

ARP-Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) State Reserve Application - Part II - ARP-HCY Reserves II

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**American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) State Reserve Application Part II
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Summary & Background

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. The ARP Act included an unprecedented \$800 million reservation within the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to support the specific and urgent needs of homeless children and youth in recognition of the extraordinary impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on students experiencing homelessness. The Department is administering these funds through the American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund.

The ARP-HCY fund was created for the purposes of identifying homeless children and youth, providing wraparound services in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and providing assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities, including in-person instruction this spring and summer learning and enrichment programs.

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ARP-HCY State Reserve Application - Submission Instructions

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Directions for Submitting the Application:

- The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA. The designated superintendent (public

Definitions

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account of political opinion. (8 USC 1101(a), INA 101(a))

Asylee: a person who meets the definition of refugee and is already present in the United States or is seeking admission at a port of entry.

(Definition from US Department of Homeland Security.)

Eligible Local Educational Agency (LEA): An LEA was eligible to receive funds if it enrolled at least one student from August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 who was categorized as both homeless and one of the following: migrant, immigrant, refugee or asylee and it reported such student(s) in the ARP-HCY State Reserve Application Part I.

Allowable Uses of Funds

ARP-HCY State Reserve Part II funds are intended to supplement the HCY program, and all allowable HCY uses apply to these funds. For more information, LEAs should reference the list of authorized activities in section 723(d) of the HCY statute, 42 U.S.C. § 11433(d). These activities may include any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth, such as, but not limited to:

- providing wraparound services (which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations, and could include academic supports, trauma informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services);
- purchasing needed supplies (e.g., PPE, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items);
- providing transportation to enable children and youth to attend classes and participate fully in school activities;
- purchasing cell phones or other technological devices for unaccompanied youth to enable the youth to attend and fully participate in school activities;
- providing access to reliable, high-speed internet for students through the purchase of internet connected devices/equipment, mobile hotspots, wireless service plans, or installation of community Wi-Fi hotspots (e.g., at homeless shelters), especially in underserved communities;
- paying for short-term, temporary housing (e.g., a few days in a motel) when such emergency housing is the only reasonable option for COVID-safe temporary housing and when necessary to enable the homeless child or youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities (including summer school); and
- providing store cards/prepaid debit cards to purchase materials necessary for students to participate in school activities.

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1. **Please complete the following chart by providing up-to-date contact information for individuals within the LEA/charter school responsible for work being done in ESSA-Funded Programs and homeless children and youth program areas.**

| | Contact Person | Contact Phone Number | Contact Email Address |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ESSA-Funded Programs Coordinator | | | |
| McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison | | | |

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6. **The LEA assures that the LEA will have on file with the SEA a set of assurances that meets the requirements of section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232e).**
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
7. **The LEA assures that the LEA will comply with the requirements of section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a). The description must include information on the steps the LEA proposes to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the program.**
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
8. **The LEA assures that ARP-HCY State Reserve Part II funds supplement the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program, and the uses of funds are governed by EHCY allowability. Uses of funds may include, when responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, expenses that are reasonable and necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth. Additional examples are described in the April 23, 2021 letter to Chief State School Officers.**
- YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
9. **The LEA assures that the LEA will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension**
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12. The LEA assures that:

- 1. the LEA will administer each program covered by the application in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;**
- 2. control of funds provided to the LEA under each program, and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property;**
- 3. the LEA will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to that agency under each program;**
- 4. the LEA will make reports to the State agency or board and to the Secretary as may reasonably be necessary to enable the State agency or board and the Secretary to perform their duties and that the local educational agency will maintain such records, including the records required under section 1232f of this title, and provide access to those records, as the State agency or board or the Secretary deem necessary to perform their duties; and**
- 5. the LEA will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program.**

YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.

13. The LEA assures that:

- 1. any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public;**
- 2. in the case of any project involving construction—(A) the project is not inconsistent with overall State plans for the construction of school facilities, and (B) in developing plans for construction, due consideration will be given to**

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- 16. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, U.S. Department of Education grantees shall clearly state:**
- 1. the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money;**
 - 2. the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program; and**
 - 3.**
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ARP-HCY Program/Funding - Use of Funds

| | FUNDING Amounts (\$) |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Totals: | 0 |

