

McKinney-Vento American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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The Request for Proposals

Purpose:

The purpose of these one-time federal McKinney-Vento American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Program (ARRA) funds is to assist districts and schools in developing and enhancing the district's capacity to provide services to homeless children and youth enrolled, attending, and succeeding in the local school district.

Priorities:

- Professional Development
- Development of services
- Education and training of parents
- Development of a service coordination plan
- Adaptation of space and purchase of supplies
- Development of a sustainability plan

The Details

Eligibility & Funding

- ESE data used to determine eligibility (05/06, 06/07, 07/08)
- All McKinney-Vento ARRA Funds are being disbursed: \$1,118, 480

Funding Timeline

- August 8, 2009 to September 30, 2011
- One year or two?

Due Date

- July 17, 2009

Award Date

- August 8, 2009
- Modifications may be requested

Budgets & Narratives

Grant Budget

- Your budget pages should reflect the full allocation/program

Budget Narrative

- Submit a budget Narrative for Year One and a second narrative for Year Two.
- Clearly indicate how the district wants the funds distributed over the two year period.

Quarterly Reporting for ARRA funds

- "...the USDE will require states to document, ... the progress they are making toward promoting college- and career-readiness for all students" Commissioner Chester
- USDE will be providing further details for McKinney-Vento reporting. We will share this with you as soon as it becomes available.

Capacity building & Sustainability

“The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) is strongly encouraging districts to use 50% or more ... for strategic investment -- that is, for program improvements that will provide enhanced educational opportunities and/or cost savings that will extend beyond the limited two-year life of this unprecedented grant program. ...

Capacity building & Sustainability

In addition, the Department encourages districts to consider using their ARRA grants to support and strengthen regional and collaborative approaches in order to achieve efficiencies and economies of scale that will last beyond the life of ARRA funding. This could include partnering with other districts, educational collaboratives, non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, and professional associations in making strategic investments."

Commissioner Chester

McKinney-Vento & Sustainability

Provide ongoing district-wide professional development

vs.

Brief one time update

OR

Establishing a network of trained building-based liaisons

vs.

Hiring a temporary data person for just 2 years

OR

Establishing a Fully Trained Parent Information Center

vs.

Using a short term outreach worker

Service Coordination Committee

- Builds capacity and sustainability
- Two way information and referrals
- Local/community-based
- Improved access to services for students and families
- Source of professional development

Best Practices

- Professional development
- Centralized enrollment
- Transportation Hub
- Informational brochures
- School/building liaison
- Parent education
- Unaccompanied youth
- Dealing with trauma

Innovative Programs and Resources

- First Stop Initiative
- Housing for Unaccompanied Youth
- Interagency Council on Housing & Homelessness (ICHH)
- Regional Networks

Continuation Grant & other funding

McKinney-Vento Continuation Grant (310 A)

- The McKinney-Vento grant and the ARRA funds should complement each other.
- Two very different reporting requirements

Other ARRA Funds

- Both Title I and SPED are receiving ARRA Funds
- Look for opportunities to collaborate.

Title I Homeless Student Set Aside

- Your district should be using the set aside for homeless students.
- Title I offers programming for parents, be sure homeless parents are invited to participate.

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