

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant Program

Authorized Activities Summary

Local educational agencies receiving sub-grants may use program funds to carry out these and other activities that promote the purpose of the program.

Educational Services

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The provision of developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, for preschool-aged homeless children.
4. 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.
5. 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).

Professional Development

Programs and other activities designed to raise awareness among educators and pupil services personnel of the rights of homeless children and youth under the Act, and the special needs such children and youth have as a result of their homelessness.

Comprehensive Services

1. The provision of referral services to homeless children and youths for medical, dental, mental, and other health services.
2. The provision of specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services
3. 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.

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.*).

Other Considerations

- Grants may be used for programs on school grounds or at other facilities.
- Schools must not provide services in settings within a school that segregate homeless children and youth from other children and youth, except as is necessary for short periods of time for health and safety emergencies, or to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services.
- These programs on school grounds may also be available to children or youth who are determined to be at risk of failing in or dropping out of school; however, priority for such services shall be given to homeless children and youth.
- To the maximum extent practicable, services shall be provided through other existing programs that integrate homeless and non-homeless individuals.
- Children and youth experiencing homelessness are automatically eligible to receive Title I services regardless of whether or not they attend a Title I school.