

# **OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **Fiscal Year 2021 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant (ESSA Title VII, Part B)**

**Request for Application Release Date: Fri., Jun. 8, 2020 at 3 p.m.**

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 2020 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 law's specific purposes are to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth.

**Eligibility and Selection Criteria:** 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 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 the date of the award through Sept. 30, 2020, and LEAs must commit to obligate all grant funds awarded under this competition by Sept. 30, 2021. Awards may be extended for 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.

**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 homeless children and youth 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(s) shall make recommendations for awards, based on the scoring rubric(s). OSSE's Division of Systems and Supports,

K-12 will make all final award decisions. Awards are anticipated to be distributed in Sept. 2020 and the funding cycle will commence starting Oct. 1, 2020.

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 submissions. The session will also include technical assistance for individuals with grant competition inquiries.

A web-based pre-application technical assistance session will be held on Jun. 16, 2020. An in-person pre-application technical assistance session will be held at OSSE (1050 First St., NE, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC) on Jul. 1, 2020 in the Charles Drew Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Room 622 (or via webinar). 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 webinar session [here](#), or for the in-person session [here](#)/GoToWebinar [here](#).

All LEAs planning to apply for this grant are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-application conference and should submit an Intent to Apply via email to Danielle C. Rollins at [Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov](mailto:Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov) by 3 p.m. on Jul. 8, 2020.

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 Homeless Education Program webpage at <https://osse.dc.gov/service/education-homeless-children-and-youth-program>.