



**FY22 American Rescue Plan (ARP)-Homeless II  
Technical Assistance for Community-Based  
Organizations**

**Aug. 3, 2022**

**Homeless Education Program**

# Agenda



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# 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 chat:

- ✓ Your Name
- ✓ Your Organization's Name
- ✓ Your Position or Title
- ✓ Your Expectation(s) for Today's Session

## Objectives

- Provide an overview of the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Funds
- Review funding availability and allowable uses of funds
- Discuss program requirements and reporting
- Answer questions



# ARP-Homeless II Funding Overview

## American Rescue Plan Funding Overview

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Fund (ARP-HCY) authorized by the US Department of Education (USED) under section 2001(b)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 aims to support the specific and urgent needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness in recognition of the extraordinary impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on students experiencing homelessness.

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Overview

Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (MKV) authorizes the federal [Education for Homeless Children and Youth \(EHCY\) Program](#). MKV defines children and youth experiencing homelessness and is the primary piece of federal legislation related to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. It was reauthorized in December 2015 by Title IX, Part A, of the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#). ARP-HCY funding was released by USED's EHCY Program to state education agencies (SEAs) as a supplement to EHCY grants. Accordingly, the federal guidelines of MKV apply to ARP-HCY funding as well.

# ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant Funding Availability

OSSE will award state-level set aside funds received through the second phase of ARP-HCY funding, known as ARP-Homeless II, to community-based, faith-based and nonprofit organizations that are well-positioned to identify historically underserved populations of children and youth experiencing homelessness (i.e., students of color, children and youth with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth and pregnant, parenting or caregiving students) to provide:

- supports and wraparound services to children and youth experiencing homelessness in need of educational services; and
- programming that supports academic achievement and mitigates learning loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



# Purpose of ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant

The purpose for the FY23 ARP-Homeless II Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Grant is to increase the capacity of OSSE and LEAs by utilizing experienced District-based organizations with a demonstrated history of success working with children, youth and families experiencing homelessness to:

- 1) identify children and youth experiencing homelessness who have been impacted by COVID-19;
- 2) support them in accessing educational and/or wraparound services to meet their needs; and
- 3) deliver training, technical assistance and capacity building to strengthen the provision and coordination of services for this population of children, youth and families within their organizations and in LEAs/schools.

## ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant Distribution

- ARP-Homeless II CBO grants will be distributed to eligible CBOs as a **competitive** grant in FY23 (Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023) to support OSSE and LEAs/schools.
- Funds may carry over to FY24 (Oct. 1, 2023-Sept. 30, 2024) until all allocated funds have been exhausted.
- Remaining funds at the end of FY24 will be returned to OSSE.

## Eligible Entities for ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant

Eligible applicants include established CBOs, faith-based organizations and nonprofit organizations who meet the following criteria:

- must have demonstrated success or experience serving students experiencing homelessness in pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade within the District of Columbia;
- must have demonstrated success or experience in urban areas and/or with LEAs/school districts; and
- must be in good financial standing with the District of Columbia, per the [Clean Hands Law D.C. Code § 47-2862](#).



## Allowable Uses of Funds

# Allowable Uses of ARP-Homeless CBO Funds

Funding under the ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant must adhere to the allowable uses of funds described in Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (MKV). Under section 723(e)(2) and section 723(f) of the McKinney-Vento Act, subgrant funds may be used for activities that support the Functions of the Office of the Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youths, including:

1. Gathering and making publicly available reliable, valid and comprehensive information on:
  - a) the number of homeless children and youths identified in the state, which shall be posted annually on the state education agency's website;
  - b) the nature and extent of the problems homeless children and youths have in gaining access to public preschool programs and to public elementary schools and secondary schools;
  - c) providers of emergency, transitional and permanent housing to homeless children and youths, and their families, including public housing agencies, shelter operators, operators of transitional housing facilities and providers of transitional living programs for homeless youths;
  - d) local educational agency liaisons designated under subsection (g)(1)(J)(ii) for homeless children and youths; and
  - e) community organizations and groups representing homeless children and youths and their families.

## Allowable Uses of ARP-Homeless CBO Funds cont.

2. In order to improve the provision of comprehensive education and related services to homeless children and youths and their families, coordinate activities and collaborate with:
  - a) educators, including teachers, special education personnel, administrators and child development and preschool program personnel;
  - b) providers of services to homeless children and youths and their families, including public and private child welfare and social services agencies, law enforcement agencies, juvenile and family courts, agencies providing mental health services, domestic violence agencies, child care providers, runaway and homeless youth centers and providers of services and programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);
  - c) providers of emergency, transitional and permanent housing to homeless children and youths and their families, including public housing agencies, shelter operators, operators of transitional housing facilities and providers of transitional living programs for homeless youths;
  - d) local educational agency liaisons designated under subsection (g)(1)(J)(ii) for homeless children and youths; and
  - e) community organizations and groups representing homeless children and youths and their families.

