

District Responsibilities and Approaches for Serving Vulnerable Student Population



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The McKinney-Vento Act

42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

- Specifically designed to address problems faced by homeless children when they try to enroll, attend and succeed in school.
- Allocates federal funds to educational agencies to support education services to homeless students.
- Provide a stable school environment for homeless students while they are in school.
- Break the cycle of homelessness through access to education.
- Prevent homeless children from becoming homeless adults

Homeless Children and Youth Defined

The term “homeless children and youths” (42 U.S.C.A. § 11434a):

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(1) of this title); and includes--

Homeless Children and Youth Defined

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;

(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 11302(a)(2)(C) of this title)¹;

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 6399 of Title 20) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this part because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

District Obligations Under McKinney-Vento

- Every school district or state charter school must have a designated homeless liaison, regardless of whether or not the school district or state charter school receives McKinney-Vento funding.
- Districts shall inform school personnel, service providers, advocates for homeless families, parents/guardians of homeless youth, and homeless youth of the duties of liaisons.

Liaison Obligations Under McKinney-Vento

Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, shall ensure that —

- homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel and through coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- homeless children and youths enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that local educational agency;
- homeless families, children, and youths receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including Head Start and Even Start programs and preschool programs administered by the local educational agency, and referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health services, and other appropriate services;

Liaison Obligations Under McKinney-Vento

- the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated where such children and youths receive services under this Act, such as schools, family shelters, and soup kitchens;
- enrollment disputes are mediated; and
- the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation to the school.

Funding

Federal Funding

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) allocates McKinney-Vento funding annually to states based on the state's proportion of federal allocation created through Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Federal Funding

FUNDING HISTORY

FEDERAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION

2023	\$129,000,000
2022	\$114,000,000
2021	\$106,500,000
2020	\$101,500,000
2019	\$93,500,000
2018	\$85,000,000
2017	\$77,000,000
2016	\$70,000,000
2015	\$65,042,000
2014	\$65,042,000
2013*	\$61,771,052

**Reduced due to federal budget sequestration*

American Rescue Plan Funding

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) included \$800 million to support the specific needs of homeless children and youth via the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund.
- ARP-HCY funds must be used to identify homeless children and youth, to provide homeless children and youth with wrap-around services to address the challenges of COVID-19, and to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities.
- ARP-HCY funds allocated to New Mexico in 2021 totaled \$6,416,504

Subgrants

- States must subgrant Federal funds competitively to school districts within the state to be used for program implementation at the district level.
- States must distribute no less than 75% of its annual McKinney-Vento allocation to local school districts in subgrants; a few minimally-funded states may reserve up to 50% of their allocation.
- Subgrants are awarded competitively based on need and the quality of the subgrant application.

Subgrants

- Subgrants must be designed to expand or improve upon services provided as part of a school's regular academic program; but not to replace any existing services. (42 U.S.C. § 11433(a)(2)(A)(iii)).
- The services may be provided through programs on school grounds or other facilities and must, to the maximum extent practicable, be provided through existing programs that integrate children and youth experiencing homelessness with non-homeless children and youth.

New Mexico

- The New Mexico Public Education Department (“PED”) distributes grant funding to Local Education Agencies (“LEA”) through Request for Application (“RFA”) program.
- Subgrants are awarded for a three-year cycle (2024 - 2027 school years) with funds distributed annually.
- Annual award amounts are subject to change depending on the number of qualified applicants, the number of homeless students reported and the availability of McKinney-Vento federal funding.

New Mexico

- Funding is dependent on continued annual federal funding.
- Multi-year awards begin on July 1, 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter, and continue for up to approximately (3) years, or any portion thereof contingent upon evidence of substantial programmatic progress and demonstrated fiscal accountability towards meeting goals and objectives in compliance with all the PED and McKinney-Vento federal requirements
- Subgrantees are expected to expend all disbursed funds including the yearly allocation and any carryover from the previous year. The closing of the grant cycle, also known as the liquidation period, is 120 days after the end of the third fiscal year.

Applications

LEAs must submit an application to the PED for a subgrant that includes the following:

- The needs of eligible children and youths and the ability of the LEA to meet such needs. (42 U.S.C. § 11433)(2)).
- A data analysis/needs assessment must
- Applications submitted that do not include a completed assessment will automatically be disqualified from the competition.

