



**How do I know which Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)
grant is right for my district?**

Look at the following questions and answers to help your district decide if the EHCY Innovation or the EHCY Compliance grant is a better fit.

Answers in a BLUE box indicate better alignment with the Innovation Grant.

Answers in an ORANGE box indicate better alignment with the Compliance Grant.

1. Do you have the time or capacity to conduct a needs assessment using various data sources to inform grant goals specific to your district?

Yes - The Innovation grant might be a good fit.

No - The Compliance grant might be a good fit.

2. Do you want to focus on training staff or staff awareness?

Yes - Since training and awareness is part of compliance under McKinney-Vento, the Compliance grant would be a great fit for the district. Because this topic is compliance related it should not be a goal for the Innovation grant.

No - If your district already has a process for training staff on McKinney-Vento, you may be ready for the Innovation grant.

3. Do you want to want to improve enrollment practices or develop your own district documents for enrollment?

Yes - Since enrollment practices are part of compliance under McKinney-Vento, the Compliance grant would be a great fit for the district. Because this topic is compliance related it should not be a goal for the Innovation grant.

No - If your district already has an established enrollment process specific to McKinney-Vento, you may be ready for the Innovation grant.

4. Does the district have the ability to write 3 goals that will have measurable outcomes for the next 3 years?

Yes - The Innovation grant is a good fit for the district.

No - The Compliance grant is a good fit for the district.



5. Is there district capacity to focus on academic outcomes for students experiencing homelessness?

Yes - The Innovation grant requires the district have at least one goal focused on academic outcomes, so this may be a good fit.

No - The Compliance grant does not require the district to focus on academic outcomes, so this may be a good fit.

6. Does the district want to use grant funds for non-grant goal related expenses only?

Yes - The Compliance grant might be right for your district. The district does not have to directly connect the budget to grant goals.

No - The Innovation grant requires that the district directly connect at least a portion of the funds to goals and action steps written into the application.

7. Has the district gone through compliance monitoring under McKinney-Vento in the past 5 years and met all areas of compliance, or implemented recommendations after the monitoring?

Yes - If you are meeting compliance and are ready to improve adult practices and student outcomes, the Innovation grant might be a good fit for the district.

No - If DPI has not monitored the district in the last 5 years, or if the district had areas to improve based on the monitoring, the Compliance grant might be a good fit.

8. Is the district ready to focus on equitable outcomes for students experiencing homelessness as a specific subpopulation?

Yes - The Innovation grant might be right for the district if the district is ready to focus on innovative strategies to improve outcomes and equity for students experiencing homelessness.

No - If the district is not ready yet, and there is a lot of awareness and procedural work that needs to be done first, the Compliance grant might be a good fit for the district.