



**American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Part II  
Initial Funding Selection Survey**

**Sent to Homeless Liaisons October 8, 2021**

**Description:**

The purpose of this survey is to share information on the new American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Part II grant; collect information from each district on if they plan to take ARP-HCY funds; and, if applicable, the consortium leaders districts will work with to receive funds.

**Purpose:**

The American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth Part II grant provides funds to use for the purposes of identifying homeless children and youth and providing homeless children and youth with wrap-around services in light of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

The ARP-HCY funds are intended to support the specific and urgent needs of homeless children and youth due to the extraordinary impact of the pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs due to decreased enrollment in school, interrupted classroom instruction, and challenges navigating services for shelter/housing, clothing and school supplies, food, and child care.

**Instructions:**

Because ARP-HCY funds are specifically for supporting students experiencing homelessness, the Homeless Liaison in each district is the first recipient of this survey. The Homeless Liaison must make a recommendation of fund management for ARP-HCY Part II funds for the district, then this recommendation will be sent to the District Administrator for review. The District Administrator will make the final decision for district ARP-HCY Part II fund management and submit the survey to DPI. If the district selects “return the funds to DPI” there will not be an option at a later time to receive ARP-HCY Part II funds. This is a final decision. Districts that receive ARP-HCY Part II funds will receive more information from DPI EHCY consultants about allowable uses of funds and application deadlines.

**Eligibility:**

In order to receive a subgrant on its own, a district must have an ARP-HCY Part II allocation of at least \$5,000.

Districts with an allocation of less than \$5,000 are strongly encouraged to apply as a consortium with one or more districts that raise the combined allocation amount to \$5,000 or more. Districts with an allocation greater than \$5,000 may also choose to join or form a consortium with districts receiving less than \$5,000. Districts do not need to be contiguous or in the same CESA.

Districts with an allocation less than \$5,000 may choose to return the funds to DPI instead of joining a consortium to receive ARP-HCY Part II funds. In such instances, the district's allocation will be reallocated to other districts.

**Allocations:**

ARP-HCY Part II is to be allocated through a formula set forth by the United States Department of Education (USDE) as follows: 50 percent in proportion to the amount that each district received under Title I-A for school year 2020-2021; and 50 percent in proportion to the number of homeless children and youth identified by each district relative to all districts in the State, using the greater of the certified number of students experiencing homelessness in either the 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year.

**Allowable Expenses:**

ARP-HCY grant funds may only be used for the 16 activities authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11433(d)). Grant funds must be used in such a manner as to provide services to all identified children and youth experiencing homelessness. Overall, costs must be "reasonable and necessary" and align with the purpose of, and other requirements in, the statute. LEAs also should consider the extraordinary impact of the pandemic on students experiencing homelessness when making decisions about how to use funds.

[Please see this document for allowable costs.](#)

**Timeframe:**

This is a one-time award. Spending authority begins immediately and all funds must be encumbered/expended by September 30, 2024.

**Intent to Apply Survey must be completed by November 1, 2021**