Grant Award Considerations

- PED awards subgrants to LEAs on the basis of need and quality of the application submitted. (42 U.S.C. § 11433)(1)).
- In determining need, the PED may consider the number of homeless children and youths enrolled within the area served by the LEA

Grant Award Considerations

PED will also consider, among other considerations:

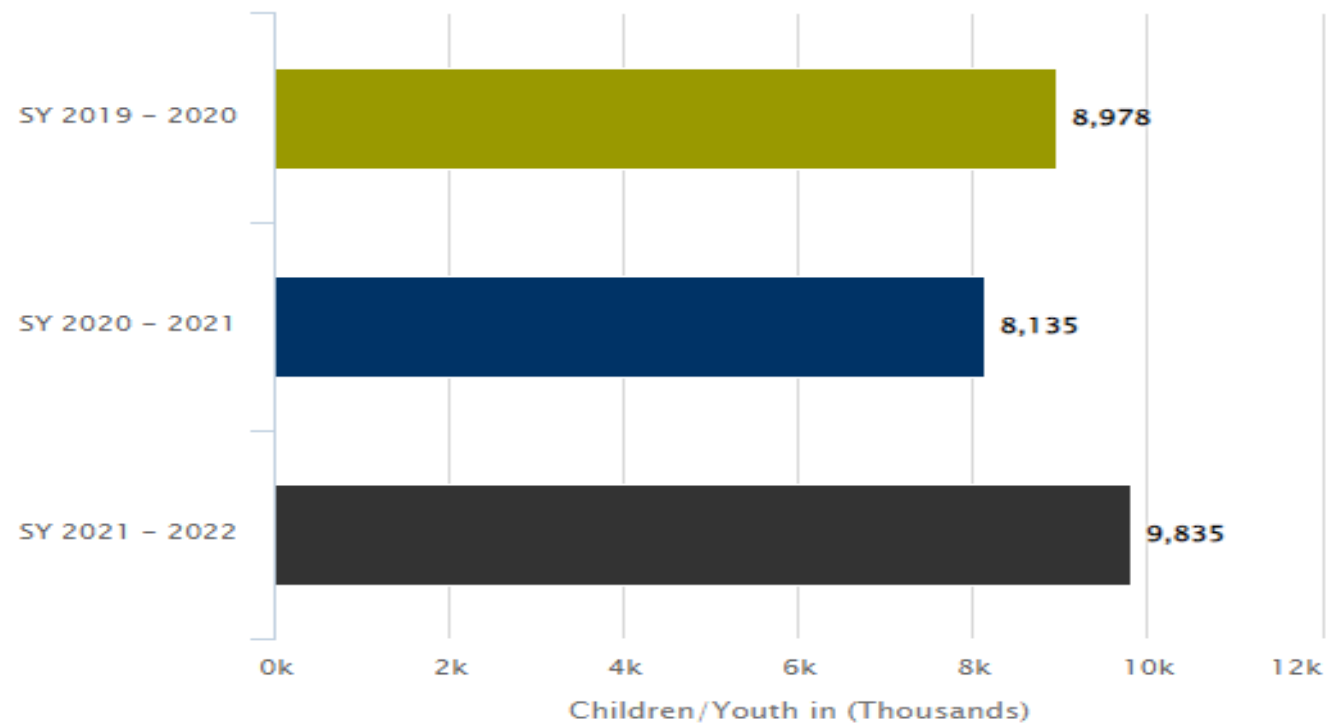
- The likelihood that the proposed program will meet identified needs;
- The types, intensity, and coordination of the services to be provided;
- The extent to which the applicant will promote the meaningful involvement of parents or guardians of homeless children and youths in the education of their children;

Grant Award Considerations

- The extent to which homeless children and youths will be integrated into the regular education program;
- The quality of the applicant's evaluation plan for the program;
- The extent to which services provided by the subgrant will be coordinated with other services available to homeless children and youths and their families;
- The extent to which the LEA will use the subgrant to leverage resources, including by maximizing nonsubgrant funding for the homeless liaison position and for the provision of transportation

New Mexico Statistics

Number of Homeless Children/Youth Enrolled in Public School by Year



Note: Includes all enrolled homeless children and youth in grades PK through 12. COVID-19 operations impacted the identification of eligible students. Please use the data with caution.

