McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program

2022 RFP
Q&A Webinar
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Agenda

- Purpose of the McKinney Vento Program
- Eligibility and Funding
- Application Requirements
- Allowable Activities
- Questions & Answers
Purpose of the Program

The McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program is designed to promote the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youth in schools and other educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, Even Start, and pre-school programs administered by the LEA.
Currently Available Funding to Support the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness

There are currently four sources of funding the U.S. Department of Education provides specifically for students experiencing homelessness. These funds can be visualized as layers of support, with funding sources supplementing others. This RFP is for proposals to meet #2 (McKinney-Vento Subgrant Support).
Students experiencing homelessness should be fully included in all Educational Services programs offered by the LEA, as well as being uniquely served through the Title I, Part A homeless set aside.

McKinney-Vento and ARP-HCY funds offer an opportunity to provide innovative, supplemental services, in addition to any comparable services they receive through Title I, Part A.

These funds do not replace Title I, Part A supports.
Grant Overview

- Any local educational agency (LEA) located within Rhode Island serving children and youth experiencing homelessness is eligible to apply for funds.
- The grant period is for one year, **October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023**.
- RIDE anticipates continued funding of successful homeless education programs for a three-year period.

- LEA proposals should address the **one-year** period from **October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023**.

- The effective start date for funded programs is **October 1, 2022**.
Funding

• This program is 100% federally funded.
• Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.
• RIDE anticipates funding 6 to 8 proposals of up to $50,000 each year.
• Grantees will be required to demonstrate success/progress in the first year in order to be funded for subsequent years.
• Successful grantees will then be required to submit a separate budget for the grant periods October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 and October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.
Application Requirements

A complete application packet includes:

- Cover Letter
- Signed Statements of Assurances (Appendices A and B)
- Application Cover Page and Narrative Pages (Appendix C)
- Homeless Education Liaison form (Appendix D)
- Budget Packet (Appendix E)

Note: Appendix F contains a copy of the grant evaluation criteria to assist programs in completing their application.
Application Narrative

The narrative section of the application includes:

• Project Information
• Statement of Demonstrated Need
• Goals and Objectives
• Project Organization, Services and Activities
• Program Evaluation

Note: This section of the application has a ten (10) page maximum, including the cover page. Narrative text should be double-spaced, using 12-point Times New Roman font, and one (1) inch margins. Each section will be scored individually, and all pertinent information must be fully addressed in the appropriate section of the application.
Submission Deadline

Applications are due by 4 pm on Friday, August 12, 2022.

Proposals must be sent electronically.
Documents must be in PDF format and sent as attachments to

MVRFPSubmissions@ride.ri.gov

by Friday, August 12, 2022; 4:00 pm EDT.
Links to documents in the cloud will not be accepted, nor will faxed, mailed or hand-delivered submissions.
LEAs may use funds awarded under this section for activities to carry out the purpose of this subtitle, including:

**Educational Services**

- The provision of tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services that are linked to the achievement of the same challenging state academic standards as the state establishes for other children and youths.

- The provision of expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youths, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (such as educational programs for gifted and talented students, children with disabilities, and English learners, services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs, programs in career and technical education, and school nutrition programs).
Cont:

• The provision of education and **training to the parents** and guardians of homeless children and youths about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youths, and other activities designed to **increase the meaningful involvement of parents** and guardians of homeless children and youths in the education of such children and youths.

• The development of **coordination between schools and agencies** providing services to homeless children and youths, as described in section 722(g)(5).
Professional Development

Professional development and other activities for educators and specialized instructional support personnel that are designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity of such personnel to the needs of homeless children and youths, the rights of such children and youths under this subtitle, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youths.

Comprehensive Services

- The provision of referral services to homeless children and youths for medical, dental, mental, and other health services
- The provision of specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services
- Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youths that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems.
Transportation
The provision of assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students under section 722(g)(4)(A), not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend the school selected under section 722(g)(3).

School Records
If necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youths in school, including birth certificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services.

School Supplies
1. The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any non-school facilities made available under subsection (a)(2) to provide services under this subsection.
2. The provision of school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations.
The provision of services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youths, particularly homeless children and youths who are not enrolled in school, in public school programs and services provided to non-homeless children and youths.

**Extraordinary or Emergency Assistance**

The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities (*assistance may not be used for rent, utilities, etc.*).

The provision for homeless children and youths of before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities.
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In determining the quality of applications, RIDE will consider the extent to which the local educational agency will use the subgrant to leverage resources, including by maximizing non-subgrant funding for the position of the liaison and for excess transportation.
Questions