

## INFORMATION

### What is the purpose of the McKinney-Vento Act “Homeless” Grant?

The McKinney-Vento Act authorizes the West Virginia Board of Education to make grants to local education agencies for the purposes of facilitating the enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children and youth in school.

### What are the goals of the Act?

- Provide immediate enrollment of homeless children who are not already enrolled. This includes reviewing and revising any laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment, attendance, or success of homeless children and youth.
- Provide school choice opportunities for students experiencing homelessness, including transportation to the student's school of origin, if the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth prefer to remain in the school of origin and it is determined that such placement is in the student's best interest.
- Provide opportunities for parent involvement in enrollment decisions.
- Ensure that homeless students have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.
- Ensure that homeless students are provided services in such a way that they are not isolated or stigmatized.
- Promote school (or TASC) success and completion for homeless students.
- Support collaboration between school districts and social service agencies serving homeless students.

### What are the provisions of the Act?

Services may be provided through programs on school grounds or at other facilities (e.g., shelters and nonprofit community social service centers). Where services are provided through programs on school grounds, such services also may be made available to children or youth who are determined by the local educational agency to be at risk of failing or dropping out of school, except that priority for such services shall be given to homeless children and homeless youth. To the maximum extent practical, services shall be provided through programs and mechanisms that integrate children and youth experiencing homelessness with their housed peers. Activities provided must not isolate or stigmatize homeless children and youth. Services provided under this program are not intended to replace the regular academic program. Funds from this grant can be used to supplement existing services, but they cannot be used to supplant services which the school division has been providing through other means. **Collaboration and coordination with other local and state agencies that serve homeless children and youth are required.**

### Who is eligible to apply?

LEAs with more than 100+ McKinney-Vento “homeless” identified students for the school year 2016-2017. The LEA will serve in the capacity of fiscal agent.

### What is the funding?

- Source: U.S. Department of Education, through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- Amount Available: Awards will be dependent on receipt of the federal grant funding.
- Size of Grants: Based on established need, grants are expected to be in the range of \$15,000 - \$25,000.
- Grant Period: Authorization: One (1)-year from 2018/2019
- Approved Activities: The grant may include both Primary Activities (direct educational services in the form of tutoring and teaching) and Related Activities as explained in resource document. *Funds may be used to cover the excess cost of transportation to the school of origin; however, the budget for transportation cannot exceed 30 percent of the total budget for the proposed program.*

### What are the requirements of the grant process?

- The authorized representative for each applicant must sign the Statements of Assurances included with this application. This representative must have the authority to ensure that the local education agency making the application will fulfill all statutory and regulatory requirements for audit and monitoring purposes (usually the ranking administrator).
- A meeting between school division coordinators and local service providers who will be collaborating in the implementation of grant activities with the purpose of discussing the focus of grant activities, identifying means of future communication and collaboration, and ensuring commitment by all participants to the program outlined in the grant proposal. Documentation is required and may include minutes of the meeting with a listing of attendees and their affiliations.
- Data collection for both monitoring (a list of McKinney-Vento identified students) and the CSPR/homeless survey is required.
- Informational brochures distributed to every student/family enrolled in the LEA.
- Evidence of McKinney-Vento eligibility and services training to both service and professional personnel at each school.
- All grant programs must maintain fiscal and program records for a minimum of **63** months or **5.25** years.
- All project funds must be spent according to the approved project proposal, unless an amendment is submitted for approval.

- It is expected that projects will run September through June, but summer programs are allowable. All grant funds must be encumbered no later than September 30.
- It is expected that grant recipients will follow reimbursement procedures and respond to all grant requirements in a timely fashion