## Allowable Uses of ARP-Homeless CBO Funds cont.

3. Carrying out the District of Columbia's state plan to provide for the education of homeless children and youths.
4. Collecting data to assess the educational needs of homeless children and youths within the District.
5. Providing technical assistance to and conducting monitoring of LEAs in coordination with LEA liaisons for homeless children and youths.
6. Providing professional development opportunities for LEA personnel and the LEA liaisons designated under subsection (g)(1)(J)(ii) to assist such personnel and liaisons in identifying and meeting the needs of homeless children and youths.
7. Providing training on the definitions of terms related to homelessness to the liaisons.
8. Responding to inquiries from parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and such youths (in the case of unaccompanied youths), to ensure that each child or youth who is the subject of such an inquiry receives the full protections and services provided by MKV.

# ARP-Homeless II CBO Allowable Use of Funds

- Uses of funds may include, when responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, expenses that are reasonable and necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention and educational success of children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Funds must be used to complete deliverables as described in the program requirements.
- Eligible CBOs may use ARP-Homeless II CBO funds for activities in one or more of the following focus areas:
  - **REENGAGE:** Reengage students and families in school
  - **RESOURCES:** Connect students and families to homeless education supports
  - **RECOVER:** Support students to recover unfinished learning



# ARP-Homeless II CBO Focus Areas - Reengage

## Reengage students and families in school

- Activities must include the identification of underserved populations of children and youth experiencing homelessness (i.e., students of color, children and youth with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth and pregnant, parenting or caregiving students) who have been disconnected from school due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Such activities may include:
  - community/street outreach;
  - translation of printed materials highlighting educational rights and resources for students and families experiencing homelessness; and
  - supports for disconnected youth experiencing homelessness.

# ARP-Homeless II CBO Focus Areas - Resources

## Connect students and families to homeless education supports

- Activities must include providing or connecting students experiencing homelessness to resources that mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and support student academic achievement.
- Such activities may include:
  - wraparound services for expectant/parenting youth, LGBTQ+ youth, students with disabilities, English learners (EL) students and other disadvantaged populations of children and youth experiencing homelessness;
  - expansion of youth emergency shelter and existing youth transitional living program (TLP) beds (for youth ages 15+); and,
  - mental health, dental or medical services.

# ARP-Homeless II CBO Focus Areas - Recover

## Support students to recover unfinished learning

- Activities must address learning loss and achievement gaps of students experiencing homelessness.
- Activities must include training, technical assistance and capacity building provided by the applicant to improve the provision and coordination of services for children, youth and families experiencing homelessness within an applicant's organization and/or LEAs/schools.
- Such activities may include:
  - trainings and technical assistance for LEAs/schools focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on students and families, trauma-informed care, racial equity and various best practices for supporting underserved populations of children, youth and families experiencing homelessness; and,
  - community outreach materials and/or public service announcements (in various languages in accordance with the District's Language Access Act) highlighting the educational rights of students and families experiencing homelessness.



# Application Submission Process

# ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant Timeline

Activities	Dates
ARP-Homeless II CBO Application Release Date	July 8, 2022
Pre-Application Technical Assistance Session 1	July 22, 2022
Pre-Application Technical Assistance Session 2	Aug. 3, 2022
<b>Notice of Intent</b>	<b>Aug. 12, 2022 (Extended)</b>
<b>ARP-Homeless II CBO Application Due Date</b>	<b>Aug. 19, 2022</b>
Date Reimbursement Requests can be submitted	Nov. 1, 2022
Program Period	Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023

# Application Process

- CBOs must submit an application in OSSE's [Enterprise Grants Management System \(EGMS\)](#)
- Once OSSE has fully approved the application, awardees will receive a final Grant Award Notification (GAN) generated through EGMS that will include:
  - the **award amount**
  - **award agreement**
  - **terms and conditions of the award**
  - any **supplemental information** required
- Any requested documentation must be uploaded into EGMS under the **Supporting Documentation Requested** tab

# Central Data Application

- All applicants **must** complete and submit a Central Data application which includes the following:
  - Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)
  - System for Award Management (SAM) expiration date—apply at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)
- General assurances must be agreed upon by the authorized representative.
- Subgrantees may submit an application but cannot receive reimbursements until an approved Central Data application is on file.