Most recently available
years of the U.S.
Department of Education's
EDFacts Initiative

New Mexico Statistics

Total number of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in this state:	148
Number of LEAs receiving McKinney-Vento subgrants:	20
Total students enrolled in LEAs:	316,785
Percentage of enrolled students who are homeless:	3.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2021 Annual Social and Economic Supplement

Use of Funds

LEAs may use subgrant funds for activities that carry out the purpose of McKinney-Vento

(1) The provision of tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services that are linked to the achievement of the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youths.

(2) The provision of expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youths, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (such as educational programs for gifted and talented students, children with disabilities, and English learners, services provided under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 [20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.] or similar State or local programs, programs in career and technical education, and school nutrition programs).

(3) Professional development and other activities for educators and specialized instructional support personnel that are designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity of such personnel to the needs of homeless children and youths, the rights of such children and youths under this part, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youths.

(4) The provision of referral services to homeless children and youths for medical, dental, mental, and other health services.

(5) The provision of assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students under section 11432(g)(4)(A) of this title, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend the school selected under section 11432(g)(3) of this title.

(6) The provision of developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, for preschool-aged homeless children.

(7) The provision of services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youths, particularly homeless children and youths who are not enrolled in school, in public school programs and services provided to nonhomeless children and youths.

(8) The provision for homeless children and youths of before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities.

(9) If necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youths in school, including birth certificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services.

(10) The provision of education and training to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youths, and other activities designed to increase the meaningful involvement of parents and guardians of homeless children or youths in the education of such children or youths.

(11) The development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youths, as described in section 11432(g)(5) of this title.

(12) The provision of specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services.

(13) Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youths that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems.

(14) The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any nonschool facilities made available under subsection (a)(2) to provide services under this subsection.

(15) The provision of school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations.

(16) The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

Past Grant Awards

USDE - Education for Homeless Children and Youth / (24113) PLANNING AWARD FY21-22

OBMS ENTITY CODE	LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DUNS #	Total Preliminary Allocation (Revenue Code 44500)
46	Alamogordo Public Schools	18-258-3021	\$ 30,000.00
1	Albuquerque Public Schools	07-341-3544	\$ 67,832.00
87	Belen Consolidated Schools	18-260-2854	\$ 30,000.00
66	Bloomfield Schools	84-923-8746	\$ 30,000.00
20	Carlsbad Municipal Schools	08-447-5656	\$ 30,000.00
67	Central Consolidated Schools	12-292-8351	\$ 15,000.00
62	Cuba Independent Schools	05-442-5566	\$ 15,000.00
42	Deming Public Schools	09-414-1264	\$ 23,054.00
55	Española Public Schools	15-937-4156	\$ 30,000.00
65	Farmington Municipal Schools	06-972-0043	\$ 15,000.00
43	Gallup-McKinley County Schools	06-941-2153	\$ 24,000.00
17	Las Cruces Public Schools	09-413-8740	\$ 30,000.00
86	Los Lunas Public Schools	08-146-6427	\$ 30,000.00
81	Moriarty-Edgewood School District	01-122-4219	\$ 30,000.00
83	Rio Rancho Public Schools	83-560-4810	\$ 30,000.00
4	Roswell Independent Schools	07-138-5249	\$ 15,000.00
71	Santa Fe Public Schools	09-714-4281	\$ 30,000.00
76	Taos Municipal Schools	19-329-1002	\$ 15,000.00
73	Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools	10-005-4196	\$ 15,000.00
STATE CHARTERS			
564-001	Monte del Sol Charter School	01-474-4200	\$ 15,000.00
RURAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES			
992-000	REC 4	14-596-6300	\$ 15,000.00
993-000	REC 5	07-511-2495	\$ 30,000.00
999-000	REC 10	06-918-6034	\$ 30,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 594,886

USDE - AARPA_ESSER III_Homeless Children and Youth_(24350) PLANNING AWARD FY21-22

