



McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant Program

Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program

Pre-Application Technical Assistance Webinar

Friday, May 22 & Friday, June 5, 2026

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Objective
- McKinney-Vento (MKV) Homeless Assistance Act overview
- Project requirements
- Application and submission process (virtual tour)
- Award information/administration
- Post-award information
- Resources
- Homeless Education Program (HEP) contacts



Welcome and Introductions

Thank you for joining us today! Before we get started, please take a few moments to introduce yourself by entering the following information in the chat:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Your local education agency (LEA)
- ✓ Your position or title
- ✓ Your expectations for today's session



Objective

To provide an overview of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) fiscal year 2027 (FY27) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance (MKV) grant application process.



MKV Program Overview



Purpose of MKV Grant Funding

The McKinney-Vento Act was originally authorized in 1987 and most recently re-authorized in December 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The **purpose** of the MKV competitive grant is to provide *supplemental* funding to:

- Facilitate the **identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in school** for children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Ensure children and youth who are experiencing homelessness have **equal access** to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to all other students.

Services provided through this grant cannot replace regular academic programming.



MKV Act Requirements

LEAs must meet the following requirements for students experiencing homelessness, whether or not they receive a MKV subgrant ([42 USC §11432\(g\)\(1\)\(J\)\(ii\)](#)):

- Provide **immediate enrollment** of students experiencing homelessness;
 - Review and revise any policies that may act as barriers;
- Provide **school stability** for students experiencing homelessness, including transportation as needed;
- Ensure students experiencing homelessness are provided services in such a way that they are **not isolated or stigmatized**;
- Promote school **success and completion**; and
- **Support collaboration** between school districts and community agencies.



Eligibility for MKV Services

- Individuals who lack a **fixed, regular, and adequate** nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:
 - Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship;
 - Living in emergency or transitional housing;
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate housing; and/or
 - Students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place, **not designed for or ordinarily used as** regular sleeping quarters ([42 U.S.C. §11434A\(2\)\(B\)\(i\)](#));
- Migratory children living in these circumstances;
- Unaccompanied youth, including youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian; and
- Undocumented children and youth in the care of a federally appointed sponsor.



MKV Project Requirements



MKV Competitive Grant Eligibility

LEAs within the District of Columbia who serve:

- Children and youth experiencing homelessness in **pre-kindergarten through grade 12**; and/or
- Youth experiencing homelessness **ages 18-24**.



Program Requirements and Services

- Services shall, to the maximum extent possible, be provided through existing programs and mechanisms that integrate children and youth experiencing homelessness; and
- Any LEA in DC, with or without MKV funding, shall not provide services in settings within a school that segregate students experiencing homelessness from other students, except:
 - As necessary for **short periods of time for health and safety emergencies**; or
 - To provide temporary, special, or supplementary services to meet a student's unique needs.



Prohibited Uses of Funds

- MKV funds **may not** be used for:
 - Food purchases;
 - Gift cards; or
 - Housing costs, including rental or hotel fees and utilities.
- Families should be directed to the **Department of Human Services (DHS)** [Virginia Williams Family Resource Center \(VWFRC\)](#) for these supports and services.



Allowable Uses of Funds [1 of 3 slides]

LEAs may use MKV funds to carry out the following activities:

- Tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services that are linked to achievement;
- Evaluation of the strengths and **needs** of children and youth experiencing homelessness;
- Professional development and other activities for educators and specialized instructional support personnel;
- Referral services for medical, dental, mental, and other health services;
- Assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students and parents experiencing homelessness;



Allowable Uses of Funds [2 of 3]

- Developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through federal, state, or local funding;
- Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain children and youth experiencing homelessness;
- Before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs;
- Costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records;
- Meaningful parent engagement activities, including activities that focus on the rights of and resources available to families;
- Development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youth;



Allowable Uses of Funds [3 of 3]

- Specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals;
- Activities to address needs of students experiencing homelessness that may arise from domestic violence and parental issues, such as mental health or substance abuse;
- The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for non-school facilities to provide services;
- Procurement of school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations; and
- Other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable children and youth experiencing homelessness to attend school and participate fully in school activities.



Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Key Provisions

ESSA amended a number of key MKV provisions, including:

- Greater emphasis on the identification of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including requirements that state education agencies (SEAs) and LEAs provide training and professional development opportunities for staff;
- SEAs must ensure state coordinators and local liaisons are able to fulfill their duties;
- Students experiencing homelessness who meet the relevant eligibility criteria must have access to all academic and extracurricular activities, including magnet/charter schools, summer school, career and technical education, advanced placement, and **online learning** programs;
- SEAs must ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness are enrolled in the school of origin based on the child's or youth's best interest;
- Dispute resolution procedures must address eligibility, enrollment, and school selection issues;
- Local liaisons may affirm eligibility for **programs administered by the [US Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) (eCFR 24 CFR §91.5)**.



Program Quality [1 of 2 slides]

Awards are based on demonstrated need and the quality of the application. OSSE will consider the following:

- The **number** of children and youth experiencing homelessness **enrolled** in the LEA, including children **in the LEA's early learning program**; the applicant's needs assessment; and the likelihood that the proposed program in the application will meet such needs.
- The **types, intensity, and coordination** of the services to be provided under the program.
- The extent to which the LEA will **promote meaningful involvement of parents or guardians** of children or youth experiencing homelessness in the education of their children.
- The extent to which children and youth experiencing homelessness will be **integrated** into the regular education program.



Program Quality [2 of 2]

- The **quality of the LEA's evaluation plan**.
- The extent to which services provided will be **coordinated with other services** available to children and youth experiencing homelessness and their families.
- The extent to which the LEA will use the subgrant to **leverage other resources**, including maximizing non-subgrant funding for LEA liaison positions and transportation.
- How the LEA will **use funds to serve** children and youth experiencing homelessness under section 1113(c)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
- The extent to which the LEA's program **meets additional SEA-identified indicators**, such as case management or related services to unaccompanied youth.



Project Funding Priorities

When distributing funding, OSSE will prioritize LEAs with a high level of need, as represented by enrollment data based on the following:

- LEAs with a high number of identified children and youth experiencing homelessness compared to the LEA's overall student population;
- LEAs with significant increases in identified children and youth experiencing homelessness in the previous school year;
- LEAs with a high percentage of identified children and youth experiencing homelessness compared with District totals; or
- LEAs with high percentages 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.



Project Funding Priority Points

Priority points will be awarded to applicants that meet one or more of the following criteria, **up to a cumulative total of not more than 15 points**:

- The percentage of students newly identified as experiencing homelessness in FY26 (2025-26 school year) is equal to at least 10 percent of the LEA's total student population (5 points);
- The percentage of students newly identified as experiencing homelessness in FY26 (2025-26 school year) has increased by at least 5 percent when compared to the percentage identified as homeless in FY25 (2024-25 school year) (5 points);
- The percentage of students experiencing homelessness enrolled at the LEA represents more than 10 percent of all students experiencing homelessness identified in the District (5 points); and/or
- The 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 (15 points).



Emphasis on Special Education

Applicants must describe how the LEA will ensure that students with **disabilities** who are **experiencing homelessness** have access to **supports** and are able to meaningfully participate in the activities and programs described in the grant application.



Subgrantee Training Requirements

Subgrantees are strongly encouraged to:

- Participate in OSSE training webinars;
- Attend at least one national conference annually to increase knowledge regarding homeless education; and
- Participate in ongoing training opportunities to build capacity and develop essential proficiencies to work successfully with students experiencing homelessness.



Training Opportunities

Examples of training opportunities available include, but are not limited to:

- Monthly webinars offering targeted technical assistance (TA) provided by OSSE's Homeless Education Program (HEP).
- Ongoing webinars, covering a wide variety of topics to help homeless liaisons build capacity to ensure they are equipped to fulfill their responsibilities, offered by the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE). Information on NCHE webinars can be found at nche.ed.gov/group-training.
- Webinars on a wide variety of topics, including early learning and homelessness, offered by SchoolHouse Connection. Information on SchoolHouse Connection (SHC) webinars and additional resources can be found at schoolhouseconnection.org/resources.



