



Fall 2008 SRTS Program Tracking Brief ¹

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

Fall 2008 Snapshot: State SRTS Programs Have Spent 70% of Available Funds

The National Safe Routes to School Program grew at a steady pace during the third quarter (July - Sept) of 2008. The total amount of SRTS spending announced through September 30 was \$290.0 million,² which is a \$23.5 million (9 percent) increase in total committed spending from the \$266.4 reported for the previous quarter.

State Safe Routes to School Programs³ have announced spending commitments for 70% of the \$416 million that has been made available to states to date. Forty-seven states and D.C. have announced spending of SRTS funds for local programs, up from 44 states at the end of June 2008. Additionally, when statewide non-infrastructure activities are included, there are 49 states and D.C. that have spent SRTS funding.

Reaching the milestone of having 70% of spending committed was achieved during a low spending quarter. While this quarter's \$23.5 million in committed spending was less than the estimated \$38 to \$40 million amount, NCSRTS anticipates that state spending reported for the Oct-Dec 2008 quarter will exceed the estimate and offset the lower than expected spending during this quarter. This expectation is based on state funding announcements that were made in early October, several days after the July-Sept quarter closed.

Also notable is that forty-eight states and D.C. have made funding awards for one or more application cycles.⁴ Further investigation shows that 41% (21/51)³ of states and D.C. have awarded funding for their first cycle and 55% (28/51) of states have made awards for their second, third or fourth cycles or have a rolling application or other process for awarding funds.

To date, approximately 34% (1,861/5,467) of the SRTS program applications submitted to states have been selected to receive funding. This percentage is similar to the 33% presented last quarter. Over half (25 of 47)⁵ of states funded less than 60% of the applications they received. These percentages continue to suggest that states are receiving more applications from local communities than they can fund.

Key Points (Fall 2008) - SRTS Spending-

- Approximately \$289.9 million has been spent or committed for SRTS programs.⁶
- 47 states and D.C. (94%) have announced funding for local SRTS programs.
- 49 states and D.C. (98%) have announced funding for local and/or statewide SRTS programs.
- At least 4,089 schools are participating in state-funded SRTS programs.

¹ A revision to the previous released Fall 2008 Tracking Brief was made on 11/21/2008 due to a minor change in the data reported for Florida. The change has minimal impact on the results and doesn't change the Key Points section of the Brief.

² 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.

³ 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.

