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For 2024, there were 198 successful applicants including 72 cities, 49 counties, 25 special districts, 23 school districts, 16 higher education agencies, 5 state or provincial agencies and 8 others.

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