



Fall 2011 SRTS Program Tracking Brief

The SRTS Program Tracking Brief is prepared by the National Center for Safe Routes to School to provide a quarterly snapshot and brief analysis of the National Safe Routes to School Program in each state.

Fall 2011 Snapshot: National SRTS Program continues to grow

The National Safe Routes to School Program continued its expansion during the third quarter (July-September) of 2011. For the second consecutive quarter, State SRTS programs have announced almost \$50 million in funding.¹ During the third quarter, State SRTS programs announced \$49.2 million², which brings the total amount of SRTS spending announced by states to 73 percent (\$710.7 million) of the \$978.5 million apportioned to states.³ The number of schools or local programs that have benefited, or will benefit, from the National Safe Routes to School Program increased by 1,011 during the quarter, which brings the total number of schools involved with the National Safe Routes to School Program to 12,382.⁴ During the quarter, funding award announcements made by host of states, including a large announcement by California, contributed to this growth.

Forty-two states have announced awards for 50 percent or more of their funding apportionments from the National Safe Routes to School Program. These funds are aimed at local SRTS programs and statewide efforts. Eighteen states have announced awards for 75 percent or more of their apportioned funds, while twenty-four states have awarded 50 to 74 percent of their funds. Six states have announced awards for 25 to 49 percent of their apportioned funds and three states have announced awards for 8 to 24 percent of their funds.

During the third quarter, states funded 43 percent of the 590 project applications reviewed, which were similar to the numbers reported for the second quarter—42 percent of applications funded and 572 applications reviewed. Since the National Safe Routes to School Program began, states have received a cumulative total of 10,845 applications and have funded 4,795 of them—44 percent.⁵ Through the end of this quarter, states collectively have been able to meet 37 percent⁶ of the \$1.9 billion requested in the applications for local and statewide SRTS activities.

During the quarter, 14 State SRTS Programs announced the award of funds for local or statewide SRTS efforts. As of September 30, over 80 percent of the states had made awards for at least three funding cycles or had a rolling application process. The map on page two displays states' the most recently funded application cycle.

Key Points

- States announced \$49.2 million in funding for local and/or statewide SRTS programs during the quarter.
- At least 12,382 schools have benefited or will benefit from funds announced by State SRTS Programs.³
- Approximately \$710.7 million has been announced for local and statewide SRTS activities since the National Safe Routes to School Program began.

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.

² This amount reflects funding announced by states during the quarter, but does not include the portion of funding that states may have announced that exceed the apportionment available to the states through 9/30/2011.

³ The funding apportionments are based on amounts up through 9/30/2011 as defined in the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2010 described in FHWA Notice N 4520.733.

