

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**October 17, 2024**

**OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

- G. Approval to revise the methodology of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants to support local educational agencies in providing supplemental services for homeless children and youth in accordance with Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015

Purpose: To provide funds to districts to ensure that homeless children, including preschoolers and youth, receive a free and appropriate public education and support services to eliminate barriers to academic success. Services will include but are not limited to the provision of supplemental instruction, transportation, free school meals, enriched educational services, social services, and medical services.

Eligibility: Grants will be awarded for a period of up to three (3) years to any local educational agencies (LEAs) within the state of Mississippi.

Funding Source: Federal - Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology: Evaluators will score using a 100-point scale, and the applicants meeting the predetermined cut score will be funded until funds are depleted.

- I. Initial 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 Initial Base Allocation will be calculated as follows:

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

- II. Initial Additional Allocation:

The funds available after the LEA Initial 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:

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

The Initial Additional Allocation will be calculated as follows:

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

$$\text{Initial Allocation} = \text{Initial Base Allocation} + \text{Initial Additional Allocation}$$

Grant Award Funding Criteria for Grants:

- Year 1 – Initial Allocation
- Year 2 – 100% Funding of Initial Allocation
- Year 3 – 100% Funding of Initial Allocation

Funding for Year 2 and Year 3 will be contingent upon available of funds. If funds are not available, allocations for those years will be availability reduced to award the available amount.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None