## Review Panel and Selection Process Criteria

- Comprised of a minimum of three neutral, qualified, professional, individuals who are external to OSSE
- Selected for their unique qualifications, knowledge and expertise in the objectives of the elementary, secondary and specialized education (ESEA) fields
- Responsible for scoring and ranking applications and making recommendations for funding consideration

Reviewers meet and assess applications based on a common rubric.



# EGMS Customer Service Support

Please contact OSSE's EGMS Customer Service team between 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday) if you experience technical issues or have any questions regarding EGMS at [OSSE.Callcenter@dc.gov](mailto:OSSE.Callcenter@dc.gov) or (202) 719-6500.





# Administration and Training Requirements

# Payment Process

Funds associated with the ARP-Homeless II CBO Grant are available strictly on a reimbursement basis and may only be used for allowable grant project expenditures during the grant period. All costs must:

- Meet requirements of permissible use of federal funds within EDGAR 34 CFR Part 75, 2 CFR Part 200 as adopted in 2 CFR Part 3474, 2 CFR Part 180 as adopted in 2 CFR 3485; and
- Align with and support the project(s) described in the organization's application.

Reimbursement requests (RRs) must be submitted electronically through [EGMS](#) and must include expenses not yet claimed for reimbursement.

# Reimbursable Expenses

- Payments for services rendered, not merely incurred, must be paid by the subgrantee to the payee prior to requesting reimbursements.
- Reimbursable payments shall be made through the OSSE Cost Reimbursement Process in EGMS in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements at 2 CFR Section 200.305.
- Two types of documentation are required with a RR for expenses related to specific budget categories:

EGMS Budget Category	Supporting Documentation Required with RR
Professional Services	Proof of Receipt of Goods/Services <u>AND</u> Proof of Payment
Equipment	Proof of Receipt of Goods/Services <u>AND</u> Proof of Payment
All other categories	None

## CBO RECOVER Trainings

Grantees for the RECOVER award type will deliver high-quality professional development on topics focusing on students and families experiencing homelessness impacted by COVID-19. Trainings can be delivered to all interested LEAs/schools, community organizations and/or service providers in both synchronous and asynchronous formats. Grantees are required to submit all training materials to the OSSE Homeless Education Program at least 30 days prior to the dissemination date for approval.

# Homeless Education Training

Within **90 days** of receipt of funding, grantees are required to:

Attend a minimum of one homeless education training offered by OSSE. Information on OSSE's training and webinars can be found at [osse.dc.gov/service/homeless-education-program](https://osse.dc.gov/service/homeless-education-program)

**and**

A minimum of one training offered by a national organization focusing on homeless education and the plight of children, youth and families experiencing homelessness.

- **National Center for Homeless Education** [nche.ed.gov/group-training/](https://nche.ed.gov/group-training/)
- **SchoolHouse Connection** [www.schoolhouseconnection.org/resources](https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/resources)

# Mandated Reporting Requirements

Grantees are required to comply with District law pertaining to mandated reporting. Certain individuals providing direct services to students may be identified as a mandated reporter. Mandated reporters are professionals obligated by law to report known or suspected incidents of child abuse and/or neglect. Such individuals will be required to undertake mandated reporting training at [dc.mandatedreporter.org/login](https://dc.mandatedreporter.org/login). In addition, grantees with staff working directly with students must have a policy on how staff, volunteers or contractors are informed or trained for suspicion of abuse and neglect and how to contact the organization's mandated reporter. See D.C. Code §4-1321.02.



## Resources



# ARP-Homeless Funds Resources

- [American Rescue Plan Act Legislation](#)
- [US Department of Education's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth \(ARP-HCY\) Funds](#)
- [Letter to Chief State School Officers Announcing ARP Funding, including the following attachments:](#)
  - [ARP Homeless I-II Total Grant Award Allocations](#)
  - [ARP Homeless I SEA Reservations](#)
  - [ARP Homeless I Grant Award Notification Assurances](#)
  - [ARP Homeless II SEA Reservations](#)
  - [ARP Homeless II Notice of Final Requirements](#)
  - [Application for Funding Under the ARP-HCY: Second Disbursement](#)
- [USED's ARP Act Homeless Fund Final Requirements](#)

## ARP-Homeless Funds Resources (cont.)

- [Frequently Asked ARP-HCY Questions and Answers - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)
- [National Center for Homeless Education \(NCHE\) COVID-19 Guidance](#)
- [SchoolHouse Connection ARP-Homeless Funds Overview and Training Webinars](#)
- [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Legislation](#)
- [Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)



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