

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
March 9, 2023

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- D. Approval of methodology to award McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants to support local school districts in providing supplemental services for homeless children and youth in accordance with Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015

Background: The U. S. Department of Education’s Education Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program allocates funds to each state on an annual basis. Each state (SEA) then holds a competitive grant process to determine which local education agency (LEA) will receive a McKinney Vento Subgrant with which to enhance the support provided to children and youth experiencing homelessness in their schools (42 USC Chapter 119, Subchapter VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths).

Purpose: To provide funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that homeless children, including preschoolers and youth, receive a free and appropriate public education and support services to eliminate barriers to academic success. Services will include but are not limited to the provision of supplemental instruction, transportation, free school meals, enriched educational services, social services, and medical services.

Eligibility: All LEAs within the state of Mississippi are eligible to apply.

Funding Source: Federal - Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology: Evaluators will score using a 100-point scale and the highest ranking of scores will be funded until funds are depleted.

- I. Base Allocation:

Each grant recipient will receive a base allocation based upon the number of grants that will be awarded. Fifty percent (50%) of the LEA reservation will be evenly distributed among all grant recipients. The base allocation will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{50\% \text{ of the Total LEA Reservation to be Awarded}}{\text{Total \# Grant Recipients}} = \text{Base Allocation}$$

II. Additional Allocation:

The funds available after the LEA base allocations are awarded will be allocated to all grant recipients on a per pupil basis. The per pupil amount will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total Funds Available After LEA Base Allocations}}{\text{Total \# Homeless Students Enrolled in the Districts that are Grant Recipients}} = \text{Per Pupil Amount}$$

The additional allocation will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Per Pupil Amount} \times \text{\# Homeless Students Enrolled} = \text{Amount of Additional Allocation}$$

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None