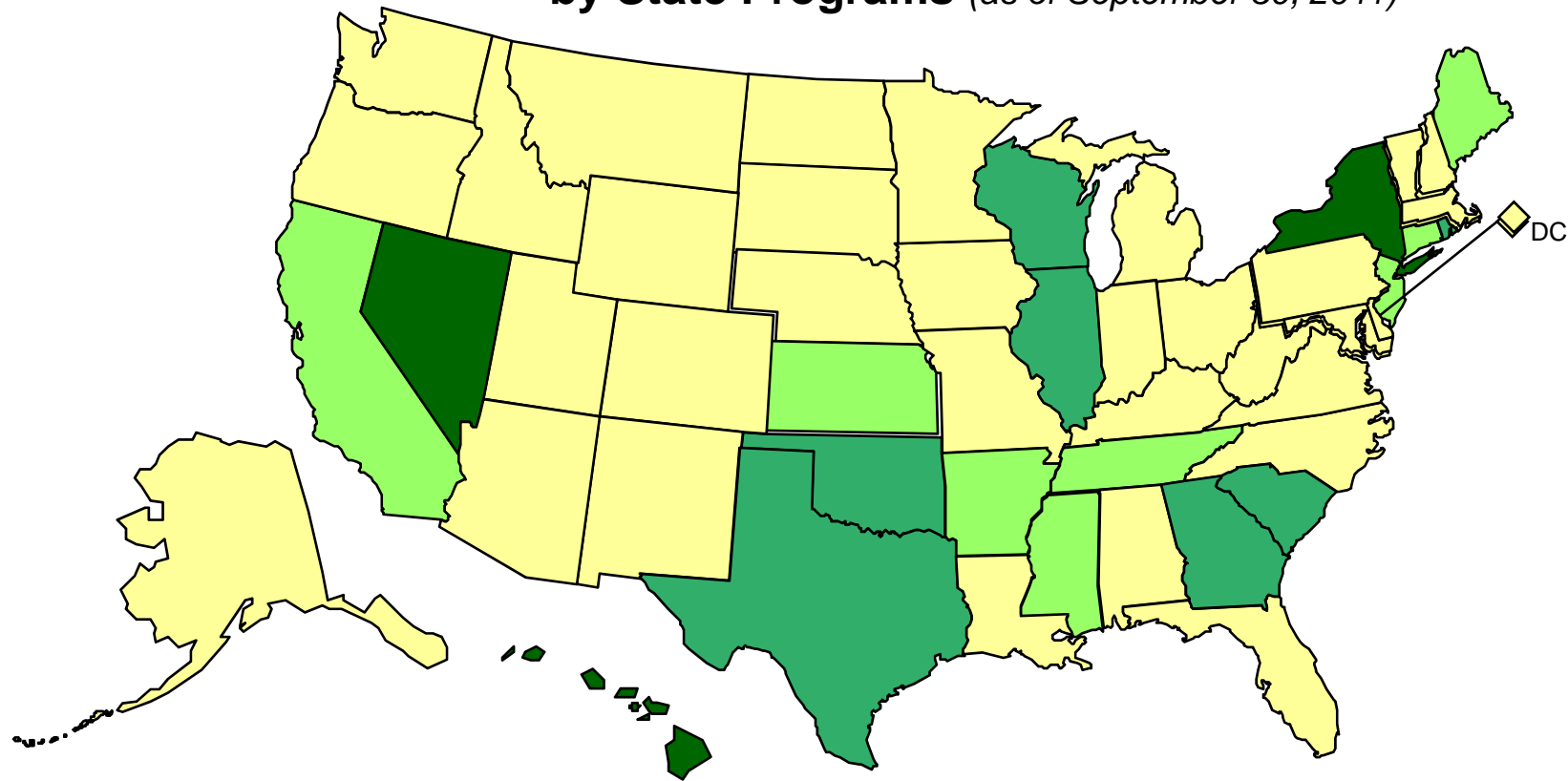
⁴ This number is a conservative estimate because states can report the number of schools or number of programs that were selected to receive SRTS funds or state funded SRTS activities. For states that report the number of local programs funded, those programs may involve numerous schools.









⁵ Each application for funding may include more than one school. Therefore, the number of applications received is not directly indicative of the number of schools that apply for or receive SRTS funding.

⁶ This number only includes states where the amount of funding requested and amount awarded was known and reported.

Safe Routes to School: Application Funding Cycles Completed

by State Programs *(as of September 30, 2011)*



State Funding Cycle Status Funding awards made for:	Percent of States (number)		
4 th , 5 th or Rolling cycle	65% (33)		
3 rd cycle	16% (8)		
2 nd cycle	14% (7)		
1 st cycle	6% (3)		



