

American Rescue Plan- Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) I and II State Funding Guidance

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DISCUSSION OBJECTIVES

- Review recent legislation: American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) I and II
- Share recommendations for using ARP-HCY funding at the district / school level
- Provide structure for all LEAs planning to apply for ARP-HCY I
- Address questions regarding next steps, funding guidance, and allowable expenses

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Under Section 2001(B)(1) of the American Rescue Plan 2021, a total of \$800 million has been disbursed by the US Department of Education to address needs of homeless children and youth highlighted by the impact of COVID-19 and the recent pandemic:

- **Funding should be used to 1) identify homeless children and youth, 2) provide wraparound services** needed in light of the recent pandemic, and 3) provide assistance needed for homeless children and youth to attend and participate fully in school activities;
 - In-person instruction.
 - 2021 spring and summer acceleration and enrichment opportunities.
 - Re-engagement and success strategies for return to school in Fall 2021.

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- Funds distribution is guided by existing EHCY recommendations.
- ARP-HCY funds should be used as a “last resort” when accessing activities and resources that are also supported locally through ARP-ESSER or other federal funding used for all students (supplement not supplant).
- Efforts to support historically underserved populations are strongly recommended and encouraged (rural youth, tribal youth, students of color, students with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth, pregnant / parenting youth).
- **TIMELINE:** ARP-HCY II Funds are available for expenditures from 7/1/2021 through 9/30/2024.

ARP-HCY FOR INDIANA

ARP-HCY I	ARP-HCY II
\$3,266,643.00 (75% to LEAs)	\$9,799,929.00
Available immediately	Available as soon as 06/01/2021
Grant application	Distribution to LEAs using Title I formula + MV enrollment data from 2018-2021
Designed to supplement existing EHCY funds, interventions and supports(**current sub-grant LEAs, *LEAs with identified need, all other LEAs)	Designed to support ALL interventions and supports for students experiencing homelessness
Funds must support 1) identification , 2) wrap around services and 3) full participation and engagement in available educational opportunities for McKinney Vento eligible students.	

STATEWIDE SUPPORT THROUGH ARP-HCY

IDOE will be providing additional support for school districts focusing on:

- **Capacity building and systems navigation.**
- **Collaboration with state and local service providers through contracted services.**
- **Training and professional development.**
- **Technical assistance to school districts and schools supporting consortium development / improving local collaboration.**

PRIORITIES FOR ARP-HCY 1 FUNDING - LOCAL LEVEL

LEAs applying for ARP-HCY I funds should focus attention on the following priorities:

- **Identify students experiencing homelessness - this includes students previously identified and were not present or engaged AND identification of student in the community who may not be enrolled.**
- **Connect students and families to summer learning opportunities including remediation and enrichment programs.**
- **Engage students and their families in preparation for fall; prioritize full engagement / re-engagement in educational activities.**

PRIORITIES FOR ARP-HCY 1 FUNDING - LOCAL LEVEL

- Allowable activities may include any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth.
- LEAs must ensure that all costs are reasonable and necessary and that these uses of funds align with the purpose of the EHCY.
 - When considering whether a use of funds is allowable under section 723(d)(16), LEAs should analyze the needs of students experiencing homelessness in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its extraordinary impact.

IDENTIFICATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH

Funds can be used for any expense necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth:

- Ensure participation in summer programs, remediation, acceleration, enrichment, and other planned activities (eliminate all barriers possible).
- Outreach (think BIG!!!).
 - <https://ncchehelpline.org/>
- Contracted Services / Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
- Staffing - time / expertise / capacity.
- Transportation.

WRAPAROUND SERVICES

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- Trauma informed care; mental health services; social-emotional supports.
- Transportation.
- Technology / cell phones.
- Access to reliable high-speed internet, devices / equipment; service plans; installation of community hot spots (ex: at shelters).
- Basic needs / supplies (work with contracted services EX: local vendors offering pre-selected items; voucher systems for students / families).

WRAPAROUND SERVICES - CAUTION - EMERGENCY HOUSING

- \$5 billion dollars in ARP through Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for homelessness assistance including short-term housing / prevention, and another.
- \$5 billion through HUD for emergency housing vouchers for those who are homeless. Also, between ARP and the December COVID package.
- TOTAL \$45 billion in rent relief through ARP and previous COVID relief funding.
 - Work with your Continuum of Care (CoC).
 - Learn about coordinated entry access.

****Connect with your local Continuum of Care / Coordinated Entry POCs to assist families seeking housing / emergency shelter****

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- **CONTRACTED SERVICES.**
- **Tutoring - extra time and help through professional partners.**
- **Staffing - extra time / help; short-term staffing (“paid internship”).**
 - **Consider long term capacity support using MV sub-grant funds.**
 - **Community partnerships and collaboration will be very beneficial in planning for services outside of school.**
- **Think big...what would level the playing field?**
- **When drafting a budget, don’t fear the “OTHER” category.**

FULL PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Full participation and engagement is the overarching goal of all EHCY available funding - typical allowable expenses + extraordinary circumstances.

- Salary + Benefits.
- Professional Services.
- Rentals.
- Other Purchased Services.
- General Supplies.
- Property.
- Other.
- Transfer.
- Indirect Costs.

QUESTIONS???

<https://www.in.gov/doi/home/mckinney-vento-homeless-children-and-youth-program/>



THANK YOU!