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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-008

TO: School District Superintendents
Homeless Education Liaisons

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: January 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Homeless Education Competitive Grant

EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT COMPETITION

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is now accepting funding applications for McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Competitive Subgrants (MVG). Approximately \$100,000 will be awarded. Funds will be available from the date of the award through September 30, 2017.

Successful applicants will be funded using a tiered eligibility model based on the number of MVG eligible students reported by the district on the 2015 End-of-Year WDE-684. All districts are encouraged to apply for funding, even if they have not currently identified any homeless students.

Tier 1: 0 - 25 Identified Students, \$2,500

Tier 2: 26 – 99 Identified Students, \$5,000 base grant; plus \$75 per identified pupil

Tier 3: 100 or more Identified Students, \$10,000 base grant; plus \$100 per identified pupil

MVG funds may be used for the following:

- Tutoring and supplemental instruction
- Expedited evaluations of eligible students to measure their strengths and needs (such as for gifted and talented education, special education or English language acquisition)

- Programs and other activities to raise awareness among educators and pupil services personnel on the rights of homeless children and youth, and the special needs such children and youth have as a result of their homelessness
- Referrals of eligible students to medical, dental, mental, and other health services
- Developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs for homeless children of preschool age, not provided through other Federal, State, and local funds
- Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth in public school programs and services
- Before and after school programs, mentoring and summer programs for homeless children and youth
- Paying fees and costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary for the enrollment of eligible students in school (such as birth certificates, immunization records, academic records, etc.)
- Education and training programs for parents of homeless children and youth regarding the rights their children have as homeless individuals and regarding the educational and other resources available to their children
- Programs coordinating services provided by schools and other agencies to eligible students in order to expand and enhance such services.
- Coordination with programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act
- Pupil services programs providing violence prevention counseling and referrals to such counseling
- Programs addressing the particular needs of eligible students that may arise from domestic violence
- Providing supplies to non-school facilities serving eligible students and adapting these facilities to enable them to provide services
- Providing school supplies to eligible students at shelters, temporary housing facilities, and other locations as appropriate, and
- Providing extraordinary or emergency services to eligible students as necessary to enroll and retain such children and youth in school.

Tier Two and Tier Three Districts may also direct up to 50% of their grant award to the salary of the local homeless liaison.

The application can be accessed through WDE's Grant Management System at <http://gms.edu.wyoming.gov/wdeGMSWeb/logon.aspx>. Applications will be accepted until the close of business on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

For questions about the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant Competition, contact Kenya Haynes at kenya.haynes@wyo.gov or 307-777-3672.