SRTS State Program Status Table – Cumulative through September 30, 2011

State	SRTS funded schools/ programs ¹	Percent of funds announced based on funds available [\$ millions] ²	Funding announced ³ to local programs	Statewide spending announced ⁴	Percent of funds announced based on funds requested [\$ millions] ⁵	Percent of applications selected ⁶
Alabama	142	97% [\$14.8]	\$13,311,240	\$975,000	47% [\$30.6]	56% [88/158]
Alaska	116	15% [\$7.5]	\$829,506 ⁷	\$308,615	N/A ⁸	82% [27/33]
Arizona	180	67% [\$18.6]	\$12,250,000	\$165,000	36% [\$34.8]	49% [103/211]
Arkansas	69	56% [\$9.5]	\$4,801,845	\$472,390	28% [\$19.0]	51% [68/133]
California	3,279	100% [\$116.0]	\$153,413,350	\$4,101,617	27% [\$429.9]	31% [356/1138]
Colorado	571	68% [\$14.4]	\$9,842,533	N/A	31% [\$31.4]	45% [126/279]
Connecticut	53	51% [\$11.2]	\$5,100,000	\$667,324	49% [\$11.7]	36% [14/39]
Delaware	36	47% [\$7.2]	\$3,059,140	\$109,226 ⁹	N/A ⁹	100% [36/36] ¹⁰
D.C.	25	53% [\$7.2]	\$771,615	\$3,040,084	N/A ¹¹	100% [22/22]
Florida	1,000	100% [\$49.2]	\$86,313,934 ¹²	\$865,338	N/A	N/A [241/N/A] ¹³
Georgia	380	70% [\$28.9]	\$16,309,080	\$3,750,000	89% [22.6]	37% [45/122] ¹⁴
Hawaii	5	8% [\$7.2]	\$363,246	\$185,887	42% [\$1.3]	45% [5/11]
Idaho	180	72% [\$7.1]	\$4,925,770	\$200,000	65% [\$7.9]	69% [103/150]
Illinois	284	55% [\$40.0]	\$22,039,071	N/A	21% [\$105.6]	20% [284/1420] ¹⁵
Indiana	223	68% [\$19.8]	\$13,571,634 ¹⁶	N/A	37% [\$36.8] ¹⁷	40% [89/222] ¹⁸
Iowa	84	88% [\$9.8]	\$7,821,868	\$840,908	21% [\$41.7]	30% [91/304]
Kansas	114	91% [\$9.5]	\$8,586,074	\$25,000	46% [\$18.7]	43% [80/184] ¹⁹
Kentucky	126	74% [\$12.9]	\$9,276,165	\$250,000	85% [\$8.1] ²⁰	35% [32/91]
Louisiana	75	75% [\$14.6]	\$10,817,061	\$143,200	71% [\$15.4]	56% [54/96]
Maine	170	74% [\$7.3]	\$5,000,000	\$369,500	21% [\$25.6]	36% [42/118]
Maryland	290	100% [\$17.0]	\$15,372,302	\$1,600,000	65% [\$26.0]	83% [81/98]
Massachusetts	405 ²¹	32% [\$18.5]	N/A ²¹	\$5,968,143 ²²	N/A	100% [405/405] ²¹
Michigan	107	69% [\$31.3]	\$17,939,396	\$3,602,938	69% [\$31.2]	88% [111/126]
Minnesota	148	96% [\$15.9]	\$11,263,443	\$3,943,227	17% [\$87.0]	23% [112/482]
Mississippi	84	79% [\$10.5]	\$7,251,197	\$1,095,833	24% [\$34.7]	38% [37/98]
Missouri	239	99% [\$17.9]	\$17,404,740	\$382,400	23% [\$79.0]	40% [170/422]
Montana	81	58% [\$7.2]	\$3,743,552	\$480,000	44% [\$9.6]	68% [81/119]
Nebraska	77	69% [\$7.2]	\$4,867,174	\$130,000	18% [27.3]	21% [53/255]
Nevada	248	24% [\$9.0]	\$2,209,127 ²³	N/A	37% [\$5.9]	92% [11/12]
New Hampshire	143 ²⁴	73% [\$7.1]	\$5,089,999	\$48,889	57% [\$9.0]	87% [91/105]
New Jersey	193	57% [\$26.6]	\$13,570,160	\$1,625,740	12% [\$120.0]	19% [104/537]
New Mexico	44	50% [\$7.5]	\$2,581,584	\$1,129,203	86% [\$2.5] ²⁵	80% [39/49]
New York	181	52% [\$53.4]	\$27,499,133	\$457,143	48% [\$58.3]	40% [70/176]
North Carolina	155	37% [\$26.0]	\$8,874,194	\$850,000	25% [\$21.3] ²⁶	35% [49/141]
North Dakota	157	78% [\$7.1]	\$5,540,862	N/A	30% [\$18.6]	30% [55/183]
Ohio	415	99% [\$34.3]	\$32,620,000	\$1,300,000	72% [\$47.0]	90% [352/390]
Oklahoma	71	55% [\$11.7]	\$6,129,700	\$325,270	59% [\$11.0]	58% [35/60]
Oregon	145	100% [\$11.2]	\$11,984,636	\$668,877	63% [\$20.1]	72% [81/112]
Pennsylvania	126	60% [\$35.0]	\$18,168,351	\$2,844,985	37% [\$56.8]	41% [75/181]
Rhode Island	40 ²⁷	63% [\$7.3]	\$4,100,000	\$500,000	38% [\$12.1]	44% [25/57]
South Carolina	26	39% [\$13.2]	\$5,000,000	\$152,000	47% [\$11.0]	45% [25/55]
South Dakota	38	46% [\$7.2]	\$3,317,615	N/A	42% [\$7.9]	69% [24/35]
Tennessee	80	49% [\$18.1]	\$8,836,252	N/A	29% [\$30.5]	31% [51/166]
Texas	853	72% [\$75.9]	\$54,000,000	\$939,830	37% [\$147.0]	80% [484/604]
Utah	67	86% [\$9.9]	\$7,590,186	\$936,699	41% [\$20.1]	46% [61/132]
Vermont	75	74% [\$7.4]	\$4,800,000	\$665,338	67% [\$8.2]	63% [85/135]
Virginia	166	54% [\$22.4]	\$10,993,892	\$1,065,000	79% [\$15.2]	59% [79/133]
Washington	129	100% [\$19.1]	\$20,133,086	\$1,000,000	23% [\$90.0]	21% [55/267]
West Virginia	72	81% [\$7.2]	\$5,798,087	N/A	55% [\$10.6]	47% [54/116]
Wisconsin	350	82% [\$16.7]	\$13,409,168	\$208,600	28% [\$49.1]	35% [126/361]
Wyoming	65	93% [\$7.1]	\$6,554,496	\$53,000	55% [\$12.0]	77% [58/75]
Total	12,382	73% [\$978.5]²⁸	\$662,113,440²⁹	\$48,632,464	37% [\$1,920.1]³⁰	44% [4,795/10,845]³¹

