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

From: Jonas Zuckerman, Director, Title I and School Support

Subject: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Compliance Grant Opportunity

I am pleased to announce the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is accepting applications for the new 2021-2023 Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Compliance grant. The intent of the new EHCY Compliance grant is to: strive for equitable distribution of EHCY funds throughout the state; provide increased technical support to districts to ensure compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; encourage grant recipients to go beyond compliance in an identified pathway of focus; and to provide the opportunity for a more diverse group of districts to feel prepared to apply for the EHCY 3-year innovation grant.

Wisconsin 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, this grant allows LEAs to focus on compliance under this Federal law. LEAs will receive targeted technical assistance to enhance identification of and services provided to children and youth experiencing homelessness.

The competitive EHCY Compliance grant operates on a two-year cycle. Applicants are eligible to apply for \$15,000 in grant funds for the grant period. Award recipients will receive funding beginning in the 2021-22 school year and continuing through the 2021-23 school year (contingent upon meeting grant requirements and upon availability of federal funds).

The grant application and guidelines can be found on DPI's EHCY Compliance Grant webpage at <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/compliance-grant>. DPI EHCY coordinators are holding an informational webinar on March 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Instructions on how to access the webinar can be found on the EHCY Compliance Grant 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 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021. Please direct all questions regarding this grant opportunity to Clara Pfeiffer, EHCY grants specialist, at clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 261-6324.

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