or completed application cycles, 11 (22% of all states) currently have open calls for applications, 6 states have closed their applications and are expected to announce awards within the next few months, and 9 states have completed applications and announced awards. Three states have completed their first application and award cycle, and are now conducting their second competitive application processes.³

Key Points (January 2007): State SRTS Program Implementation Progress

- 29 states have either completed their first application process or are currently conducting their application process.
- Of the three states that are not yet preparing applications, one (DC) has distributed some statewide funds, one (OK) recently named an interim SRTS Coordinator, and one (SD) has reported no SRTS program-related action.
- 16 states have announced a total of approximately⁴ \$17.6 million in spending for local or statewide SRTS activities⁵.

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 These include states with rolling applications, and those that have directly selected funding recipients.

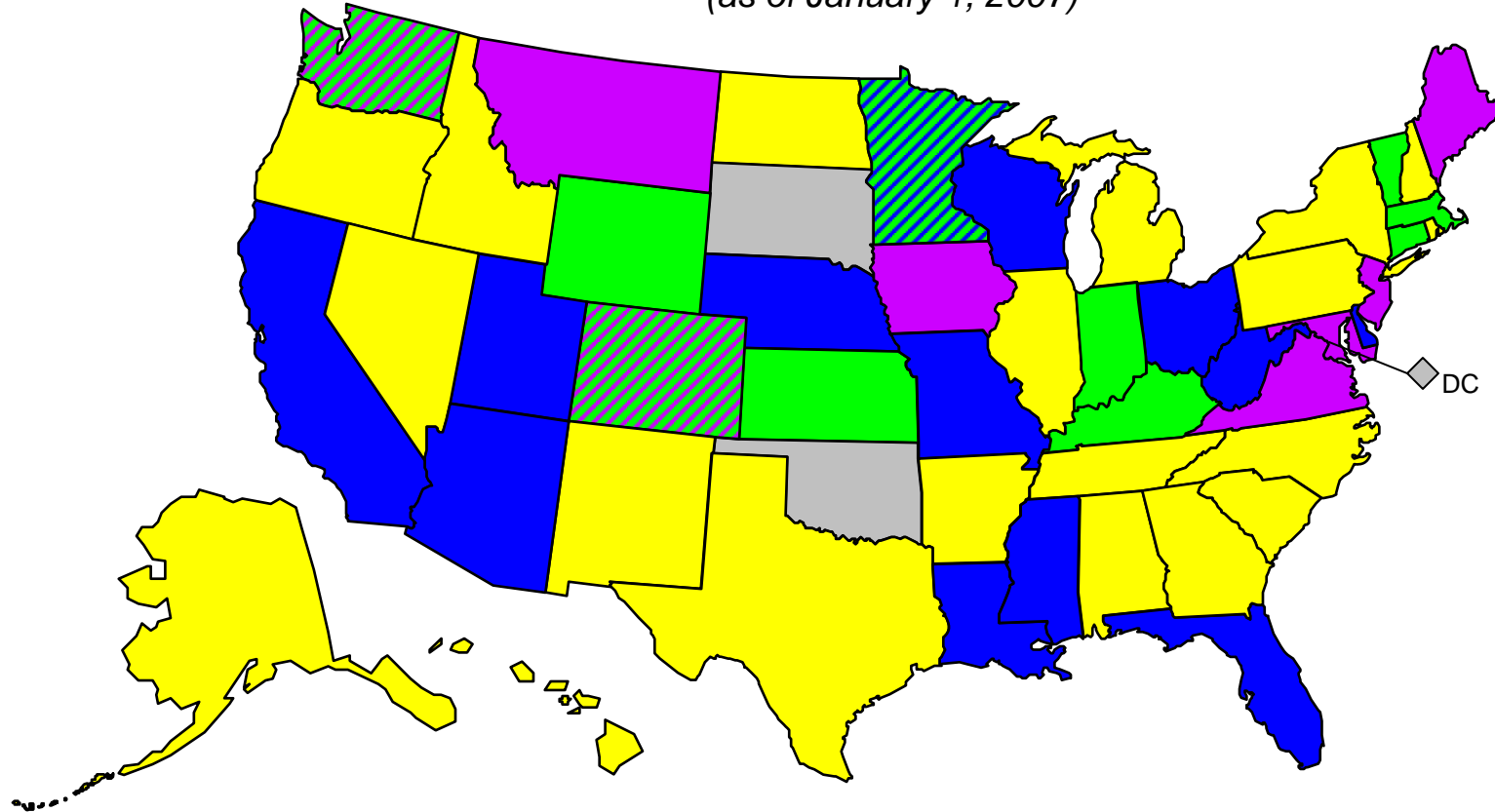
³ These three states (CO, MN, and WA) are shown on the map as “open” or “closed,” although they have already completed their first application cycles and announced local program funding recipients.

⁴ Spending figures are approximate because some states have open-ended contracts to state-level agencies or organizations that provide SRTS services to schools and communities, but do not calculate or invoice expenditures on a monthly basis or in time for these monthly tracking reports.

⁵ This spending figure does not include state-level program administration costs, such as salaries for State Coordinators, office expenses, printing, travel, etc. As of November 2006, 49 states are operating SRTS programs, and therefore have spent some funds for program administration and operations.

Safe Routes to School: Current Application Status

(as of January 1, 2007)



SRTS Applications Summary	Number of States
Applications currently open	13
Applications closed	8
Processes completed	7
Total w/ Application Progress	28
Applications under development	20
No SRTS application activity	3

Process Completed* ■ Applications Closed ■
 2nd Cycle [Open/Closed] / / Preparation ■
 Applications Open** [1st] ■ No Action ■

* "Process Completed" includes States that are directly selecting programs

** "Applications Open" includes States that have rolling applications



Safe Routes to School Monthly State Program Status Table – January 2006

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	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Arkansas	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
California	Permanent	Open [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	Preparation	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	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Kansas	Permanent	Awarded [1st]	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 ⁷	N/A	\$60,000
Maryland	Permanent	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Massachusetts ⁸	Permanent	---- ⁸	Yes [28] ⁸	---- ⁸	---- ⁸
Michigan	Permanent	Preparation	No	N/A	\$3,250,000 ⁹
Minnesota	Permanent	Open [2nd]	Yes [17]	\$1,700,000	N/A
Mississippi	Permanent	Open [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Missouri	Permanent	Open [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	Preparation	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	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
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	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Texas	Interim	Preparation	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	Open [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. 285	\$13,781,125	\$3,861,000

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, 44 states (86%) provided updated information from previous months.

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. A statewide contract to promote and encourage Walk to School Day participation was awarded.

⁸ Massachusetts' SRTS program is currently conducting education and encouragement activities at 28 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.