

## McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant, 2009 - 2010 SUMMARY

The Michigan Department of Education will award McKinney-Vento Homeless sub-grants to eligible Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), and Public School Academies (PSAs) for programs providing services to homeless children and youth. The scoring rubrics used to evaluate applications may be found at the following link: [SCORING RUBRICS](#).

New funding for homeless education programs has been made available through the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**. These funds will be awarded *in addition to* the regular McKinney-Vento Homeless funds. **A SEPARATE GRANT APPLICATION, ALSO FOUND IN the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS), MUST BE SUBMITTED TO APPLY FOR ARRA HOMELESS GRANT FUNDING.** Reporting requirements will also be separate for ARRA funds. Additional details and a common reporting form will be provided as soon as available from the U.S. Education Department (USED).

The 2009-11 McKinney-Vento Grant cycle has been changed from a three-year cycle to a two-year cycle to accommodate additional funding through the ARRA. McKinney-Vento Grant awards will be made for one year, with an opportunity for a one year continuation, based on compliance with the grant criteria, continued availability of funding, and accurate and timely reporting of homeless children and youth served in grant reports and in the Single Record Student Database (SRSD) and/or Michigan Student Data System (MSDS).

### Homeless grants may take one of two forms in the grant cycle that begins in 2009:

- 1. McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Grant** funds will support projects among school districts that serve areas with high concentrations of homeless students in addition to underserved or unserved areas of the state, with priority given to consortia projects and those focusing on academic achievement of homeless students.
- 2. ARRA Homeless Students Grant** funds will support regional projects to address and promote:
  - **Parent/Family involvement** and engagement in education among homeless families.
  - **Technical assistance** for school districts in facilitating the enrollment, attendance, participation, and academic success of homeless children and youth.
  - **Engagement of unaccompanied youth** in education and/or education related work programs.
  - **Additional programming elements** (beyond basic McKinney-Vento services) to build capacity, strengthen existing homeless education programs, and/or create new, sustainable services to homeless children and youth.

Successful applicants for either the ARRA or McKinney-Vento grants will receive **both** a base award (see below) and a per pupil amount determined by the number of students reported as served in the SRSD for the most recently completed school year.

- A base amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant serving 50 or more students.
- A base amount of \$20,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant serving 100 or more students.
- A base amount of \$30,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant serving more than 200 students.

Required grant reports submitted more than five (5) business days past the due date will result in a ten percent (10%) reduction of grant funds available in the next grant year, or if in the final year of the grant cycle, from any future McKinney-Vento funds granted.

For additional information or assistance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant, please review the [\*\*McKinney-Vento and ARRA Grant Scoring Rubrics\*\*](#) and the [\*\*Grant Training Presentation\*\*](#) on the [MDE Homeless Education webpage](#) at or contact Pam Kies-Lowe, Homeless Education Consultant, by phone at (517) 241-1162 or [kies-lowep@michigan.gov](mailto:kies-lowep@michigan.gov).