ARP HOMELESS II FORMULA AND STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

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OBJECTIVES

During this session, meeting attendees will be able to:

- Clarify how to administer the formula for awarding ARP Homeless II funds to LEAs.
- Understand what topics must be addressed in submitting a State Plan for ARP-HCY by September 7, 2021.

AGENDA

1. ARP Homeless II Formula
   20 minutes

2. ARP Homeless II Application & ARP-HCY State Plan Requirements
   25 minutes

3. Forthcoming Technical Assistance
   5 minutes

4. Questions and Answers
   Time permitting

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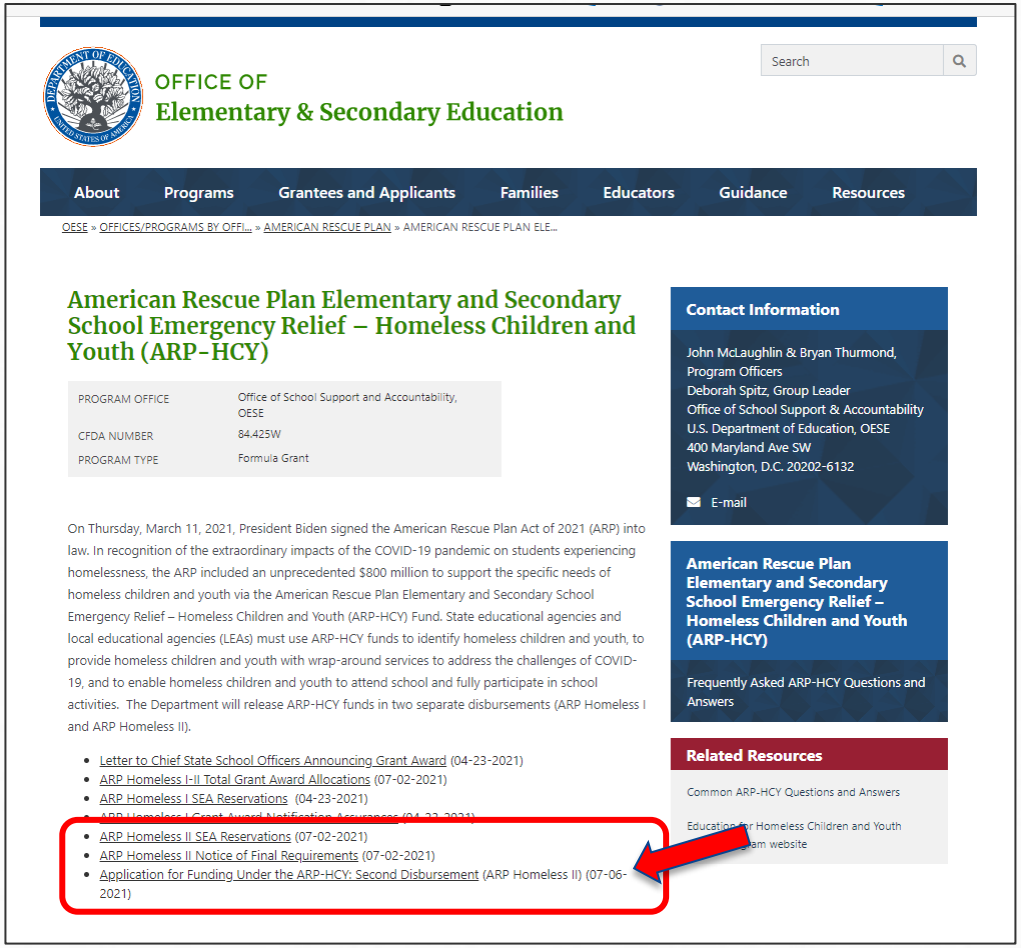
ARP Homeless II Formula

ARP-HCY RESOURCES

PROGRAM WEBSITE



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American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)

PROGRAM OFFICE	Office of School Support and Accountability, OESE
CFDA NUMBER	84.425W
PROGRAM TYPE	Formula Grant

On Thursday, March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) into law. In recognition of the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, the ARP included an unprecedented $800 million to support the specific needs of homeless children and youth via the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund. State educational agencies and local educational agencies (LEAs) must use ARP-HCY funds to identify homeless children and youth, to provide homeless children and youth with wrap-around services to address the challenges of COVID-19, and to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities. The Department will release ARP-HCY funds in two separate disbursements (ARP Homeless I and ARP Homeless II).

