



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

American Rescue Plan -  
Homeless Children and Youth  
ARP - ECHY I and II - Funding Guidance

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# Guidance Objectives

- ▶ Provide Information on the Recent Legislation: ARP - Homeless Children and Youth - I and II
- ▶ Recommendations for Allowable Uses for ARP - Homeless I at district/school level
- ▶ Address questions regarding next steps and funding guidance

# American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth

- ▶ Under section 2001(b)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 a total of \$800 million has been allocated to support the specific and urgent needs of homeless children and youth in recognition of the extraordinary impact of the pandemic on students experiencing homelessness
- ▶ This funding is being released to states in two parts - ARP- Homeless 1 and ARP - Homeless II
- ▶ ARP Homeless I was immediately released - This first disbursement is designed to provide funding to States immediately as a supplement to the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) funds. States are working to get this funding out as quickly as possible in a way that makes sense for their state.
- ▶ ARP Homeless II will be released later this year and will be allocated to all LEAs as a formula grant using the Title IA formula and the number of children and youth that were homeless within the district in the 2018-2019 school year.

# Funding Guidelines

- ▶ Funding should be used to 1) Identify children and youth experiencing homelessness, 2) provide wrap around services needed in light of the recent pandemic, and 3) academic assistance needed for homeless children and youth to attend and participate fully in school activities - including in person instruction, summer programming, and re-engagement in the fall.
- ▶ Funding should be used as the last resort when accessing activities and resources that are also supported locally through ARP-ESSER or other federal funding used for all students (supplement not supplant)
- ▶ Efforts to support historically underserved populations are strongly recommended and encouraged (rural youth, tribal youth, students of color, students with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth, pregnant / parenting youth)

# Funding Guidelines

- ▶ ARP Homeless funds should be used to meet urgent needs, but not to replace funds that are otherwise available
- ▶ ARP Homeless funds must supplement, not supplant the supports and services with provided through state/local funds, Title IA, homeless set aside funds, McKinney Vento Subgrants, and all ESSER pandemic relief funding.
- ▶ Funds from ARP Homeless 1 must be administered consistent with the requirement of McKinney-Vento funds

# ARP- Homeless Funding for New Hampshire

## ARP - Homeless 1

- ▶ \$573,993.00 (75% to the LEA's)
- ▶ Available immediately
- ▶ Distributed according to McKinney Vento funding. NH will be running a competitive subgrant for these funds, open to all districts.
- ▶ Designed to supplement current McKinney Vento interventions and supports

## ARP - Homeless II

- ▶ \$1,721,980.00
- ▶ Available late summer/fall
- ▶ Distributed to LEA's with Title IA formula + enrolled number of homeless children and youth in 2018-2019 (ED must issue further regulations)
- ▶ Designed to help all interventions and supports for students experiencing homelessness

**All funds must support identification, wrap around services, and full participation and engagement for all McKinney Vento eligible students.**

# Statewide Support through ARP Funds

- ▶ New Hampshire plans to use the state set aside portion of ARP - Homeless I to:
  - ▶ Contract with state and local service providers
  - ▶ Provide technical assistance and McKinney Vento information to the field
  - ▶ Build Capacity at the state level

# How Districts can Use ARP - Homeless I

- ▶ Any of the uses permitted by the McKinney-Vento Act - which include:
  - ▶ Supplemental educational services, such as tutoring and other academic enrichment programs
  - ▶ Professional development activities for educators and pupil services personnel working with homeless students
  - ▶ Defraying the excess cost of transportation in order to enable students to attend the school of origin
  - ▶ Before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs with educational activities
  - ▶ For full list of McKinney Vento permitted visit this link - [Activities Authorized Under Section 723\(d\) of the McKinney-Vento Act \(schoolhouseconnection.org\)](https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/activities-authorized-under-section-723-d-of-the-mckinney-vento-act)

# Uses for ARP - Homeless I funds (con't)

- ▶ Funds may be used for “any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth, such as:
  - ▶ providing wraparound services (which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations, and could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services);
  - ▶ purchasing needed supplies (e.g., PPE, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items);
  - ▶ providing transportation to enable children and youth to attend classes and participate fully in school activities;
  - ▶ purchasing cell phones or other technological devices for unaccompanied youth to enable the youth to attend and fully participate in school activities;
- ▶ Overall, costs must be “reasonable and necessary” and “align with the purpose of, and other requirements in, the EHCY statute.” LEAs also should consider the extraordinary impact of the pandemic on students experiencing homelessness when making decisions about how to use funds

# Wrap Around Services

- ▶ Wrap around services make available all the various services a person might need. With the ARP - Homeless funds those services can include:
  - ▶ Health services
  - ▶ Trauma informed care, mental health services, and social emotional supports.
  - ▶ Transportation services
  - ▶ Contracted services
  - ▶ Tutoring - extra time and help with professional partners
  - ▶ Extra time and help through short term staffing
  - ▶ Think big - what would help provide access to education?

# Application for ARP Homeless I

- ▶ ARP Homeless I will be awarded to LEA's as a competitive grant.
- ▶ Priority will be given to those applications that prioritize identification, outreach, removing the unique barriers that the pandemic has presented to students experiencing homelessness.
- ▶ Timeline for ARP Homeless I application:
  - ▶ Application released: June 23, 2021
  - ▶ Application Due: July 9, 2021 4:00 pm
  - ▶ Expected Grant Awards announced: August 2, 2021 4:00 pm
  - ▶ Grants Opened: August 2021
  - ▶ Funds Obligated by: September 30, 2024

# ARP Homeless II Funds

- ▶ More information will be forthcoming about the ARP Homeless II Fund timelines
- ▶ ARP Homeless II will be distributed to all LEA's based on a formula.

# ARP - Homeless II Funds

- ▶ LEA's may use the ARP- Homeless II funds to:
  - ▶ Increase outreach and identification -
    - ▶ Extra staff hours for McKinney Vento purposes
    - ▶ Hiring staff for finding and re-engaging students
    - ▶ Provide training for teachers, bus drivers, and others to assist with identification
  - ▶ Enhance Communication Options for families -
    - ▶ Provide pre-paid cell phones
    - ▶ Increase posters and information in the community
  - ▶ Increase counseling and social work services
    - ▶ Hire "success coaches" for McKinney Vento Students
  - ▶ Hire System Navigators to help families and youth access education and other services, such as housing supports, child care, Head Start, shelter opportunities, help with utilities, and unemployment services.
  - ▶ Offer early childhood education options for students experiencing homelessness
    - ▶ Provide transportation for existing services
    - ▶ Increase capacity in existing preschools
    - ▶ Hire early childhood McKinney Vento specialist to assist in the identification and support of young children

As we receive information on ARP Homeless II funds, we will inform the LEA's

# Final thoughts

- ▶ Think big about the funding. We have an unprecedented opportunity to help our students experiencing homelessness with these funds.
- ▶ If you have any questions about the funds or allowability, please contact

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