

## **REVISED NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **Fiscal Year 2018 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant (ESSA Title VII, Part B)**

**Request for Application Release Date: Monday, November 13, 2017**

The Division of K-12 Systems and Supports within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will issue a Request for Applications for the FY 2018 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant Program (MKV) for eligible Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the District of Columbia.

A total of at least One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Seven Dollars and Zero Cents (\$113,847.00) 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 homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths. Authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Section 726, as amended, the law's specific purposes are to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth.

LEAs serving homeless students in pre-kindergarten through the twelfth grade 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 percentage of identified homeless children and youth as compared to LEA's overall student population.
- Significant increase of identified homeless students in the previous school year, with projections of a continued increase.
- High number of identified homeless children and youth as compared to LEA's overall student population.

The grant award period will be from the date of the award to September 30, 2018, and LEAs must commit to obligate all grant funds awarded under this competition by September 30, 2018. Program costs must be paid, not merely incurred, by the awardee to the payee prior to requesting reimbursement. Awards may be extended for two additional years if the sub-recipient's program remains in compliance with all grant requirements. All awards will be reviewed annually for consideration of continued funding. 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 on-line Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS): <http://grants.osse.dc.gov/>. The RFA and application submission guidance will also be available on OSSE's Transitory Services webpage at <https://osse.dc.gov/service/education-homeless-children-and-youth-program>.

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(s) shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring rubric(s). OSSE's Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education will make all final award decisions.

OSSE will provide two pre-application technical assistance sessions. The pre-application technical assistance sessions will include an overview of the MKV grant program, competition, and EGMS for application submissions; and will provide technical assistance for any grant competition inquiries.

A web-based pre-application technical assistance session will be held on **Friday, November 17, 2017**. An in-person pre-application technical assistance session will be held at OSSE (810 First St. NE, Washington, DC) on **Monday, December 4, 2017** in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room (806 A/B). Please note that seating will be limited so please limit the number of staff registering and attending the in-person session to two or less. Potential applicants may register for the November 17 session [here](#) or for the December 4 session [here](#).

All LEAs planning to apply for this grant are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-application technical assistance session and should submit Intent to Apply via email to Danielle C. Rollins at [Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov](mailto:Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov) by **Friday, December 8, 2017**.