



# Eliciting Stakeholder Input on California's American Rescue Plan Act ESSER III Plan

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# Acronyms

- HCY = Homeless Children and Youth
- ARP = American Rescue Plan Act
- ESSER III = Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Fund
- LEA = Local Educational Agency
- SEA = State Education Agency
- CDE= California Department of Education
- ED= United States Department of Education



# Overview of Item

- Update on McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- ARP: Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) Funds Background and Funding Update
- ARP HCY State Education Agency Plan (coming Summer 2021) Update
- Background on ARP ESSER III
- ARP ESSER III SEA Plan Update and Stakeholder Input





# Educating Homeless Children and Youth Program (1 of 2)

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act) is federal legislation that ensures the educational rights and protections of children and youth experiencing homelessness.
  - It requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that homeless children and youth have access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschools, as provided to other children and youth.
- The CDE receives approximately \$12 Million from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to support the EHCY Program
- Through a competitive grant process 121 LEAs have been awarded EHCY funds for the 2021–24 school years



# Educating Homeless Children and Youth Program (2 of 2)

- Funds can be used to carryout the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act such as:
  - Identification, enrollment, transportation to school or origin
  - Direct services such as tutoring, referrals to medical, dental, counseling, and connecting students and families to existing support services
  - Professional development and technical assistance and support
- **Homeless Education Resources:** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/>
- **Homeless Liaisons:** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/documents/ehcyliaisonlist.xlsx>



# ARP Homeless Children and Youth Funds (1 of 2)

- Section 2001(b) of the ARP required the ED to reserve \$800 Million from the \$122,774,800,000 for the ESSER Fund to support the Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) fund.
- California's allocation of the ARP-HCY is \$98 Million.
- ARP-HCY is comprised of two allocations – ARP Homeless I and ARP Homeless II
  - ARP Homeless I will be distributed to the 2021–24 EHCY grantees using a per pupil allocation as well as 25 percent of the ARP Homeless I will be used for state-level activities.
  - ARP Homeless II will be distributed to LEAs after the CDE receives additional guidance from the ED in Summer 2021.



# ARP Homeless Children and Youth Funds (2 of 3)

## **ARP Homeless I Funds can be used to:**

- Identify homeless children and youth
- Provide wraparound services
- Provide assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to participate in school activities
- Provide in-person instruction
- Offer enrichment programs, including spring and summer learning
- Award contracts to community-based organizations to identify and provide wraparound services to historically underidentified populations



# ARP Homeless Children and Youth Funds SEA Plan- coming soon...

The ARP-HCY funds require SEAs to submit a plan explaining how the SEA will use the funds to do the following (summary of requirements):

- Provide **training, technical assistance, capacity building, and engagement** at the State and LEA levels;
- **Support LEAs to increase access to summer programming and wrap-around services**, especially LEAs who have not received an EHCY subgrant in the past to ensure these LEAs are well-prepared to utilize the funds provided in ARP Homeless II;
- Use State-level activities funds to **award subgrants or contracts to community-based organizations in historically underserved populations** and connect them to educationally-related support and wraparound services;
- Encourage LEAs to award contracts to community-based organizations to help **identify and support historically underserved populations experiencing homelessness**.





# Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III Fund

- Enacted on March 11, 2021 through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021.
- Nearly \$122 billion ESSER III.
  - California allocation = \$15,068,884,546 (90% to LEAs \$13,561,996,091)
  - This does not include the Homeless Children and Youth Fund Grant.
- Local educational agencies (LEAs) will be required to submit plans for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan and Expenditure Plan.
  - Both plans require stakeholder input and public comment.
- More information: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/cr/arpact.asp>



# ARP ESSER III SEA Plan

- Requires state educational agencies (SEAs) to complete an ESSER III State Plan, necessary to receive remaining third of available funding, including all set asides.
- Developed in meaningful consultation with stakeholders, including specified groups
- Provide the public opportunity to provide input and take that input into account (public comment)
- CDE will be taking public comment at the State Board of Education meeting on July 14-15.
- More information at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/>



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Homeless Education Resource Listserv:

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