
Tips and Tools for Using ARP-HCY Funds to Support **Students Experiencing Homelessness**

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- **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

Some Highlights from the New Federal Guidance 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).

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.



More Highlights from the New Federal Guidance On Allowable ARP-HCY Uses: Transition to Postsecondary

- 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





Additional Resources

1. [New Federal Guidance Urges Expediting ARP-HCY Funds](#)
2. [American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth Resource Page](#)
3. [Flexing the Flexibility of ARP-HCY Funding Series](#)



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