

APPLICATION

American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY II)

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Due Date: On or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 5, 2021.

Submission: LEAs should upload the ARP-HCY application in the Consolidated Application under the General dropdown under the Attachment tab.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

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HOMELESS LIAISON INFORMATION

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GRANT INFORMATION

FY22 Grant Award: \$ 19,942.00

ASSURANCES

Select each box within each category of assurances. By checking the box beside each statement and by affixing my signature to these Assurances, I certify that I have read each and agree to be held accountable for the content of each of the following statements. NOTE: Selecting a checkbox is the digital signature for the specified local education agency (LEA) personnel in the assurance.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An LEA that receives ARP-HCY funds will adhere to EHCY allowability. Uses of funds may include, when responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, expenses that are reasonable and necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth. The LEA assures that ARP-HCY funds will be used for their intended purposes, including increasing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling. • System navigators. • Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The LEA assures that it will comply with all reporting requirements during the period of the ARP-HCY funding availability in such manner and containing information as the Secretary may reasonably require under the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program, including but not limited to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of students experiencing homelessness. • Number of students experiencing homelessness supported through ARP-HCY funding. • Specific details about supports and services received by students.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The LEA assures that ARP-HCY will supplement and not supplant current federal, state, or local funds used to provide services to homeless children and youth, including supplements the support and services provided with ARP ESSER funds.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The LEA assures it will seek to award contracts to community-based organizations to help identify and support historically underserved populations experiencing homelessness.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The LEA certifies that activities carried out by the applicant will not isolate or stigmatize children and youth experiencing homelessness.

I am authorized to sign and submit this application on behalf of the applicant. My signature certifies that all information included in the application is accurate. I understand that all information submitted is subject to verification. I understand that the information contained here may be made available for public inspection and/ or photocopying. I understand that submission of false or inaccurate information constitutes a felony and will disqualify the LEA from receiving the ARP-HCY II grant.

Mr. Eric Arena

Printed Name of Superintendent



Superintendent Signature

November 1, 2021

Date

LEA OVERALL PRIORITIES

Please provide the top 2-3 priorities the LEA has determined as the most pressing needs for students experiencing homelessness within the LEA as a result or in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please include the data sources that illustrate why these are the most critical and/or most widespread needs experienced by students and schools within the LEA.

PRIORITIES	DATA SOURCE
Essentials for Living with Storage Space	Observational Data counselors
Short-term Housing	Family Connections Resource Guide/Search of shelters in area

COUNSELING, SYSTEM NAVIGATORS, and TRANSPORTATION

The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Based on recent data, statewide identification of children and youth experiencing homelessness is an area that can be improved for non-grantees; therefore, the ARP-HCY II formula grant requires LEAs to use a portion of the ARP-HCY II funds to increase identification and awareness efforts. The awareness and identification efforts can include an awareness campaign.

Additionally, the United States Department of Education (ED) purposed ARP-HCY II funds to address the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness; especially, those needs that are exasperated due to COVID-19. Thus, GaDOE requires LEAs to implement the following programming and supplemental services for children and youth experiencing homelessness:

- Expand counseling services to address whole child support for students and families experiencing homelessness.
- Appoint local system navigators to establish community agency partnerships that are critical for services that cannot be delivered by the LEA.
- Increase transportation services, options, and/or capacity to remove barriers for children and youth experiencing homelessness. (Note: **NEW!** OCGA 20-2-1076 allows local boards of education to authorize the use of vehicles other than school buses for the transport of students who have transportation needs documented in their Individualized Education Program or for students who may currently lack, or during the previous academic year lacked, a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as described under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance.)

Moreover, GaDOE will require LEAs to identify and implement other strategies to support the needs of students experiencing homelessness, as allowable by section 2001(b)(1) of the ARP Act. LEAs will submit an ARP-HCY II application to the GaDOE by uploading the application as a signed PDF in the Consolidated Application in the Attachments tab under the General dropdown. The GaDOE EHCY program office will review and approve the ARP-HCY II application prior to budget approval.

USE OF FUNDS

The LEA shall reserve **not less than 50 percent** of such funds to:

- Expand counseling services to address whole child support for students and families experiencing homelessness.
- Appoint local system navigators to establish community agency partnerships that are critical for services that cannot be delivered by the LEA.
- Increase transportation services, options, and/or capacity to remove barriers for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

In addition, **not more than 50 percent** of the funds shall be used to address other allowable McKinney-Vento activities. The LEA should address the priorities outlined in the template above.

Please estimate the approximate percentage of the LEA's ARP-HCY II formula funds allocated for each of the allowable McKinney-Vento activities below.

Activities to Address Counseling, System Navigators, and Transportation	Percent
COUNSELING: Expedited evaluations for various educational services, such as eligibility for educational programs for gifted and talented students, special education and related services for children with disabilities, English language acquisition, vocational education, school lunch, and appropriate programs or services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Provision of pupil services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services. Provision of pupil services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services.	20 %
SYSTEM NAVIGATORS: Appoint local system navigators to establish community agency partnerships that are critical for services that cannot be delivered by the LEA. Providing wraparound services (which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations (CBOs), and could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services).	20 %
TRANSPORTATION: Increase transportation services, options, and/or capacity to remove barriers for children and youth experiencing homelessness as indicated in OCGA 20-2-1076. Defraying the excess cost of transportation to enable students to attend the school of origin. Providing transportation to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.	10 %

Other Allowable McKinney-Vento Activities:	Percent
Supplemental educational services, such as tutoring and other academic enrichment programs.	%
Professional development activities for educators and pupil services personnel working with homeless students.	%
Health referral services, such as medical, dental, and mental.	%
Early childhood education programs for pre-school-aged homeless children.	%
Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth in public school programs.	%
Before and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs with educational activities.	%
Payment of fees and costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records of homeless children and youth.	%
Education and training for parents of homeless children and youth about rights and resources.	%
Development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services.	%

Activities to address needs that may arise from domestic violence.		%
Adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for non-school facilities to provide services listed above.		%
Provision of school supplies, including those to be distributed at shelters or other appropriate locations.		%
Other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless students to attend school.	3	%
Activities under both ARP Homeless I and II may include any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, or educational success of children and youth experiencing homelessness and to enable children and youth experiencing homelessness to attend school and participate fully in school activities, such as:		
Purchasing needed supplies (e.g., personal protective equipment, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items).	47	%
Purchasing cell phones or other technological devices for unaccompanied, homeless children and youth to enable such children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities.		%
Providing access to reliable, high-speed internet for students through the purchase of internet-connected devices/equipment, mobile hotspots, wireless service plans, or installation of Community Wi-Fi Hotspots (e.g., at homeless shelters), especially in underserved communities.		%
Paying for short-term, temporary housing (e.g., a few days in a motel) when such emergency housing is the only reasonable option for COVID-safe temporary housing and when necessary to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities (including summer school).		%
Providing store cards/prepaid debit cards to purchase materials necessary for students to participate fully in school activities.		%
Total	100	%

Additional Proposed Activities and/or Information (Optional):