

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
September 23, 2021

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- E. Approval of methodology to award American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) program funds to support local school districts in providing supplemental services for homeless children and youth via the ARP Homeless I allocation

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. In recognition of the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, the ARP included \$800 million to support the specific needs of homeless children and youth via the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund.

Purpose: To provide funds to local school districts to identify homeless children and youth, to provide homeless children and youth the wrap-around services to address the challenges of COVID-19, and to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities.

Eligibility: FY21 McKinney Vento Homeless Grantees

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth Fund (ARP Homeless I)

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

- I. Base Allocation:

Each grant recipient will receive a base allocation based upon the number of grants that will be awarded. Fifty percent (50%) of the LEA reservation will be evenly distributed among all grant recipients. The base allocation will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{50\% \text{ of the Total LEA Reservation to be Awarded}}{\text{Total \# Grant Recipients}} = \text{Base Allocation}$$

II. Additional Allocation:

The funds available after the LEA base allocations are awarded will be allocated to all grant recipients on a per pupil basis. The per pupil amount will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total Funds Available After LEA Base Allocations}}{\text{Total \# Homeless Students Enrolled in the Districts that are Grant Recipients}} = \text{Per Pupil Amount}$$

The additional allocation will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Per Pupil Amount} \times \text{\# Homeless Students Enrolled} = \text{Amount of Additional Allocation}$$

The methodology will be reviewed periodically to determine if revisions are necessary as a result of changes in funding or changes in the law.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None