Application and Submission Process

*A virtual tour of the MKV application in the Enterprise
Grants Management System (EGMS)*



Application Submission Overview

- MKV applications are due **Wednesday, June 24, 2026, by 3 p.m.**
- Applications **must** be completed and submitted in EGMS at grants.osse.dc.gov.
- EGMS will automatically confirm receipt and time-stamp submissions.
- **Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for an award.** Please allow additional time for any issues you may experience, as well as the consistency check to run, prior to submission.
- Applications submitted **after 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026**, will **not** be forwarded to the review panel for consideration.



Application Process

- Interested applicants must submit an application to OSSE in accordance with relevant program statutes and any additional rules established by OSSE.
- Log in to [EGMS](#).
- Select the “**McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Program**” application from the LEA dashboard for fiscal year 2027.
- Upon approval, awardees will receive a grant award notification (GAN) that will include:
 - The **award amount**;
 - **Award agreement**;
 - **Terms and conditions of the award**; and
 - Any required **supplemental information**.



EGMS Login Page

EGMS Enterprise Grants Management System

Home Login

District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education OSSE

Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS)

Welcome to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS). The system was designed to improve the management and administration of grants and was established to provide users with the information on the status of project applications and awards of Federal and State funds.

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Creating an Application in EGMS

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EGMS Virtual Tour

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "https://grants.osse.dc.gov". The page features a blue header with the "EGMS Enterprise Grants Management System" logo on the left and the "District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education" logo on the right. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with "Home" and "Login" links. The main content area has a title "Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS)" and a welcome message: "Welcome to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS). The system was designed to improve the management and administration of grants and was established to provide users with the information on the status of project applications and awards of Federal and State funds." Below this are three circular icons: "Training" (green) with "User Guides & Videos", "Announcements" (orange) with "News & Events", and "Support & Information" (red) with "Resources & Contacts". The footer is a blue bar with three stars and four columns of links: "COMMUNITY" (Citywide Calendar, DC Jobs, DC Procurement, DC One Card, Green DC), "DC GOVERNMENT" (Terms and Conditions, Privacy and Security, Accessibility Policy), "DISTRICT NEWS" (Statements and Releases, DC Gov't Social Networks), and "INFO CENTERS" (Business, Education, Health, Social Services). On the right, it says "CONNECT WITH OSSE" with the address "1050 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20002", phone "(202) 727-6436", and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.





Components of the MKV Application

The MKV EGMS application includes the following tabs:

- A. Application Overview (including Reviewer Scoring Rubric)
- B. Contact Information (LEA-level)
- C. Funding Distribution
- D. Priority Points
- E. Needs Assessment
- F. Project Narrative
- G. Implementation Plan
- H. General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)
- I. Detailed Planning Expenditures (budget)
- J. Supporting Documentation (uploads only)
- K. Budget Amendment Request
- L. Assurances



