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MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-058

TO: School District Superintendents
Business Managers
Homeless Liaisons

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: April 20, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020-21 McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Grant Request for Applications

MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT APPLICATION DUE JULY 1, 2020

Through the U.S. Department of Education's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Improvement Act, as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), federal grant funds are available to support programs that meet the needs of homeless children and youth. The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) must competitively distribute these funds to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to establish projects that promote identification, enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youths in school and preschool.

The WDE is accepting grant applications for the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Grant. All LEAs in Wyoming are eligible to apply through a competitive grant process, regardless of the number of homeless students identified and served in the district. To access the grant application, school districts must log in to the [Grants Management System](#) and go to the 2020-21 grant section.

The deadline for submission is **July 1, 2020**. LEAs will be notified no later than August 30, 2020 of grant approvals and award amounts. The number of proposals funded depends on the number and quality of applications received by the WDE. More grant information can be found on the WDE [McKinney-Vento](#) page.

Awards will be based on grant application scoring and the number of homeless students the LEA identified on the previous year's WDE684 data collection. The minimum award amounts are:

- Tier 1: 0 to 25 Homeless students identified: Minimum award amount \$2,500.
- Tier 2: 26 to 100 Homeless students identified: Minimum award amount \$4,000.
- Tier 3: More than 100 Homeless students identified: Minimum award amount \$5,500.

The WDE will host two virtual meetings to discuss the grant application requirements and process; grant writers need only to attend one session.

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 9 - 10:30 a.m. Join via zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/98588244168>

Thursday, April 30, 2020, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Join via zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/94117194871>

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