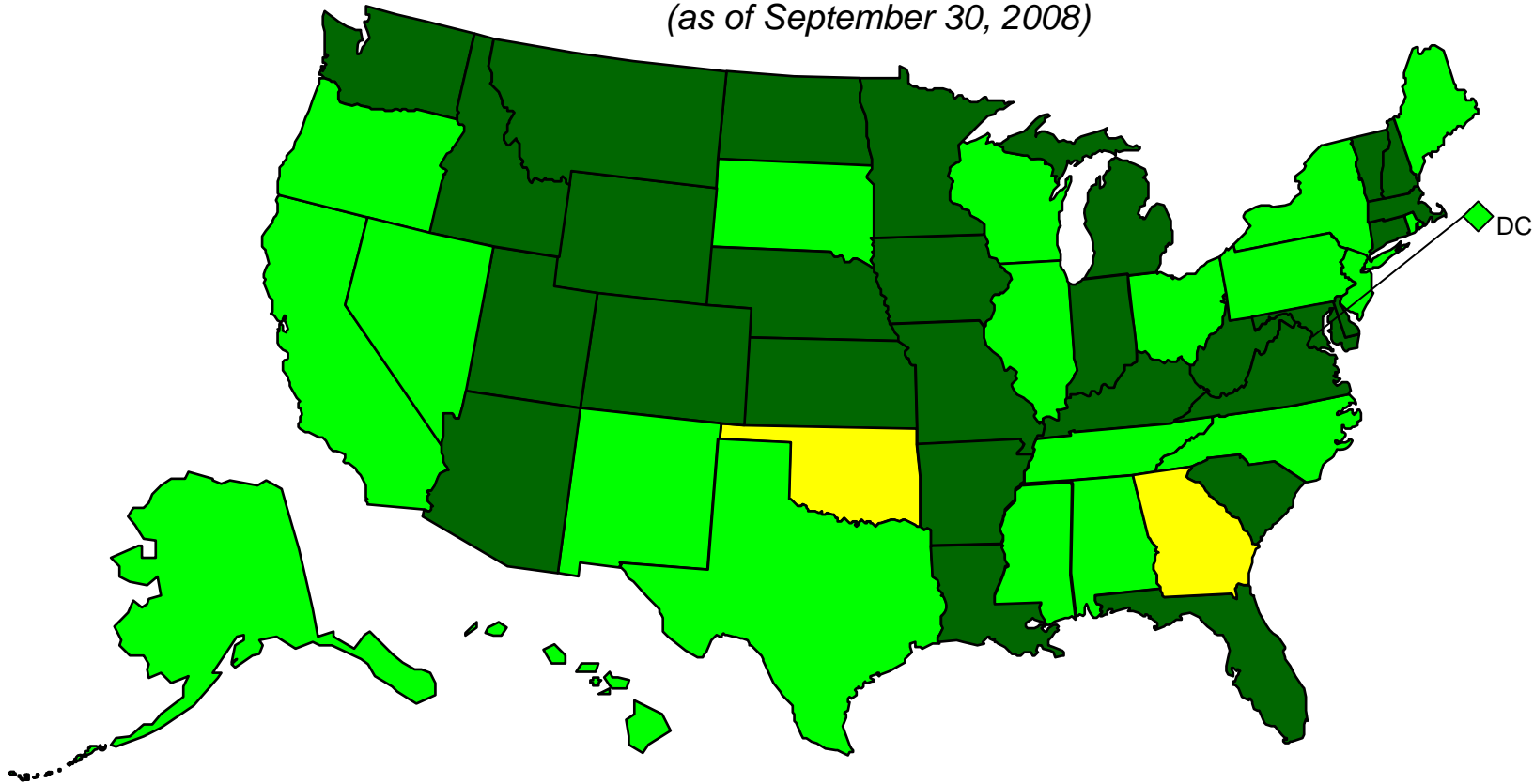
⁴ The number includes Alaska, which has reported selecting applicants from their 1st cycle but yet to announce the awards.

⁵ The 25 and 47 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.

⁶ 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: Application Funding Cycles Completed by State Programs

(as of September 30, 2008)



State Funding Cycle Status	Number of States
Funding awards made for 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th cycle	28
Funding awards made for 1 st cycle	21*
Statewide SRTS funds spent only	2

*Alaska has reported selecting applicants from their 1st cycle but they haven't announce awards.



