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EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT COMPETITION APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 13

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) is accepting funding applications for the 2017-2020 McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Competitive Subgrants (MVG). Approximately \$125,000 per year will be awarded. Funds will be available from the date of the award through September 30, 2020.

Successful applicants will be funded using a tiered eligibility model based on the number of MVG eligible students reported by the district on the 2017 End-of-Year WDE-684. All districts are encouraged to apply, even if they have not currently identified any homeless students.

MVG funds can be used for the following:

- 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 youth.
- The provision of expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youth, 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).

- 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 youth under this part, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youths.
- The provision of referral services to homeless children and youth for medical, dental, mental, and other health services.
- The provision of assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend the school of origin.
- The provision of developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, for preschool-aged homeless children.
- The provision of services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth, particularly homeless children and youth who are not enrolled in school, in public school programs and services provided to children and youth who are not homeless.
- The provision for homeless children and youth 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.
- If necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youth in school, including birth certificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services.
- The provision of education and training to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youth about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youth, and other activities designed to increase the meaningful involvement of parents and guardians of homeless children or youth in the education of such children or youth.
- The development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youth.
- The provision of specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services.
- Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youth that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems.
- The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any nonschool facilities made to provide services under this subsection.
- The provision of school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations.
- The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

The application can be accessed through the [WDE's Grant Management System](#). Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. MDT on Friday, July 13, 2018.

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