

USE OF MCKINNEY-VENTO EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMPETITIVE SUBGRANTS

FAQ

MCKINNEY-VENTO GRANT (MVG) FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Tutoring, supplemental instruction, and other educational services that help homeless children and youths reach the same challenging state academic standards the state establishes for other children and youths (Section 723(d)(1)). As clearly specified in the ESEA, all academic enrichment programs for disadvantaged students, including programs for homeless students, must be aligned with state standards and curricula. Additionally, when offering supplemental instruction, LEAs should focus on providing services for children and youths that reflect scientifically based research as the foundation for programs and strategies to ensure academic success.
2. Expedited evaluations of eligible students to measure their strengths and needs (Section 723(d)(2)). These evaluations should be done promptly in order to avoid a gap in the provision of necessary services to those children and youths. Evaluations may also determine a homeless child or youth's possible need or eligibility for other programs and services, including educational programs for gifted and talented students; special education and related services for children with disabilities under Part B of the IDEA; special education or related aids and services for qualified students with disabilities under Section 504; early intervention services for eligible infants and toddlers with disabilities under Part C of the IDEA; programs for English learners; career and technical education; meals through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program; and other appropriate programs or services under the ESEA (Section 723(d)(2)).
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 the McKinney-Vento Act, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youths (Section 723(d)(3)).
4. Referrals of eligible students to medical, dental, mental, and other health services (Section 723(d)(4)).
5. Assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funds, to enable students to remain in their schools of origin (Section 723(d)(5)).
6. Developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs for preschool-aged homeless children that are not provided through other Federal, State, or local funds (Section 723(d)(6)).

7. 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 non-homeless children and youths (Section 723(d)(7)).
8. Before and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs for homeless children and youths in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities (Section 723(d)(8)).
9. Payment of fees and costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youths in school. The records may include birth certificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs and services (Section 723(d)(9)).
10. Education and training for 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. Coordination between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youths in order to expand and enhance such services. Coordination with programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act must be included in this effort (Section 722(g)(5)(A)(i)).
12. Specialized instructional support services, including violence prevention counseling, and referrals for such services (Section 723(d)(12)).
13. Programs addressing the particular needs of homeless children and youths that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems (Section 723(d)(13)).
14. Providing supplies to non-school facilities serving eligible students and adapting these facilities to enable them to provide services (Section 723(d)(14)).
15. Providing school supplies, including those to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations (Section 723(d)(15)).
16. Providing extraordinary or emergency services needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities (Section 723(d)(16)).

Tier Three and Tier Four Districts (awards of \$5,000 or more) may also direct up to 50% of their grant award to the salary of the local homeless liaison.