



Date: Monday, February 27, 2023

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

From: Shelly Babler, Director
Title I and School Support Team, DPI

Subject: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Opportunities

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

In 2023 DPI is offering two EHCY grant opportunities:

- 2023-2026 EHCY Innovation Grant

This grant is intended for LEAs who want to focus on innovative academic and non-academic/support strategies to support students experiencing homelessness. Grant applicants write goals based on data review and needs assessment conducted at the LEA. The grant operates on a three-year cycle, with grant recipients receiving \$25,000 to \$100,000 each year based on the total number of identified students experiencing homelessness during the 2021-22 school year.

- 2023-2025 EHCY Compliance Grant

This grant is intended for LEAs who want extra technical assistance and support to get into compliance under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and go beyond compliance in one chosen area. Grant applicants choose goals from a set of pre-written options. This grant operates on a two-year grant cycle, with grant recipients receiving \$15,000 each year.

Grant applications and guidelines can be found on DPI's EHCY Grant Applications and Guidance webpage at <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/grant-info>. The DPI EHCY team will hold an informational webinar on March 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. that may help applicants decide which grant is right for the district. Instructions on how to access the webinar can be found on the ECHY 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 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Please direct all questions regarding this grant opportunity to Clara Pfeiffer, EHCY grants specialist, at clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 261-6324.

SAB:cap