- Letter to Chief State School Officers Announcing Grant Award (04-23-2021)
- ARP Homeless I-II Total Grant Award Allocations (07-02-2021)
- ARP Homeless I SEA Reservations (04-23-2021)
- ARP Homeless I Grant Award Notification Assurances (04-23-2021)
- ARP Homeless II SEA Reservations (07-02-2021)
- ARP Homeless II Notice of Final Requirements (07-02-2021)
- Application for Funding Under the ARP-HCY: Second Disbursement (ARP Homeless II) (07-06-2021)

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Frequently Asked ARP-HCY Questions and Answers

Related Resources

Common ARP-HCY Questions and Answers

Education for Homeless Children and Youth program website

You can access several ***NEW*** ARP Homeless II resources on the ARP-HCY program website:

1. ARP Homeless II SEA Reservations,
2. ARP Homeless II Notice of Final Requirements, and
3. Application for Funding Under the ARP-HCY: Second Disbursement.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR OBLIGATING AND DRAWING DOWN ARP HOMELESS I & II FUNDS?

March 11, 2021
ARP signed into law

April 26, 2021
ARP Homeless I disbursed

July 20, 2021
ARP Homeless II Application Due

September 7, 2021
State Plan submission deadline

September 30, 2024
Obligation period ends

January 31, 2025
Drawdown deadline

This timeline is explained in more detail on our ARP-HCY FAQ webpage!

ARP HOMELESS II LEA DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

Each SEA must award subgrants by allocating at least 75 percent of the funds it receives under the ARP Homeless II program to LEAs as follows:

- 50 percent in proportion to the amount that each LEA received under Title I-A for FY 2020 allocations; and
- 50 percent in proportion to the number of homeless children and youth identified by each LEA relative to all LEAs in the State, using the greater of the number of homeless children and youth in either the 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year enrolled in each LEA.

EXAMPLE OF CALCULATING LEA ARP HOMELESS II ALLOCATIONS – STEP 1

Step 1: An SEA determines the total amount of ARP Homeless II funds it has available to allocate to LEAs by subtracting its SEA reservation (up to 25 percent of the SEA's ARP Homeless II award) from its total ARP Homeless award.

For example, SEA 1:2,

- Has a total ARP Homeless II allocation of $10,000,000.
- Reserves $2,500,000 (25 percent) for State-level activities.
- Allocates $7,500,000 ($10,000,000 - $2,500,000) to LEAs.

EXAMPLE OF CALCULATING LEA ARP HOMELESS II ALLOCATIONS – STEP 2

Step 2: SEA 1 allocates:

- $3,750,000 (50 percent of the $7,500,000) in proportion to the amount that each LEA received under Title I-A for FY 2020 allocations; and
- $3,750,000 in proportion to the number of homeless children and youth identified by each LEA relative to all LEAs in the State, using the greater of the number of homeless children and youth in either the 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year in each LEA.
- Adds the above amounts to determine each LEA's ARP Homeless II allocation

EXAMPLE OF CALCULATING LEA ARP HOMELESS II ALLOCATIONS – EXAMPLE

For example, LEA 1 in SEA 1's State:

- Received 10 percent (0.10) of the FY 2020 Title I-A funds received by all LEAs in LEA 1's State; and
- Has 15 percent (0.15) of the total number of homeless children and youth identified by all LEAs in LEA 1's State in accordance with ARP Homeless II requirements.
- Receives an **ARP Homeless II allocation of $937,500**, as follows:
  - $3,750,000 * 0.10 = $375,000.
  - $3,750,000 * 0.15 = $562,500
  - $375,000 + $562,500 = **$937,500**