Central Data Application

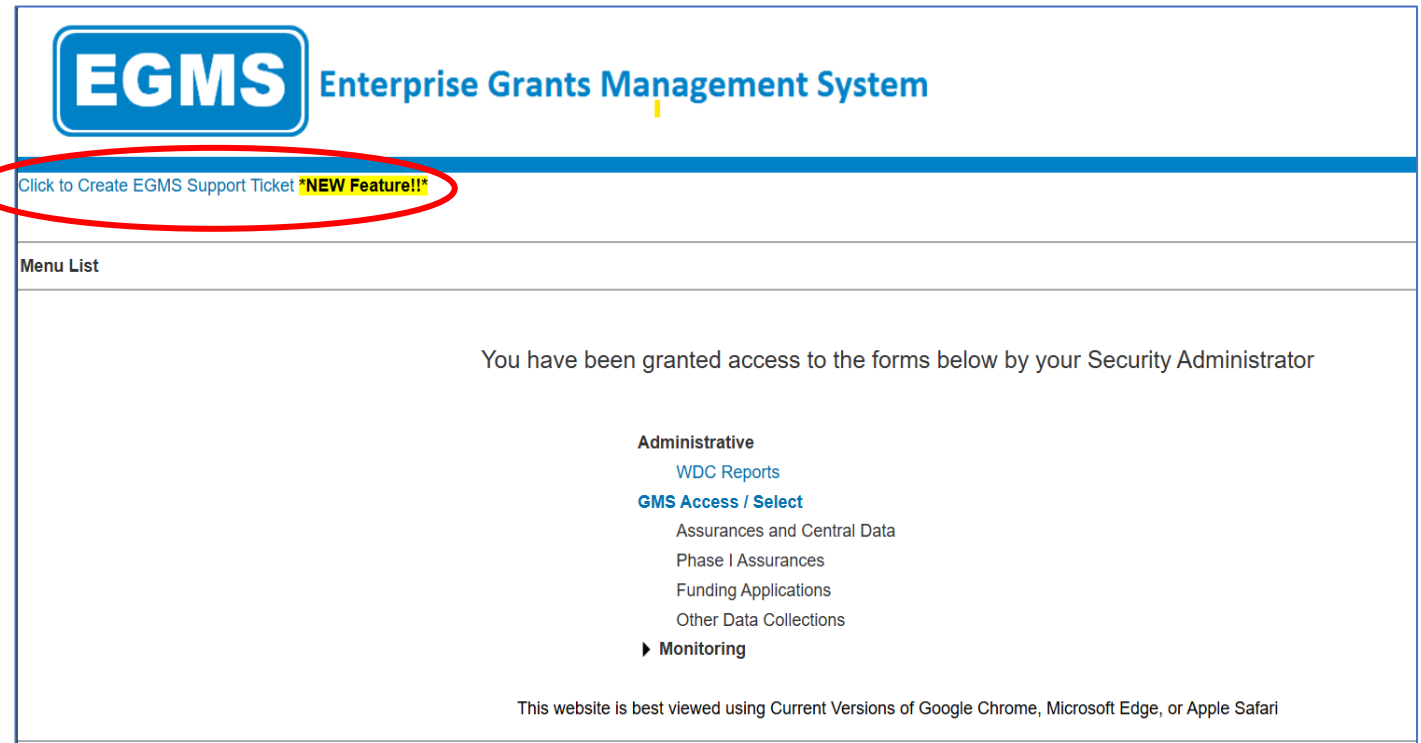
- All applicants must complete a Central Data application, including:
 - System for Award Management (SAM)—apply at sam.gov to obtain:
 - SAM Unique Entity Number (UEI) (replaced DUNS); and
 - Current SAM UEI expiration date.
 - General assurances must be agreed upon by the authorized representative.
- An approved Central Data application must be on file in EGMS before reimbursement can occur.
 - Applicants may submit a programmatic application but cannot receive reimbursements until an approved Central Data application is on file.



EGMS Customer Support

Contact OSSE's EGMS Support team if you experience technical issues or have any questions regarding EGMS. How do you request assistance?

- Log into [EGMS](#).
- Click the link at the top of the page to create an **"EGMS Support Ticket."**
- Complete and submit the ticket.





Application Submission Timeline

Activities	Dates
Release of Request for Applications (RFA)	Thursday, May 7, 2026
Pre-application TA session 1 (webinar)	Friday, May 22, 2026
Pre-application TA session 2 (webinar)	Friday, June 5, 2026
Last day to submit questions	Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Application deadline	Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 3 p.m.
Post-award conference	Friday, Aug. 21, 2026
Program period (year one)	Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026–Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2027
Fiscal year closeout	Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2027



Program/Technical Questions and Support

Please submit all questions via email (reference **RFA# GD0-MKV-FY2027**) to:

Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov

Homeless Education Program

Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)

Division of Strategic Funding for School Quality

Special Populations & Programs

Please submit all questions by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, to allow time for a response from HEP before the competition closes.



