

FACT SHEET



Allowable Uses of Funds

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH

A local educational agency may use funds to assist homeless children and youth (HCY) in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. In particular, the funds may support any of the activities authorized under section 723(d) of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C 11433(d)), including the following:

Homeless Children & Youth (HCY) Educational Services

- Tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services linked to the State academic content standards.
- Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain HCY and unaccompanied youth, in public school programs and services.
- Before-and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs.
- Specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services.

HCY Assessments, Referrals, Health, Emergency Assistance, and Transportation Services

- Expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of HCY, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (such as educational programs for gifted and talented students, children with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency, services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs, programs in vocational and technical education, and school nutrition programs).
- Referral services to HCY for medical, dental, mental, and other health services.
- Assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students under section 722(g)(4)(A), not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend the school selected under section 722(g)(3).
- Payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll HCY in school, including birth certificates, immunization or medical records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services.
- Activities to address the particular needs of HCY that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems.
- Other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable HCY to attend school.

Professional Development for School Personnel

- Professional development and other activities designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity of personnel to the needs of HCY, the rights of HCY, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youth.

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- Developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, for preschool-aged homeless children.
- Education and training to the parents of HCY about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youth.

Space and Resources for Non-school Facilities

- The development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services to HCY, as described in section 722(g)(5).
- The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any non-school facilities made available under subsection (a)(2) to provide services under this subsection.
- School supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations.

American Rescue Plan I and II – Additional Authorized Wraparound Services

- Wraparound services (*which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations*, and could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services);
- Purchasing needed supplies (e.g., personal protective equipment, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items);
- Transportation to enable HCY to attend school and participate fully in school activities;
- Purchasing cell phones or other technological devices for HCY to enable such children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities; and/or providing access to reliable, high-speed internet for students through the purchase of internet-connected devices/equipment, mobile hotspots, wireless service plans, or installation of Community Wi-Fi Hotspots (e.g., at homeless shelters), especially in underserved communities;
- Paying for short-term, temporary housing (e.g., a few days in a motel) when such emergency housing is the only reasonable option for COVID-safe temporary housing and when necessary to enable HCY to attend school and participate fully in school activities (including summer school); and
- Providing store cards/prepaid debit cards to purchase materials necessary for students to participate fully in school activities.

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