CONSORTIUM REQUIREMENTS

- In order to receive a subgrant on its own, an LEA must have an ARP Homeless II allocation of at least $5,000.
- If an LEA's allocation, based on the formula described in the previous slide, is less than $5,000, it must apply in consortium with one or more LEAs that raise the combined allocation amount to $5,000 or more.
  - An LEA could form or join a consortium with other LEAs with an allocation less than $5,000.
  - An LEA with an allocation less than $5,000 may also form a consortium with an LEA whose allocation is already over $5,000.
  - The LEAs do not have to be contiguous.
- SEAs are encouraged to help LEAs form consortia.

ARP HOMELESS II FORMULA: WHICH YEAR'S DATA TO SELECT?

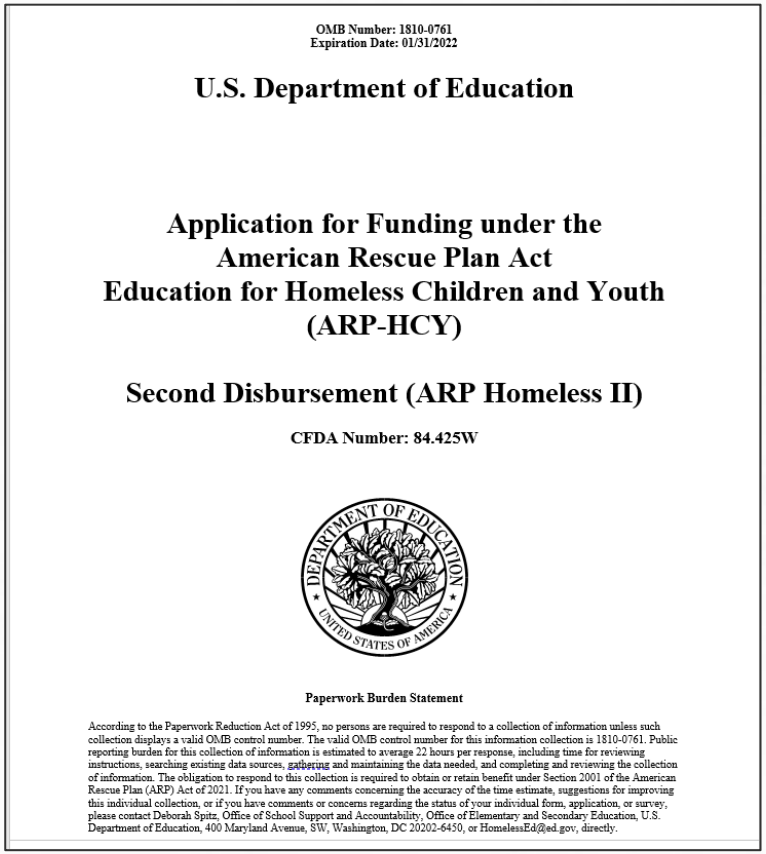
- The Department is requiring that either SY 2018-19 or SY 2019-20 homeless enrollment counts be used in the formula.
  - For each LEA, a State must use the school year with the higher total count.
- SY 2020-21 homeless enrollment counts cannot be used for the ARP Homeless II formula.

LEA FORMULA AND APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Some LEAs below the $5,000 threshold may choose not to form a consortium; in such instances, each LEA's allocation can be re-allocated to other LEAs or used by the SEA for State activities (if the SEA hasn't reached the maximum amount for its reservation)
- An SEA should establish a deadline in order to determine LEA allocations.
- Other than the formula, there are no requirements for how LEAs apply for these funds.
  - SEAs *may* follow ED's example of awarding funds with conditions on the grant.
  - An SEA may require LEAs to submit an application.

