



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

To receive your local education agency's (LEA's) initial Grant Award Notification (GAN) for **American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Education for Homeless Children and Youth Fund (ARP-Homeless I) Funds**, your LEA must review assurances below and submit a signed copy by Sept. 2 to HEP.OSSE@dc.gov.

Upon receipt of an LEA's assurances, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will issue a GAN – the first step for LEAs to access their ARP-Homeless I funding. The next step will be to complete an [Enterprise Grants Management System](#) (EGMS) application this fall. All reimbursements for this grant program will be processed through EGMS and an approved EGMS application will allow LEAs to begin submitting reimbursements for the grant's period of availability, March 13, 2020 through Sept. 30, 2024. LEAs are encouraged to leverage this funding to support the urgent needs of homeless children and youth—including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. All activities allowable under your McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (ECHY) grant are allowable under ARP-Homeless I.

**American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief –
Homeless Children and Youth Fund – Phase I (ARP-Homeless I)
Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Assurances**

The local education agency (LEA) hereby assures the state education agency (SEA) that:

The LEA assures that it will submit a final application in the Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) by Dec. 31, 2021 at 3 p.m. ET, that includes uploading these signed assurances and the preliminary Grant Award Notification (GAN) issued to you by OSSE.

The LEA assures that it will comply with, or will use requested funds to comply with paragraphs (3) through (7) of McKinney-Vento Act, Section 722(g)(42 USC 11432(g)(3)-(7)).

The LEA(s) assures that it will collect and promptly provide data requested by the SEA pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 722(f) (42 USC 11432(f)(1) & (3)).

The LEA will ensure that services provided with this subgrant will not isolate or stigmatize children and youth experiencing homelessness. (42 USC 11432(g)(1)(J)(i))

The LEA(s) will ensure that this subgrant will be used to help children and youth attend, participate fully, and succeed in academic and extracurricular opportunities offered to all students. (42 USC 11433(a)(1))

The LEA(s) will ensure that services provided with this subgrant will supplement, expand, improve upon, or provide access to services provided as part of a school's academic or extra-curricular program, but not replace such services. (42 USC 11433(a)(2)(A)(iii))

The LEA(s) will ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness are integrated into the regular education program. (42 USC 11433(a)(2)(A)(ii))

The LEA has adopted policies and practices to ensure that transportation is provided, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison), to and from the school of origin, in accordance with the following as applicable:

- a. If the child or youth continues to live in the area served by the LEA in which the school of origin is located, the child's or youth's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the LEA in which the school of origin is located.
- b. If the child's or youth's living arrangements in the area served by the LEA of origin terminate and the child or youth, though continuing the child's or youth's education in the school of origin, begins living in an area served by another LEA, the LEA of origin and the LEA in which the child or youth is living shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child or youth with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the LEAs are unable to agree upon such method, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally. 42 USC 11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)

The LEA will ensure that each program covered by this application will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and requirements delineated in this application.

The LEA will ensure that these funds shall be used for the purposes of identifying homeless children and youth, providing wraparound services in light of the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and providing assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities, including in-person instruction.

The LEA will ensure that the ARP-Homeless I funds will only be used for activities allowable under section 723(d) of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. 11433(d)). These activities may include any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including:

- c. The provision of tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services that are linked to the achievement of the same challenging state academic standards as the state establishes for other children and youths.
- d. The provision of expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youths, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (such as educational programs for gifted and talented students, children with disabilities, and English learners, services provided under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar state or local programs, programs in career and technical education, and school nutrition programs).
- e. Professional development and other activities for educators and specialized instructional support personnel that are designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity of such personnel to the needs of children and youths experiencing homelessness, the rights of such children and youths under this part, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youths.
- f. The provision of referral services to children and youths experiencing homelessness for medical, dental, mental, and other health services.
- g. The provision of assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students under 42 USC [11432\(g\)\(4\)\(A\)](#) of this title, not otherwise provided through federal, state, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend the school selected under [section 11432\(g\)\(3\)](#) of this title.
- h. The provision of developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through federal, state, or local funding, for preschool-aged children experiencing homelessness.
- i. The provision of services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain children and youths experiencing homelessness, particularly those who are not enrolled in school, in public school programs and services provided to children and youths who are not experiencing homelessness.
- j. The provision for children and youths experiencing homelessness of before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities.
- k. If necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll children and youths experiencing homelessness in school, including birth certificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services.
- l. The provision of education and training to the parents and guardians of children and youths experiencing homelessness about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youths, and other activities designed to increase the meaningful involvement of parents and guardians of children or youths experiencing homelessness in the education of such children or youths.

- m. The development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services to children and youths experiencing homelessness, as described in [section 11432\(g\)\(5\)](#) of this title.
- n. The provision of specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services.
- o. Activities to address the particular needs of children and youths experiencing homelessness that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems.
- p. The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any non-school facilities made available under subsection (a)(2) to provide services under this subsection.
- q. The provision of school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations.
- r. The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable children and youths experiencing homelessness to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

The LEA will ensure that the ARP-Homeless I funds will not be used for 1) subsidizing or offsetting executive salaries and benefits of individuals who are not employees of the SEA or LEAs or 2) expenditures related to state or local teacher or faculty unions or associations.

The LEA will ensure that ARP-Homeless I funds will be used for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the ARP Act.

The LEA will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the U.S. Department of Education and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority.

The LEA will meet the requirements of section 442 and section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA, 20 U.S.C. 1232e) & 1228a). Meaning that during the entire duration of time that the entity is receiving funding under ARP-Homeless I, the LEA will:

- Ensure that it has taken steps to provide equitable access to, and participation in, its federally-assisted programs for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs;
- Ensure that each program will be administered in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
- Ensure that control of funds and property acquired using ARP-Homeless I program funds will be maintained and administered by the appropriate public agency;
- Ensure that fiscal control and fund accounting procedures will be used to properly disburse of, and account for, federal funds;
- Report to the state agency or board and to the Secretary as may be needed for the state agency or board and the Secretary to perform their duties under each

program, and each LEA will maintain records (as required in Section 443 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 USC 1232f) and provide access to those records as the state board, state agency, or Secretary deems necessary to carry out their responsibilities;

- Provide opportunities for the participation in, planning for, and operation of each program by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals;
- Ensure that applications, evaluations, plans, or reports related to each program will be made available to parents and the public;
- Ensure that facilities constructed under any program will be consistent with overall state construction plans and standards and with the requirements of Section 504 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA): Overview and Issues Congressional Research Service 12 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure that the facilities are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;
- The LEA has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating information and research regarding the programs and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices to teachers and administrators participating in each program; and
- Ensure that none of the funds expended under any applicable program will be used to acquire equipment if such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees.

The LEA will be in compliance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) requirements in 2 CFR, including Subpart D—Post Federal Award Requirements (2 CFR §§200.300-345) and Subpart E—Cost Principles (2 CFR §§200.400-475).

The LEA will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

Note: Project modifications and changes in the approved budget must be requested in writing and be approved in writing by the OSSE before modifications are made to the expenditures. Please contact Danielle.Rollins@dc.gov for any modifications.

Local Education Agency (LEA) Name

LEA Authorized Representative Name, Printed

LEA Authorized Representative Name, Signature

Contact Phone

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Date