


# Purpose and Focus of American Rescue Plan - Homeless Children & Youth Funds

- ARP-HCY funds are specifically dedicated to support the identification, enrollment, and school participation of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including through wrap-around services.
- U.S. Dept. of Education also emphasized that districts should analyze the needs of students experiencing homelessness and use funds for “other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in **school activities.**””

# Overview of ARP-HCY funds

- Overall, costs must be “reasonable and necessary” and align with the purpose of, and other requirements in, the Education for Homeless Children and Youth statute.
  - Districts should also consider the extraordinary impact of the pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, including academic, social, emotional and mental health needs.
  - Funds can be used through September 2024.
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# Use of Funds

- Increase outreach and identification
- Enhance communication options with students and families
- Partner with Community-Based Organizations or hire “systems navigators” to help families and youth access wrap-around services
- Provide academic coaching, enrichment opportunities, and access to summer learning
- Offer early childhood education services for young children experiencing homelessness
- Help meet rising mental health needs
- Increase counseling and social work services
- Provide more transportation options
- Providing emergency short-term housing for families experiencing homelessness

# DPI ARP-HCY Resources

DPI ARP-HCY grant information <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/arp-hcy>

[DPI ARP-HCY Frequently Asked Questions](#)



# Connecting with Homeless Liaisons

- Homeless Liaison Directory: <https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/liaisons>
- If the homeless liaison is unavailable- Ask for a school social worker or anyone working directly with students experiencing homelessness
- Some counties/areas have homeless liaison network meetings- ask to join
- Reach out to Cooperative Education Service Agencies, they are all consortia leads for APR-HCY funds <https://dpi.wi.gov/cesa>



# Current EHCY Funded School Districts

Ashwaubenon School District  
Eau Claire Area School District  
Fond du Lac School District  
Frederic School District  
Green Bay Area Public School District  
School District of Janesville  
La Crosse School District  
Madison Metropolitan School District

Menominee Indian School District  
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District  
Milwaukee Public School  
Racine Unified School District  
Seymour Community School District  
Sheboygan Area School District  
Sun Prairie Area School District  
Whitewater Unified School District  
Wisconsin Rapids School District



# Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Funds

## 3-year Innovation Grant

*Purpose is to go above and beyond McKinney-Vento law, districts encouraged to focus on academic achievement of students experiencing homelessness*

3 year grant cycle

Open to all school districts in the state

## 2-year Compliance Grant

*Purpose is to help districts get into compliance and to prepare districts to apply for the 3-year innovation grant*

2 year grant cycle

Open to all school districts in the state



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# Questions?

