

Attachment to Grant Award Notification (GAN) for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund award, as authorized in section 2001(b)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

PART A: PROGRAMMATIC, FISCAL, AND REPORTING ASSURANCES

In order to make a significant portion of emergency relief funds under section 2001(b)(1) of the ARP available as quickly as possible, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) is issuing through this GAN an award equal to 25 percent of the State educational agency's (SEA's) ARP-HCY allocation (ARP Homeless I). The Department will make the remainder of each State's ARP-HCY allocation (ARP Homeless II) available after promulgation of regulations for the distribution of ARP Homeless II funds to local educational agencies (LEAs).

In accepting the funds made available under this GAN, the Chief State School Officer assures that these funds will be administered in a manner consistent with all of the requirements of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths program (EHCY, also known as McKinney-Vento), including but not limited to:

- ARP Homeless I funds must be administered by the Office of the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth; and
- ARP Homeless I funds supplement the 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.

The Chief State School Officer assures that the SEA will comply with, and ensure that LEAs comply with, all reporting requirements at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require, including but not limited to the requirements under EHCY, and including but not limited to numbers of students experiencing homelessness identified and supported through ARP-HCY funding, and specific details about supports and services received by students.

Additionally, the Chief State School Officer assures that the SEA will submit a plan that contains such information as the Secretary may reasonably require, including on matters such as:

- How the SEA will use up to 25 percent of funds awarded under this GAN (ARP Homeless I) for State-level activities to provide training, technical assistance, capacity-building, and engagement at the State and LEA levels, including support to LEAs to increase access to summer programming this year (summer 2021) and to plan for and provide wrap-around services, in collaboration with State and local agencies both for immediate needs this spring 2021, and for next school year (fall 2021). This should include the extent to which the SEA will build capacity in LEAs that have not received an

EHCY subgrant in the past to ensure that these LEAs are well-prepared to utilize the funds provided in ARP Homeless II;

- How the SEA will use at least 75 percent of funds awarded under this GAN (ARP Homeless I) for distribution to LEAs in accordance with all requirements of EHCY. This should include the extent to which the SEA will use funds to supplement existing EHCY subgrants to allow for more rapid fund distribution to address the needs of students experiencing homelessness, and the extent to which SEAs analyzed and reviewed where there are significant concentrations of students and families experiencing homelessness across their State (including in LEAs that are not existing EHCY subgrantees), and how they will ensure that supports from ARP Homeless I can urgently reach them;
- How the SEA will ensure that ARP-HCY supplements the support and services provided with ARP ESSER funds and does not replace the use of ARP ESSER funds to support the needs of students experiencing homelessness; and
- How the SEA will use its State-level activities funds to award subgrants or contracts to community-based organizations that are well-positioned to identify children and youth experiencing homelessness in historically underserved populations such as rural children and youth, Tribal children and youth, students of color, children and youth with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth, and pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students experiencing homelessness, and connect them to educationally-related support and wraparound services; and how the SEA will encourage LEAs to award contracts to community-based organizations to help identify and support historically underserved populations experiencing homelessness.

The plan will be submitted as part of the SEA's application for ARP Homeless II within the deadline established by the Secretary.