

### Florida SRTS in Action

## What is the Goal of SRTS?

The goal of SRTS program is to get more students walking and bicycling where it is safe and to fix the conditions where it is not safe. The opportunity to bike and walk to school offers a solution to an array of concerns about traffic safety, traffic congestion, transportation costs and lack of physical activity. At the same times, walking and bicycling to school provides an opportunity for students to build independence. Our goal is based on making that solution into a reality.

# **Call for Applications**

December 1, 2015 opens the call for applications for Safe Routes to School Applications in Florida.

Florida is seeking applications to plan, develop, implement and evaluate eligible Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure projects. The application is available at the following link.

http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/proceduraldocuments/forms/ByNumber.asp?formnumber=500-000-30

Eligible recipients of these funds to be used for SRTS projects are limited to state, local and regional transportation maintaining agencies, including schools and school districts. Schools and School Districts will need to partner with a maintaining agencies to complete the projects. Applications will be accepted only from these entities. Recipients of SRTS funds will be responsible for all aspects of project implementation.

Eligible SRTS projects shall directly support increased safety and convenience for students in grades K-high school to walk and/or bicycle to/from school. In addition, all projects that use SRTS funds shall comply with applicable federal, state and local provisions.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

12/1/15 Call for Applications

3/31/16 Applications due to your local FDOT District

**September 2016** Notifications letters sent to applicants

October, 2016 Review guidelines/applications for edits and revisions

## **SRTS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### What's New?

- ⇒ Standalone funding estimated at \$7 million a year
- ⇒ High Schools eligible schools
- ⇒ Higher emphasis on "Hazardous Walking Condition" areas

For more information regarding the program and guidelines, please visit:

## www.srtsfl.org

#### **FAQ**

When will application be ready to download? It is available as of 12/2/15 at http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/proceduraldocuments/forms/ByNumber.asp?formnumber=500-000-30

**Deadline for submitting application?** Applications are due to FDOT Districts by 3/31/16.

What are the years of funding for this round of applications? This call is for FY 18, 19 and possibly 20. This takes into consideration design, construction and inspection.

**Is there a cap on the number of projects that can be submitted in a county?** Yes, the limit is 5 applications per maintaining agency.

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Committed to safeguarding our students' journey to school





### Who are they?

With stop paddle held high and often traffic whizzing by, they are out there.

Despite the Florida heat, humidity and rain, they are out there.

They perform a vital service protecting our precious children across the state.

They educate our children how to cross safely.

As professionals looked up to by students, they are vital members of your school community.

They are our Crossing Guards.

Next time you see your crossing guard, be sure to say **THANKS** to these special folks!



Please nominate an outstanding guard for Crossing Guard of the Year 2015. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day, the first Friday in February, is **February 5, 2016.** 

Nominating a guard is open to the public via the Florida School Crossing Guard Training Program website (FSCGTP) <a href="https://www2.dot.state.fl.us/CrossingGuard/goty.aspx">https://www2.dot.state.fl.us/CrossingGuard/goty.aspx</a>.

The nomination deadline is December 31, 2015.