Award Information and Administration



Application Review

- The review panel:
 - Is composed of a minimum of three neutral, qualified, professional individuals who are external to OSSE.
 - Were selected for their unique qualifications, knowledge, and expertise in the objectives of the ESEA fields.
 - Determines if the projects described in the application are aligned with the intent of the grant and are high-quality proposals, in accordance with the rubric.
 - Enters scores in the Reviewer Scoring Rubric (see RFA, Appendix B) and makes recommendations for funding consideration.
- The OSSE grant manager or grant specialist:
 - Determines if costs in the budget are **reasonable, necessary, and allowable** per the grant guidance if the LEA is awarded.
 - Contacts LEAs to make any necessary changes if budget amendments are needed.



FY27 MKV Grant Funding Availability

OSSE complies with federal requirements for competitive subawards. At least 75 percent of its annual allocation must be distributed as subgrants. OSSE anticipates a competition value of at least \$300,000. Funds are pending annual federal allocation and availability.



Anticipated Amount and Number of Awards

- OSSE anticipates awarding three to six awards;
- Previous awards have ranged from approximately \$600 to \$86,000;
- Applications are ranked by reviewer scores, and the highest-ranking applications are funded until available funding is exhausted;
- OSSE reserves the right to fund applicants at a lesser amount than requested; and
- Awards may be extended for a maximum of one continuation year if the subgrantee's program remains in compliance with all grant requirements:
 - Programs are renewed from year to year; a modified continuation application will be required to extend funding beyond the initial award year; and
 - Continuing awards are subject to the continuing availability of funding.



FY27 Award Period

- The grant programmatic and fiscal implementation period will be from the date of award to Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026 (initial year + one continuing year);
- Funds for the initial year (year one) must be obligated by Thursday, Sept. 30, 2027; and
- No more than 15 percent of the award may be carried over to the next program period in year one ONLY:
 - Any amount over 15 percent will be returned to OSSE; and
 - If funds are withheld because the subgrantee exceeded the carryover limitation, the subgrantee will be provided the ability to appeal the determination.



Two-Year Funding Cycle

Projects that successfully demonstrate substantial progress and reporting compliance during the award period **may** be eligible to receive continuation grants for one additional year (if funds remain available).

Program periods:

Program Period	Funded Period	Eligible for Carryover
Year 1: Original/initial program period	Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 – Thursday, Sept. 30, 2027	Yes
Year 2: Continuation program period	Friday, Oct. 1, 2027 – Friday, Sept. 29, 2028	No



Grant Award Notification and Technical Assistance

- Once OSSE has received and approved your application, the GAN will be automatically generated in [EGMS](#).
 - The GAN is an official document that states the terms, conditions, and amount of the award. It should be read and reviewed by your grant manager and legal team.
 - The initial award period end date will always show Sept. 30, the last day of the District of Columbia's fiscal year. A new GAN will be generated for each fiscal year.
- OSSE will provide ongoing TA throughout the award period based on your input and feedback.



Reimbursement Process

- Grant funds are paid on a reimbursement basis.
- Compliance with programmatic and fiscal implementation and reporting will be considered when paying reimbursement requests (RRs).
- Per OSSE's RR requirements, subgrantees must submit at least one RR per quarter via [EGMS](#).
- OSSE will review expenses and approve allowable costs that are aligned with the application.
- All RRs must follow the [OSSE Grantee Reimbursement Request Submission Policy](#).



Quarterly Spend-Down Schedule

The following chart provides recommended quarterly spending rates:

Quarter	Spend-down percent	Submitted by	Period covered
Q1	10 percent	Jan. 15	October - December
Q2	30 percent	April 15	January - March
Q3	60 percent	July 15	April - June
Q4	60-85 percent	Dec. 1	July - September*
	100 percent (year two)	Dec. 1	July - September

**If less than 100 percent is obligated or spent down by the end of the initial funding cycle in the first year, subgrantees may carry over up to 15 percent. Subgrantees have until Sept. 30 in both years to spend or obligate allocated funds.*



Payment Process

- Program costs payments must be paid by the subgrantee to the payee prior to requesting a reimbursement; it is not sufficient for costs to be merely incurred.
- Grant award payments are reimbursable on a monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly basis; however, MKV subgrantees are minimally required to submit RRs on a quarterly basis.
- Documentation retention is required for a period of five years from end date of the grant period.



