



McKinney-Vento Allowable Uses

Use of this Document

This document is designed to support LEAs in identifying potential allowable uses of McKinney-Vento subgrant funds. It is important to note that while this document lists strategies and activities commonly funded, this should not be considered an exhaustive list, nor does it guarantee that an activity listed will be considered allowable for each sub-grantee; allowability is also based on a data-driven assessment of local needs.

Purpose of McKinney-Vento (Title IX, Part A)

The purpose of this subgrant is to address the challenges that homeless children and youths face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school, and to ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as other children and youths¹.

General Considerations

Programs and activities supported by McKinney-Vento funds must:

- Be consistent with the purpose of the McKinney-Vento Act;
- Be necessary, addressing identified needs;
- Be reasonable, considering breadth of impact and associated costs;
- Be used for evidence-based activities;
- Be utilized to supplement local and state funds, not supplant them; and
- Be coordinated with other available funds and resources to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of spending

Allowable and Unallowable Uses

Strategy	Allowable Uses	Unallowable Uses
Administration	Design and implement a designated FTE position to support homeless liaisons in order to meet the needs of eligible families within the LEA	
Academic Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplemental academic services linked to the achievement of the same challenging State standards as is established for other children, and may include the following¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tutoring ○ Supplemental instruction ○ Enriched educational services • Expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youths, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (educational programs for gifted and talented students, children with disabilities, English learners, services provided under Title I, programs in career and technical education, school nutrition programs)² • Providing developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs for preschool-aged homeless children⁶ • Specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services¹² • Providing school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, to other appropriate locations¹⁵ • Extended day and/or intersession academic support services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-supplemental academic support programming • Non-academic based summer camps/activities • Supporting segregated programs that would reinforce impact of stigmatizing effects of homelessness

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-secondary fees and other additional supplemental expenses incurred through FAFSA 	
Extra-curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youths in public school programs and services provided to non-homeless children and youths⁷ • Extended day, intersession, and mentoring programs in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities⁸ • Extracurricular costs and supplies for sports, clubs, art groups, or any activity available to non-eligible peers • Excess transportation costs for participation in extracurricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting segregated programs that would reinforce impact of stigmatizing effects of homelessness • Non-academic summer camps, extended day programs, or other non-academic intersession programs
Transportation Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students, as necessary, to enable students to attend the school selected⁵ • Reimbursements to parents/guardians for transporting their children to/from school, including extracurricular activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation costs that include students not eligible for McKinney-Vento services
Additional Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youths in school⁹, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Birth certificates ○ Immunization or other required health records ○ Academic records 	

Strategy	Allowable Uses	Unallowable Uses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guardianship records ○ Evaluations for special programs and services ● Education and training to parents and guardians of homeless children and youths about the rights of and resources available to such children and youths¹⁰ ● Activities to increase the meaningful involvement of parents and guardians in homeless children or youths in the education of such children or youths¹⁰ ● Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youths that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems¹³ ● Provision of referral services to homeless children and youths for medical, dental, mental and other health services⁴ ● Development of coordination between school and agencies providing services to homeless children and youths¹¹ ● Purchase of supplies to non-school facilities serving eligible students and adapting these facilities to enable them to provide services¹⁴ ● Provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities¹⁶ ● Other programming activities that directly remove barriers to accessing equitable academic opportunities 	

Strategy	Allowable Uses	Unallowable Uses
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development³ and other activities for educators and specialized instructional support personnel that are designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The needs of homeless children and youths, ○ The rights of homeless children and youths under McKinney-Vento, and ○ The specific education needs of runaway and homeless youths 	

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Citations

¹ Department of Education Non-Regulatory Guidance: Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program

¹ §11433(d)(1)

² §11433(d)(2)

³ §11433(d)(3)

⁴ §11433(d)(4)

⁵ §11433(d)(5)

⁶ §11433(d)(6)

⁷ §11433(d)(7)

⁸ §11433(d)(8)

⁹ §11433(d)(9)

¹⁰ §11433(d)(10)

¹¹ §11433(d)(11)

¹² §11433(d)(12)

¹³ §11433(d)(13)

¹⁴ §11433(d)(14)

¹⁵ §11433(d)(15)

¹⁶ §11433(d)(16)