



FACT SHEET: Safe Routes to School in Arkansas

Making it Safer for Children to Walk and Bicycle to and from School

Program Overview

Through the 2005 federal transportation bill, Congress provided a total of \$612 million for FY2005-2009, increasing funding each year. Funding is allocated to each State Department of Transportation based on its national share of the overall population of children in grades K-8. State DOTs are providing this funding to communities to allow them to construct new bike lanes, pathways, and sidewalks, as well as to launch Safe Routes to School education, promotion and enforcement campaigns in elementary and middle schools. By increasing the safety and prevalence of children walking and bicycling to school, Safe Routes to School is addressing childhood obesity and physical inactivity, traffic safety and congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions and air quality.

Arkansas Allocation

2005 Actual	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	Total FY05-09*
\$1,000,000	\$990,000	\$1,027,338	\$1,297,202	\$1,622,447	\$5,936,987

* Funding for SRTS is being continued into FY2010 and 11 at FY2009 levels.

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Availability of Funding

- AHTD has awarded 61 grants totaling \$5.2 million across 3 rounds of application cycles.
- Across all three cycles, AHTD received 129 proposals requesting \$19.2 million, meaning that they have been able to help approximately half of applicants for just one-quarter of support requested.

Implementation

- AHTD provides three kinds of awards: infrastructure, education, and start-up. The maximum grant size is \$200,000.
- Examples of eligible educational programs are: the creation and reproduction of promotional and educational materials, bicycle and pedestrian safety curricula, Safe Routes to School training workshops, modest incentives for Safe Routes to School contests and others.
- Eligible infrastructure projects can include: consultant services associated with the development of comprehensive Safe Routes to School plans, sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities and traffic diversion improvements.
- Another portion of the program, the "Safe Routes to School Startup Award," is designed to enable schools to establish Safe Routes Coalitions, develop comprehensive local Safe Routes to School plans and stage a Safe Route event such as Walk to School Day.

Arkansas Safe Route to School Grant Recipients

Recipient	Location	Year	Amount	Purpose
Atkins Public Schools	Atkins	2008	\$10,590	flashing beacons, sidewalks
City of Benton	Benton	2008	\$70,275	bridge
Booneville School District	Booneville	2007	\$116,912	Sidewalks, signs
City of Brookland	Brookland	2009	\$81,917	Sidewalks and crosswalks.
Cave City Elementary and Middle Schools	Cave City	2009	\$23,325	Sidewalks.
Cave City Elementary and Middle Schools	Cave City	2009	\$15,079	Education, encouragement, helmets, DVDs, pedometers, pamphlets, brochures and other participation incentives.
City of Conway	Conway	2009	\$17,410	City wide education and encouragement
City of Conway	Conway	2009	\$3,000	Planning grant.
Conway Public Schools	Conway	2007	\$66,400	signs
City of Corning	Corning	2008	\$29,850	flashing beacons
City of Dumas	Dumas	2009	\$61,000	Sidewalks.
City of El Dorado	El Dorado	2009	\$92,376	Sidewalks, signs and crosswalks.
Farmington School District	Farmington	2009	\$49,024	900 Lf. of sidewalk
Bicycle Coalition of the Ozarks	Fayetteville	2009	\$63,646	Train physical education teaches to become bicycle educators.
Flippin Public Schools	Flippin	2007	\$22,000	flashing beacons
City of Green Forest	Green Forest	2009	\$104,462	Sidewalks and crosswalk.
City of Green Forest	Green Forest	2007	\$27,000	infrastructure
Greenbrier Public Schools	Greenbrier	2007	\$78,261	Sidewalks, signs
City of Hamburg	Hamburg	2007	\$336,000	Sidewalks, crosswalks, signs
City of Hamburg	Hamburg	2008	\$336,000	sidewalks
Harrisburg School District	Harrisburg	2007	\$149,875	infrastructure
City of Harrison	Harrison	2007	\$45,130	signs
City of Haskell	Haskell	2007	\$85,250	sidewalks
City of Heber Springs	Heber Springs	2009	\$92,478	Sidewalks
City of Jacksonville	Jacksonville	2008	\$60,373	infrastructure
Jacksonville Boys Middle School	Jacksonville	2007	\$129,935	sidewalks
City of Jonesboro	Jonesboro	2007	\$287,500	signs
City of Jonesboro	Jonesboro	2008	\$198,688	signs
City of Jonesboro	Jonesboro	2009	\$81,917	Sidewalks
Lamar Public Schools	Lamar	2007	\$3,000	Planning grant.
City of Lavaca	Lavaca	2008	\$179,283	sidewalks
Arkansas Children's Hospital Research	Little Rock	2008	\$155,245	Education
Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute	Little Rock	2009	\$138,240	Develop and test a standardized statewide SRTS curriculum toolkit for AR schools. Support SRTS programming through technical assistance, marketing and evaluation.
Baseline Elementary	Little Rock	2009	\$3,000	Planning Grant
Forest Park Elementary PTA	Little Rock	2007	\$328,044	sidewalks, crosswalks

University of Arkansas for Medical	Little Rock	2007	\$178,905	Education
London Economic Development Corpora	London	2007	\$17,550	Bicycle and Pedestrian education
London Economic Development Corpora	London	2008	\$24,150	crosswalk, flashing beacon
City of Lonoke	Lonoke	2009	\$86,126	Sidewalks
City of Magnolia	Magnolia	2008	\$46,902	sidewalks, curb and gutter
Magnolia School District	Magnolia	2007	\$46,902	sidewalks
Mansfield School District	Mansfield	2007	\$86,957	Sidewalks, signs
City of Mayflower	Mayflower	2009	\$94,460	628 feet of concrete walks with curb and gutter, crosswalk and signs
City of McGehee	McGehee	2009	\$92,376	Sidewalks with drainage.
Monticello School District	Monticello	2007	\$200,000	sidewalks
City of North Little Rock	North Little Rock	2008	\$69,429	sidewalks
City of North Little Rock	North Little Rock	2009	\$67,500	Sidewalks and crosswalks.
Ozark School District	Ozark	2007	\$3,000	Planning grant.
Ozark School District	Ozark	2007	\$140,801	sidewalks
City of Russellville	Russellville	2008	\$87,100	infrastructure
Shannon Hills Elementary	Shannon Hills	2009	\$3,000	Planning Grant
Shirley School District	Shirley	2007	\$5,986	signs
Bayyari Elementary School	Springdale	2007	\$5,000	signs
Bayyari Elementary School	Springdale	2007	\$1,000	Safety patrol equipment, incentives and rewards
City of Texarkana	Texarkana	2007	\$85,250	sidewalks
City of Texarkana	Texarkana	2007	\$3,100	education
City of Trumann	Trumann	2009	\$81,918	Sidewalks
City of Van Buren	Van Buren	2007	\$7,565	signs
Vilonia School District	Vilonia	2007	\$154,783	sidewalks
Vilonia School District	Vilonia	2008	\$28,500	Education
City of Ward	Ward	2009	\$86,126	Sidewalks