

## McKinney-Vento Competitive Grant

As authorized **under Title IX, Part A of ESSA: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, the Office of Continuous Improvement and Support** is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) from local educational agencies (LEAs) to develop and implement programs that facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youth in school. This competitive subgrant may be used to provide temporary, special, and supplementary services to meet the unique needs of homeless children and youth. This is a three-year subgrant with an initial award year in 2024-2025 and will be reassessed in 2025-2026 and 2026-2027. Awards will be based upon availability of funds and progress toward goals.

### Purpose

- Provide immediate enrollment of homeless children and youth who are not already enrolled. This includes reviewing and revising any laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment, attendance, or success of homeless children and youth.
- Provide school choice opportunities for homeless students, including transportation to the student's school of origin, if the parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth prefer to remain in the school of origin and it is determined that such placement is in the student's best interest.
- Provide opportunities for parent involvement in enrollment decisions.
- Ensure that homeless students have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.
- Ensure that homeless students are provided services in such a way that they are not isolated or stigmatized.
- Promote school (or GED) success and completion for homeless students.
- Support collaboration between school districts and social service agencies serving homeless students.