

**OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Fiscal Year 2024 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant**

**Request for Application (RFA) Release Date: Friday, June 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will issue a Request for Applications for the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant Program (MKV) for eligible Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the District of Columbia. Authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Section 726, as amended, the purpose of this grant is to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria:** LEAs serving children and youth experiencing homelessness in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade and LEAs serving youth experiencing homelessness ages 18-24 within the District of Columbia are eligible to apply. When distributing funding, OSSE will prioritize LEAs with a high level of need, as represented by enrollment data.

Priority points will be awarded to LEAs with demonstrated need, as documented by any of the following characteristics:

- High number of identified children and youth experiencing homelessness, as compared to the LEA's overall student population;
- Significant increase of identified children and youth experiencing homelessness in the previous school year;
- High percentage of identified children and youth experiencing homelessness, as compared to the number of homeless children and youth identified in the District of Columbia; or
- High percentage of newly identified children and youth experiencing homelessness due to school sites being located near youth and family emergency shelters, hotels, transitional living programs, and drop-in centers in the District of Columbia.

**Length of Award:** The grant award period will be from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and LEAs must commit to obligate all grant funds awarded under this competition by September 30, 2024. Awards may be continued for a maximum of two additional years if the subrecipient's program remains in compliance with all grant requirements. All awards will be reviewed annually for consideration of continued funding. Continuing awards are subject to the continuing availability of funding.

**Available Funding for Award:** A total of at least **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00)** in grant funds shall be used by District of Columbia LEAs to address the educational and related needs of homeless children and youth. LEAs, with or without this funding, must ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth. OSSE anticipates awarding 3-6 subgrants based on the highest-ranking applications.

Grant funds shall only be used to support activities authorized by relevant statutes and regulations and that are included in the applicant's submission.

**Application Process:** A review panel will be convened to review, score, and rank each application. The review panel will be composed of neutral, qualified, professional individuals selected for their expertise, knowledge, or related experiences. Upon completion of its review, the panel shall make recommendations for awards, based on the scoring rubric. OSSE's Division of Systems and Supports, K-12 will make all final award decisions. Awards are anticipated to be distributed in September 2023 and the funding cycle will begin on October 1, 2023.

OSSE will provide two pre-application technical assistance sessions. The pre-application technical assistance sessions will include an overview of the MKV grant program, the grant competition, and navigation of EGMS for application submission. The session will also include technical assistance for individuals with grant competition inquiries.

Two web-based pre-application technical assistance sessions will be held on June 16, 2023, and July 5, 2023. Potential applicants may join the June 16 virtual session [here](#), or the July 5 virtual session [here](#).

All LEAs planning to apply for this grant are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-application technical assistance session and submit an [Intent to Apply](#) (available in Appendix A of the RFA) via email to Danielle C. Rollins at [Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov](mailto:Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov) by 3:00 p.m. on July 7, 2023.

To receive more information or for a copy of the Request for Applications (RFA), please contact:

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LEAs interested in applying for MKV funds may use the following link to access OSSE's online [Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](#). The RFA and application submission guidance will be available on [OSSE's website](#).