Safe Routes to School State Program Status Table – July 1 to Sept 30 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	Closed [2nd]	No	N/A	N/A	6	6
Arizona	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [23]	\$1,899,000	N/A	81	24
Arkansas	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [47]	\$3,907,235	\$192,105	90	50
California	Closed [2nd]	Yes [98]	\$41,100,000	\$3,900,000	459	98
Colorado	Open [4th]	Yes [199]	\$4,629,681	\$68,700	138	63
Connecticut	Preparation [3rd]	Yes [13]	\$2,300,000	\$319,000	30	8
Delaware	Open [Rolling]	Yes [15]	\$646,000	\$143,699	15 ⁷	15
District of Columbia	Awarded [1st]	Yes [13]	\$466,000	\$2,348,745	13	13
Florida	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [850]	\$30,713,025 ⁸	\$118,537	--- ⁹	209
Georgia	Preparation	No	N/A	\$4,000	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]	\$8,422,721	N/A	1044 ¹⁰	113
Indiana	Closed [3rd]	Yes [67]	\$4,394,083	N/A	105	29
Iowa	Closed [3rd]	Yes [37]	\$3,250,626	\$398,459	165	44
Kansas	Awarded [3rd]	Yes [55]	\$3,562,719	N/A	84 ¹¹	38
Kentucky	Awarded [3rd]	Yes [30]	\$4,167,401	N/A	50 ¹¹	9
Louisiana	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [38]	\$3,695,833	\$143,200	29	18
Maine	Closed [2nd]	Yes [23]	\$2,300,000	\$260,000	43	23
Maryland	Closed [3rd]	Yes [218]	\$7,000,000	\$19,220	61	48
Massachusetts ¹²	---- ¹³	Yes [161] ¹³	---- ¹³	---- ¹³	---- ¹³	----
Michigan	Open [Rolling]	Yes [51]	\$10,387,451	\$3,474,502	61	48
Minnesota	Open [4th]	Yes [67]	\$5,250,000	\$217,000	292	67
Mississippi	Open [2nd]	Yes [56]	\$2,899,290	\$215,000	40	20
Missouri	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [156]	\$4,550,201	\$475,000	245	46
Montana	Open [3rd]	Yes [26]	\$1,270,090	N/A	54	33
Nebraska	Closed [3rd]	Yes [39]	\$2,957,392	N/A	171	32
Nevada	Preparation [2nd]	Yes [6]	\$1,594,971	N/A	12	11
New Hampshire	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [50]	\$1,523,089	\$6,000	45	37
New Jersey	Closed [2nd]	Yes [65]	\$4,150,000	\$326,970	274	29
New Mexico	Preparation [3rd]	Yes [15]	\$459,700	\$75,000	21	15
New York	Awarded [1st]	Yes [181]	\$27,499,133	N/A	176	70
North Carolina	Opened [2nd]	Yes [65]	\$1,897,000	N/A	48	27
North Dakota	Open [3rd]	Yes [22]	\$1,756,592	N/A	108	22
Ohio	Open [2nd]	Yes [107]	\$4,018,466	N/A	122	107
Oklahoma	Closed [1st]	No	N/A	\$40,015	N/A	N/A
Oregon	Closed [2nd]	Yes [49]	\$1,883,549	\$125,069	37	30
Pennsylvania	Awarded [1st]	Yes [5]	\$1,451,525	\$2,037,282	5	5
Rhode Island	Awarded [1st]	Yes [35]	\$1,900,000	N/A	33	13
South Carolina	Awarded [2nd]	Yes [23]	\$4,400,000	\$135,000	55	22
South Dakota	Awarded [1st]	Yes [14]	\$702,258	N/A	6	5
Tennessee	Closed [2nd]	Yes [40]	\$4,446,000	N/A	78	26
Texas	Awarded [1st]	Yes [395]	\$24,678,953	N/A	360	244
Utah	Open [Rolling]	Yes [43]	\$3,060,305	\$289,000	53	39
Vermont	Awarded [3rd]	Yes [60]	\$2,400,000	\$87,000	91	55
Virginia	Open [3rd]	Yes [15] ¹³	\$3,530,932	\$64,500 ¹⁴	49	31
Washington	Closed [3rd]	Yes [32]	\$10,517,000	N/A	143	32
West Virginia	Open [3rd]	Yes [46]	\$2,879,170	N/A	62	20
Wisconsin	Closed [2nd]	Yes [250]	\$6,910,779	\$20,000	282	82
Wyoming	Open [3rd]	Yes [26]	\$3,614,000	\$50,000	30	26
Total	----	Approx 4,089	\$273,673,199	\$16,289,402	5,467¹⁵	1,861¹⁶

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 Delaware usually receives two funding requests per school: One request for planning followed later by a formal application for implementation. The numbers reflect all programs including those requesting initial planning assistance.

⁸ Cumulative total is more than Florida is projected to receive through FY 2009, but as best as possible they are programming their expected funds through FY 2013.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Number does not reflect the total number of applications received for each of that state's funding cycle.

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 Number reflects programs currently funded in Virginia. The Summer 2008 Tracking Brief reported 103 which was the number of schools within those programs some of which only involved in SRTS plan development.

¹⁴ The Summer 2008 Tracking Brief listed \$100,000, but only \$64,500 was spent and the relevant program is now closed.

¹⁵ 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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