Partnering with School Business Officers and Homeless Liaisons On ARP-HCY Funds

Thursday, January 25, 2024
General
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This webinar will last one hour

Please type questions into the Q&A box

Session is being recorded
We provide strategic advocacy and practical assistance in partnership with schools, early childhood programs, institutions of higher education, service providers, families, and youth.

**About SchoolHouse Connection**

SchoolHouse Connection works to overcome homelessness through education.

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- Federal and state policy advocacy
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- Youth leadership and scholarships
Official guidance from the U.S. Department of Education released on September 12, 2023

Asks states to expedite funding including by modifying administrative procedures.

Please circulate widely to superintendents, school business officers, and other administrators involved in spending decisions

Here is a two-page overview of ARP-HCY allowable uses
Some Highlights On Allowable ARP-HCY Uses

- **Motel stays of longer than three days** if “reasonable and necessary” to allow children and youth to attend school, and as a last resort when other funding resources are not available.
- The **purchase of vehicles** by LEAs for the specialized transportation of homeless children and youth, as well as **reimbursing parents and youth for gas costs**, purchasing **prepaid gas cards**, and paying for **limited car repairs** if such costs are reasonable and necessary.
- Providing **food assistance** if it is reasonable and necessary to assist homeless students to take advantage of educational and extracurricular opportunities when food is not available to the student through other sources (e.g., free school meals).
- Purchasing **cell phones** and hot spots
- **Hygiene products, washers/dryers**
More Highlights from the New Federal Guidance On Allowable ARP-HCY Uses: Early Childhood

- Providing **early childhood education** to young children age birth to five who are not formally enrolled in the LEA, but who are experiencing homelessness in the LEA.

- ED further elaborated that activities to **transition children to kindergarten**, **coordinating screenings, referrals, activities to determine eligibility for subsidy, and early intervention services (including transportation to those services)** are examples of other allowable early childhood activities.
Assisting youth and their parents/guardians with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and many other college readiness and college access activities, adding staff hours to provide such assistance.

Paying for college application expenses such as registration fees, preparation materials, entrance and placement exams, and other fees associated with college applications.

Hiring graduation coaches or paying stipends to counselors to conduct transcript audits to help award partial credits and ensure students are on track for graduation.
What We Will Cover:

- MPUSD McKinney Vento Overview
- Supports/Programs offered using ARP/EHCY Funding
- Programs offered using external funding sources
- Partnering with School Business Officers
- Fiscal Compliance and Considerations
MPUSD McKinney-Vento Population Break Down

**2022-2023 School Year**
Total: 2,165 of 9,852 students
22% of student population

1. Shelters: 3.5%
2. Hotels/Motels: 6%
3. Unsheltered: 1.5%
4. Doubled or Tripled Up: 89%
BESTS is a framework that other COEs, LEAs, and districts can use to build out or strengthen their existing McKinney-Vento program and support services.
School Site Resource Centers

What is included:

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Hygiene supplies
- School supplies
- Washers/Dryers (High Schools)
District Site Family Resource Center

What is included:

- Clothing
- Hygiene supplies
- School supplies
- Shoes
- Jackets
- Non Perishable Food Items
- Diapers/Wipes
- Access to Liaison Support
Store and Gas Cards

- Identification of Families
- Protocol/Procedures
  - Family agrees to provide receipt to Liaison.
  - Student attendance is monitored
- Receipt Required
  - If receipt is not provided, family is disqualified from program participation.
Motel 6 Partnership
Short-Term Emergency Housing

- Identification
- Referral process
- Protocol
- Agreement
- Corporate Plus Program
- Reservations/Online Portal
- Build relationships with hotel owners.
Safe Parking Program

Partnership with One Starfish (non-profit organization)

District Provides:
- Location/Parking Lot
- Keys to Outside Gate
- Identification of Families

One Starfish Provides:
- Coordination of Program/Referral
- Hygiene Facilities
- Security
- Case Management Support for Families
- Resources (Gas, Auto Repair, Grocery, Rental Assistance)
Family For Housing (FFH) Program

- Assistance with Up Front Rental Assistance Costs
  - Security Deposit
  - First/Last Month's Rent

- Partnership with Private Foundation and Non-Profit

- MPUSD Provides
  - Identification of Families who qualify
  - Consent Form
  - Verification of Qualification of Housing and Release of Information
  - Student Data for Foundation

- Non-Profit
  - Cuts Check from Foundation
## State Profile for MV Students 2018-2022

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Fiscal and Compliance Considerations

- **Who Is In Charge of the Program**
- **Understand What’s Allowable**
- **Who To Go To For Help**
  - Internal Resource
  - State/Federal Resources
  - Auditors/Legal

Develop a process for Budgeting and Tracking

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For questions regarding programmatic requirements and implementation issues, please contact the OS Office of International Affairs at

https://www.oia.ed.gov/
Fiscal and Compliance Considerations

Understand the Need:

- It's Not Just About The Numbers
  - Be Prepared to Explain the Problem
- Get Your Team On Board
- Be Part of The Conversation
Fiscal and Compliance Considerations

Understand The Challenge:

- Think of Ways to Shift the Liability
  - Contracts, MOU’s, Etc.
- Engage Directly with Outside Agencies, Vendors, Etc.
- Be a Problem Solver
  - Work Within Around Limitations
- Partner With Those Who Can Do What you Can’t
- Use Governance Structure for Promotion and Compliance
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“We were desperate and had nowhere to go” “We lost everything. Absolutely everything. But Mr. Diaz [MPUSD’s McKinney-Vento Liaison] has been like an angel for us.” “We've received so much more help from the district than from other places. That's why I'm so grateful; they were the only ones who quickly offered us support.”

- Ana Franquis (MPUSD Parent)
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1. New Federal Guidance Urges Expediting ARP-HCY Funds


3. Flexing the Flexibility of ARP-HCY Funding Series
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