



March 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.

March 2007 Snapshot: Current Spending by State Programs

Less than a year and half after the Federal Safe Routes to School Program was established, a total of twenty State Safe Routes to School Programs¹ (39%) have announced spending on either local SRTS programs or statewide SRTS activities. A total of approximately² \$24.3 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 those that currently have open application periods (9) or are close to announcing funding (11), more than three quarters of all states (40 states, 78%) are actively involved in their funding process. 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.

Of the 20 states, 12 (24% of all states) have gone through a competitive application process, announcing over \$20.2 million in funding for local programs. These programs include infrastructure improvements to make walking and bicycling safer and more appealing for children, and SRTS education, encouragement, and enforcement activities. Eleven states (including four that have funded local programs) have announced a total of about \$4.1 million for statewide SRTS activities.

Also as of March 31, 2006, all 51 states, including the District of Columbia, have State-level SRTS programs in various stages of progress. These range from being in the early stages of developing their application processes to three states that have already opened or closed a second application cycle to fund local SRTS programs.

Key Points (March 2007) - SRTS Spending:

- 20 states have announced funding for local SRTS programs.
- Approximately \$20.2 million has been spent or committed for local SRTS programs.
- At least 422 schools in those 20 states are participating in state-funded SRTS programs.
- All 51 states (including D.C.) have SRTS programs in various stages of progress.

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 October 2006, 49 states are operating SRTS programs, and therefore have spent some funds for program administration and operations.

Safe Routes to School Monthly State Program Status Table – March 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	Open [2nd]	Yes [4]	\$1,300,000	N/A
Delaware	Permanent	Open [Rolling]	No	N/A	\$1680
District of Columbia	Interim	No Action	No	N/A	\$270,000
Florida ⁶	Permanent	Open [1st] ⁶	Yes [83] ⁶	\$984,317 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	Open [1st]	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	Closed [2nd]	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 [47] ⁸	---- ⁸	---- ⁸
Michigan	Permanent	Open [Rolling]	No	N/A	\$3,250,000 ⁹
Minnesota	Permanent	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [40]	\$3,250,000	N/A
Mississippi	Permanent	Closed [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	Closed [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	Open [1st]	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	Permanent	Preparation	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	Interim	Preparation	No	N/A	N/A
Tennessee	Permanent	Closed [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	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	N/A
Wyoming	Permanent	Closed [2nd]	Yes [6]	\$900,000	\$42,000
Total	----	----	approx. 422	\$20,242,280	\$4,094,474

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, 47 states (92%) 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: DC, LA, NV, UT.

*** Previous Change: Beginning with the 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. As of March 31, 2007, five district offices had closed applications and two were still open. In general, Florida's awards are either application-based or noncompetitively selected by the district offices.

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.