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# American Rescue Plan: Homeless Children and Youth, Part II

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# Purpose

This webinar will provide:

- Information on allocational funds available to LEAs under the American Rescue Plan, focused on children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Information on the creation of consortiums for LEAs with allocations less than \$5,000.
- Information on the allowable uses of funds.
- A walk thru of the online application for funds.

# Questions

- Questions will be answered by program staff after the short presentation.
- Questions can be submitted through the chat or to [CARESAct@nysed.gov](mailto:CARESAct@nysed.gov).

# American Rescue Plan: Homeless Children and Youth, Part II Funds (ARP-HCY II)

- On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.
- \$800 million was reserved in ARP funds for states to support the specific and urgent needs of homeless children and youth in recognition of the extraordinary impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on students experiencing homelessness.
- The first installment of funds (ARP-HCY, Part 1) was provided to McKinney-Vento subgrantees in December 2021.
- New York State received approximately \$44,190,109 in a second installment after approval of its ARP-HCY State Plan. NYSED's approved ARP-HCY plan can be found [here](#).
- These funds will be allocated to all eligible LEAs through the ARP-HCY, Part II Application.

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- LEAs have received an allocation based on the following USDE required formula:
  - 50 percent in proportion to the amount that each LEA received under Title I, Part A for FY 2020 allocations; and
  - 50 percent in proportion to the number of homeless children and youth identified by each LEA relative to all LEAs in the State, using the greater of the number of homeless children and youth in either the 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year enrolled in each LEA.
- LEA allocations are posted [here](#).
- The project period for these funds is March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2024.
- LEAs will submit one budget to cover the entire project period.

# Consortiums

- LEAs with allocations of less than \$5,000 will need to apply for ARP-HCY II funding as part of a consortium.
- NYSED encourages LEAs to develop consortiums among LEAs with common student needs that are geographically proximate.
- Each consortium will identify a Lead Applicant who will be responsible for submitting
  - a comprehensive application,
  - a listing of all members of the consortium, and
  - a program narrative and a budget that meets the needs of the consortium.
- A consortium Member will need to complete a brief application, which includes agreeing to the assurances for the grant, identification of the LEA's McKinney-Vento Liaison, and acknowledgement of the Lead Applicant for the consortium.

# ARP-HCY, Part II: Allowable Uses of Funds

- ARP-HCY Part II funds can be used for any activity that is already allowable under the federal McKinney-Vento statute. LEAs should reference the list of authorized activities in section 723(d) of the McKinney-Vento statute, 42 U.S.C. § 11433(d).
- Activities may include any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth;
- providing wraparound services (which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations, and could include academic supports, trauma informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services);
- purchasing needed supplies (e.g., PPE, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items);

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- providing transportation to enable attendance in classes and school activities;
- purchasing cell phones or other technological devices to enable attendance and participation in school activities;
- providing access to reliable, high-speed internet 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);
- 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 attendance at school and school activities (including summer school); and
- providing store cards/prepaid debit cards to purchase materials necessary for participation in school activities.



# ARP-HCY, Part II Application in the Business Portal



Live Application Walk Thru

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- **Applications are due March 31, 2022.** If you will need an extension, email [CARESAct@nysed.gov](mailto:CARESAct@nysed.gov).
- The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA.
- LEAs are NOT REQUIRED to send hard copies of general application materials to the Department.
- LEAs are REQUIRED to send signed originals and two hard copies of the FS-10 Budget Form to:

Office of ESSA-Funded Programs - Rm 320 EB  
RE: ARP-HCY Application: Part II  
New York State Education Department  
89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234.

# Questions?



# NYSED Support

Please contact the Office of ESSA-Funded Programs by phone at (518) 473-0295 or via email at [CARESAct@nysed.gov](mailto:CARESAct@nysed.gov) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of the session.

The [New York State Technical and Educational Assistance Center for Homeless Students](#) (NYS-TEACHS) provides information, referrals, and trainings to schools, school districts, social service providers, parents, and others about the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

The United States Department of Education has nonregulatory guidance related to McKinney-Vento, which can be found [here](#).

## Thank You for Your Continued Collaboration!

- *For Additional Guidance and Support*, please visit: <http://www.nysed.gov/federal-education-covid-response-funding/american-rescue-plan-arp-act-homeless-children-and-youth>



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