OBMS ENTITY CODE	LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DUNS #	Total Preliminary Allocation (Revenue Code 44500)
46	Alamogordo Public Schools	18-258-3021	\$ 24,999.00
1	Albuquerque Public Schools	07-341-3544	\$ 268,252.00
30	Animas Public Schools	19-302-0492	\$ 5,000.00
87	Belen Consolidated Schools	18-260-2854	\$ 47,889.00
66	Bloomfield Schools	84-923-8746	\$ 41,925.00
20	Carlsbad Municipal Schools	08-447-5656	\$ 49,503.00
67	Central Consolidated Schools	12-292-8351	\$ 17,187.00
62	Cuba Independent Schools	05-442-5566	\$ 24,035.00
42	Deming Public Schools	09-414-1264	\$ 49,190.00
55	Espaola Public Schools	15-937-4156	\$ 23,437.00
80	Estancia Municipal Schools	79-748-2341	\$ 16,536.00
65	Farmington Municipal Schools	06-972-0043	\$ 48,175.00
43	Gallup-McKinley County Schools	06-941-2153	\$ 84,213.00
18	Hatch Valley Public Schools	12-373-4899	\$ 16,875.00
63	Jemez Valley Public Schools	19-569-1175	\$ 5,000.00
17	Las Cruces Public Schools	09-413-8740	\$ 65,907.00
69	Las Vegas City Public Schools	10-005-3990	\$ 11,276.00
29	Lordsburg Municipal Schools	09-413-5670	\$ 17,395.00
86	Los Lunas Public Schools	08-146-6427	\$ 49,763.00
75	Magdalena Municipal Schools	07-645-1756	\$ 16,640.00
44	Mora Independent Schools	09-414-3401	\$ 10,417.00
81	Moriarty-Edgewood School District	01-122-4219	\$ 41,274.00
82	Mountainair Public Schools	12-361-3127	\$ 5,000.00
70	Pecos Independent School District	05-494-0481	\$ 10,364.00
3	Quemado Independent Schools	01-682-0532	\$ 10,078.00
2	Reserve Independent Schools	12-75-71342	\$ 5,000.00
83	Rio Rancho Public Schools	83-560-4810	\$ 24,582.00
4	Roswell Independent Schools	07-138-5249	\$ 23,463.00
71	Santa Fe Public Schools	09-714-4281	\$ 88,951.00
25	Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools	03-612-5920	\$ 5,000.00
76	Taos Municipal Schools	19-329-1002	\$ 22,890.00
73	Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools	10-005-4196	\$ 40,754.00
26	Vaughn Municipal Schools	10-005-4220	\$ 5,000.00

USDE - AARPA_ESSER III _Homeless Children and Youth _(24350) PLANNING AWARD FY21-22

OBMS ENTITY CODE	LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DUNS #	Total Preliminary Allocation (Revenue Code 44500)
68	West Las Vegas Public Schools	06-942-2491	\$ 10,338.00
STATE CHARTERS			
564-001	Monte del Sol Charter School	01-474-4200	\$ 16,692.00
	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 1,203,000

Additional Resources

1. Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG)

The ESG Program provides funding to states and local governments. In New Mexico some ESG funding goes to Albuquerque where it is administered by the City of Albuquerque, which makes grants within Albuquerque. The rest of the ESG funding is administered by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, which makes grants throughout the state except for Albuquerque.

ESG funds can be used for operating emergency shelters for the homeless, and for providing essential services to the homeless at shelters or at other locations. ESG funds may also be used for construction and rehabilitation of emergency shelters, but because funding is very limited, new construction and rehabilitation are not high priorities for the use of New Mexico's ESG funds. Grants are generally due in late winter or early spring.

2. Continuum of Care Programs (CoC)

The Continuum of Care Grants are developed through the year-round continuum of care planning process done by the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness and the Albuquerque Homeless Advocacy Coalition. There are two programs under the Continuum of Care which are used in New Mexico: Grant proposals are due in the spring but require more lead time because of the community process involved in applying. The two programs are:

a. Supportive Housing Program (SHP)

The SHP provides funding for acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, leasing, operations, and supportive services for either transitional housing or permanent supportive housing. The emphasis in recent years by the federal government is on acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing. Albuquerque projects would apply for funding through the Homeless Advocacy Coalition, and projects in the rest of the state would apply through the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness.

b. Shelter Plus Care Program (S+C)

The S+C program provides housing vouchers for disabled homeless people that they can use to rent housing on the rental market. S+C requires that the applicant be a unit of government or a public housing authority, though the actual running of the program can be subcontracted to a nonprofit organization. The S+C program requires a match of services that is equal in value to the value of the housing vouchers.

Additional Information

NM Public Education Department:

- <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/identity-equity-transformation/ehcy-program/>

National Center for Homeless Education:

- <https://profiles.nche.seiservices.com/StateProfile.aspx?StateID=38>
- https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/ehcy_profile.pdf

NM Coalition to End Homelessness:

- <https://www.nmceh.org/fundingresources>

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