

**State Department of Education  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106**

**Title VII (Part B) Homeless Education**

**State Allocation:** \$202,000

**Grant Period:** July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011  
(no carryover is expected)

**Federal Goals (specific to this grant):**

- Ensure that all children and youth impacted by the loss of fixed, regular and adequate housing receive a quality education.
- Provide educational support activities and/or services for homeless children and youths, to secure their enrollment, attendance and success in school.

**Use of Funds Per Federal Guidelines:**

The McKinney-Vento program supports an office for coordination of the education of homeless children and youths in each state, which gathers comprehensive information about homeless children and youths and the impediments they must overcome to regularly attend school. These grants also help State Education Agencies ensure that homeless children, including preschool-aged homeless children, have equal access to free and appropriate public education (FAPE) and receive services under the Act. States must review and revise laws and practices that impede such equal access. States are required to have an approved plan for addressing problems associated with the enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children in school. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) does not impose new program elements or other requirements on the program.

**State Board of Education Goals:**

- High quality preschool education for all.
- High academic achievement for all students in reading, writing, mathematics, and science.
- High school reform, so all students graduate and are prepared for lifelong learning and career in a competitive, global economy.

**State Department of Education Recommendation for Use of Funds:**

ARRA funds will enable the Connecticut State Department Education to fund additional local education agencies (LEAs) and/or provide an increase to the maximum funding level. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act appropriation and distribution will occur through the existing competitive request for proposals (RFP) grant process. Grant funds are to provide educational support activities and/or services for homeless children and youth, to secure their enrollment, attendance and success in school. Funds may be used as noted below.

**Expanded Learning Time**

- Provide before and after-school programs, mentoring, and summer programs for homeless children and youth.

**Professional Development / Technical Assistance**

- Provide programs and other activities designed to raise awareness among educators and pupil services personnel of the rights of homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act, and the special needs such children and youth have as a result of their homelessness.

**Increase Capacity**

- Implement programs addressing the particular needs of eligible students that may arise from domestic violence; and
- Provide school supplies to eligible students at shelters, temporary housing facilities and other locations as appropriate.

### **Direct Services to Students and Families**

- Provide tutoring, supplemental instruction and other educational services;
- Conduct expedited evaluations of eligible students to measure their strengths and needs;
- Assist in paying the excess cost of transportation to enable students to attend school; and
- Provide developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs for homeless children.

### **Application Process:**

The RFP will solicit proposals from LEAs in May 2009 for the development and/or continuation of programs that meet the needs of homeless children and youth and the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

### **Evaluation and Reporting Requirement:**

Currently, grantees awarded funds under the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program provide a year-end report following the end of each fiscal year. Data request is consistent with the data collected by United States Department of Education through the Consolidated State Performance Report.

### **Next Steps:**

- Publish RFP in May 2009 (June 2009 closing date).
- ALL funds will be distributed to successful applicants by August 2009.

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