

*Date:* February 24, 2020

*To:* District Administrators, Independent Charter School Administrators, Cooperative Educational Service Agency Administrators, and Local Educational Agency Homeless Liaisons

*From:* Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent

*Subject:* Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Opportunity

I am pleased to announce the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is accepting grant applications for the 2020-2023 Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including public school districts and independent charter schools, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs), and consortia of LEAs are encouraged to apply. While all LEAs in Wisconsin must meet the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, this grant allows LEAs to enhance programs and services offered to children and youth experiencing homelessness.

The competitive EHCY grant operates on a three-year cycle. Applicants are eligible to apply for grant amounts ranging from \$30,000-\$100,000 based on the total number of identified students experiencing homelessness during the 2018-19 school year. Award recipients will receive funding beginning in the 2020-21 school year with a possibility of non-competitive continued funding for two additional years (continued funding is based upon available federal funds).

The grant application and guidelines can be found on DPI's EHCY Grant Application and Guidance webpage at <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/grant-info>. DPI EHCY coordinators will be holding an informational webinar on March 10, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. Instructions on how to access the webinar can be found on the EHCY Grant Application and Guidance webpage. The webinar will also be recorded and can be viewed at a later time.

Grant applications must be received electronically by DPI no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020. Please direct all questions regarding this grant opportunity to Clara Pfeiffer, EHCY grants specialist, at [clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov) or (608) 261-6324.

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