Post-Award Information



Subgrantee Reporting Requirements

- Subgrantees are required to complete an annual performance report (APR), complete reimbursement workbooks on at least a quarterly basis, submit homeless data including nighttime residency, and complete an annual evaluation of programmatic activities as requested.
- Reports are collected to determine how the LEA:
 - Assesses the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness; and
 - Distributes available resources equitably.
- Timely submission of reports is essential to ensure compliance with local and federal requirements. LEAs must:
 - Respond acknowledging OSSE's requests within 48 hours; and
 - Provide requested information within 10 business days.



General Terms and Conditions

- Subgrantees must implement:
 - An **evaluation plan** to ensure that program goals are met; and
 - A **sustainability plan** for continuity of supports and services beyond the two-year grant cycle.
- OSSE will evaluate each subgrantee's risk of non-compliance with **federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions** of the subaward for purposes of determining the appropriate subgrantee monitoring. The evaluation may include consideration of factors that necessitate adjustments to the pass-through funds, such as:
 - Results of the subgrantee's **audits**;
 - **Site-based reviews**, if applicable; or
 - Other **monitoring** vehicles.



Monitoring

- OSSE is responsible for monitoring subgrantees of federal grants to ensure compliance with local and federal laws and regulations.

Examples of compliance:

- **Programmatic:** Evidence that LEAs review and revise policies to remove barriers for students experiencing homelessness (e.g., policies with track changes).
- **Fiscal:** Evidence, with a date stamp, that shows vendors were screened against the Excluded Party List (EPL) and are in good standing prior to engaging in business with the vendor. This EPL must be screened at sam.gov.
- To support continuous improvement, TA compliance checks will be conducted, including the following:
 - LEAs that have exited the MKV grant program; and/or
 - Non-funded LEAs will be monitored concurrently with OSSE's monitoring activities.



Resources



Resources

- ☐ [Legislation](#)
- ☐ [Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)
- ☐ [OSSE website](#)
- ☐ [OSSE Homeless Education Program](#)
- ☐ [OSSE annual grants monitoring](#)
- ☐ [OSSE Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](#)



Resources

- ☐ [National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth \(NAEHCY\) Annual Conference](#)
- ☐ [National Center for Homeless Education \(NCHE\) Liaison Toolkit & Training Webinars](#)
- ☐ [Policy for Complaint Procedures for Elementary and Secondary Education Act Programs and Grants](#)
- ☐ [Federally Funded Food Programs](#)
- ☐ [Schoolhouse Connection \(SHC\) Training Webinars](#)



Homeless Education Program Contacts



How may we help?



Contact Information

Point of Contact	Contact Information	Specific Areas of Focus
Nicole Lee-Mwandha Homeless Education State Coordinator	Nicole.Lee-Mwandha@dc.gov (202) 654-6123	<i>For guidance regarding McKinney-Vento Federal guidelines, data management, and policy.</i>
Danielle C. Rollins Homeless Education Program Analyst/Grant Specialist	Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov (202) 256-2229	<i>For assistance with McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance grant funding and compliance (serves as the point of contact for this grant).</i>
Tasheen Stallings Homeless Education Program Specialist	Tasheen.Stallings@dc.gov (202) 478-5927	<i>For assistance with enrollment, transportation, trainings, and community outreach.</i>
Edgar Stewart Homeless Education Program Supervisor	Edgar.Stewart@dc.gov (202) 741-0259	<i>Supervisor for the Homeless Education Program</i>

For general information, please contact HEP.OSSE@dc.gov.



Thank you for participating in today's session.