Detailed Notes and Comments:

¹ **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 typically is an estimate because many funding recipients conduct programs in numerous schools. Funds typically are awarded through a competitive process, but in some instances the State may directly select local programs to fund.

² **Percent of funds announced based on funds available** shows the percent of SRTS federal funds each state has announced relative to the total funds available to that State through the federal SRTS program. The percent is calculated by summing the values in the table's Funding Announced and Statewide Spending columns and dividing by the number in [brackets] in this column. The bracketed number is the federal SRTS dollars apportioned to states through 9/30/2011 (FY 2011).

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, etc.

⁵ **Percent of funds announced based on funds requested** shows the percent of SRTS funds each state has announced relative to the total dollar amount of SRTS funds requested, which is shown in [brackets]. The percent 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** shows the percent of applications each state selected to receive funding and the number of applications selected to receive funding divided by the number of applications requesting National SRTS Program 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 The \$829,506 awarded for direct grants to communities and \$308,615 awarded for statewide outreach have received notice-to-proceed authorization.

⁸ Alaska has funded all the valid applications they have received for funding.

⁹ This dollar figure has decreased by \$90,162 from last quarter, but the \$91,162 was moved to the "Funding announced to local programs" column.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ D.C offers planning assistance and SRTS activities but there is no requested funding amount to report.

¹² Florida has announced funding for the entire amount (\$49.2M) the state has been apportioned through the federal SRTS program through 9/30/2011.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ The 45 applications GA funded were received during GA's application cycle 1 and 2. Non-Infrastructure programs are developed on an on-going basis with rolling admission and GA SRST Resource Center support.

¹⁵ Illinois can select individual projects/activities listed within an application so their process involved selecting 284 projects to fund from 1420 project/activities reviewed.

¹⁶ This amount accounts for the cancellation of several local program from IN's previous funding cycles.

¹⁷ The \$36.8M includes 6 projects that have been cancelled since the program began in 2006.

¹⁸ The 89 includes 6 local program cancellations and the 222 include the cancellation of the 6 local programs from the 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010 funding cycles.

¹⁹ Number does not reflect the total number of applications received or selected for each of Kansas' funding cycles.

²⁰ The calculated percent and funding requested only include requested and funded amounts since 2008.

²¹ Massachusetts' SRTS program is currently conducting education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation activities at 405 schools. At least 35 of these schools have also been selected for infrastructure assessments. 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 urban, rural, and suburban locations.

²² Massachusetts funds reflect actual expenditures as of 9/30/2011.

²³ The amount reflects funds that Nevada has obligated, rather than announced. Funds that have been obligated mean that a project agreement has been executed and this is deemed a contractual obligation of the Federal Government for the payment of the Federal share of the cost of the project.

²⁴ The 143 reflects the number of grants NH has awarded and some schools have received multiple grants.

²⁵ The percent and amount of funding does not include funds the NM SRTS Program is using for a 2 year pilot program in the state.

²⁶ The 25% is calculated using NC's competitive grants only: total awarded was \$5,328,811 and total requested was \$21,343,518. An additional \$2,612,723 was awarded through NC's Division Fund program, which is non-competitive.

²⁷ The 40 schools reported by Rhode Island represent the schools that are being served after 5 schools opted not to proceed with the award.

²⁸ The percentage calculation and cumulative dollars apportioned only include dollar values up to the amount of each state's apportionment in the federal SRTS program through 9/30/2011.

²⁹ The column total calculation only includes funding announced up to, but not exceeding, the amount available to states through the federal SRTS program through 9/30/2011. Five states have announced funding beyond their apportionments and the funding announced values that appear in the table for each of these states reflect the announced amounts.

³⁰ This percent only includes states where the funding announced, statewide spending, and the amount of funding requested were known and provided.

³¹ Totals only includes number of applications received and selected for funding cycles where the number of applications received and number of applications selected were known.