ARP Homeless II Application and ARP-HCY State Plan Requirements

ARP HOMELESS II APPLICATIONS & ARP-HCY STATE PLANS



OMB Number: 1810-0761
Expiration Date: 01/31/2022

U.S. Department of Education

Application for Funding under the American Rescue Plan Act Education for Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)

Second Disbursement (ARP Homeless II)

CFDA Number: 84.425W

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SEAs must submit two documents:

1. ARP Homeless II Application, and
2. ARP-HCY State Plan.

Access this document at https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/.

ARP HOMELESS II APPLICATION

- ARP Homeless II funds will be disbursed to an SEA after the Department receives the required assurances, signed by the Chief State School Officer.
  - States should submit Applications via HomelessED@ed.gov.
  - The Department should receive all Applications by July 20, 2021.
  - The Department will make the ARP Homeless II funding available to States based on date of receipt of a complete application.
- SEAs will receive confirmation of ARP Homeless II funding availability through G5 and/or email.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

OVERVIEW

- ARP-HCY State Plans must describe each State's approach to using the ARP-HCY funds.
- State Plan narratives are due to the Department (via HomelessED@ed.gov) by September 7, 2021.
  - There is no template/required format for the ARP-HCY State Plan.
  - Department staff will confirm by e-mail when we receive your State Plan narratives.
- The Department will review each plan and inform the SEA if it has not addressed all requirements.
  - If a State Plan fails to meet requirements, the Department will require revisions to the State Plan.
  - State Plans will be posted on the Department's ARP-HCY website.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

OVERVIEW

- As outlined in the ARP Homeless II Application, SEAs must respond to 8 prompts in the ARP-HCY State Plan:
  - 3 prompts on ARP Homeless I,
  - 2 prompts on ARP Homeless II, and
  - 3 prompts on both ARP Homeless I and ARP Homeless II.
- Please note that some prompts have multiple components, and SEAs must address each component of each prompt.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

PROMPT #1: ARP HOMELESS I

How the SEA has used or will use up to 25 percent of funds awarded under ARP Homeless I for State-level activities to provide training, technical assistance, capacity-building, and engagement at the State and LEA levels, including support to LEAs to increase access to summer programming in 2021. This must include how the SEA has supported LEAs to plan for and provide wrap-around services, in collaboration with State and local agencies for immediate needs this spring 2021, and how it will support LEAs for school year 2021-2022. This should include the extent to which the SEA has or plans to build capacity in LEAs that have not received an EHCY subgrant in the past in order to ensure that these LEAs are well-prepared to utilize the funds provided in ARP Homeless II.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

PROMPT #2: ARP HOMELESS I

How the SEA has used or will use their funds for State-level activities to provide support to LEAs to increase access to summer programming and plan for and provide wraparound services for summer 2021, in collaboration with State and local agencies and other community-based organizations.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

PROMPT #3: ARP HOMELESS I

How the SEA has used or will use at least 75 percent of funds awarded under ARP Homeless I for distribution to LEAs in accordance with all requirements of EHCY. This must include the extent to which the SEA has or will use funds to supplement existing EHCY subgrants to allow for more rapid fund distribution to address the needs of students experiencing homelessness, and the extent to which the SEA analyzed and reviewed where there are significant concentrations of students and families experiencing homelessness across the State (including in LEAs that are not existing EHCY subgrantees), and how it has or will ensure that supports from ARP Homeless I can urgently reach them.

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PROMPT #4: ARP HOMELESS II

How the SEA will use up to 25 percent of funds awarded under ARP Homeless II for State-level activities to provide training, technical assistance, capacity-building, and engagement at the State and LEA levels, including support to LEAs to plan for and provide wrap-around services, in collaboration with State and local agencies, for school year 2021-2022.

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PROMPT #5: ARP HOMELESS II

How the SEA will use at least 75 percent of funds awarded under ARP Homeless II for distribution to LEAs in accordance with the final requirements. This must include a description of how the SEA will distribute funds in accordance with the required formula to address the needs of students experiencing homelessness and the extent to which the SEA has encouraged or will encourage the creation of consortia for those LEAs that may not meet the required minimum formula amount.

Access the final requirement on our ARP-HCY program website or in the Federal Register at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/07/09/2021-14705/final-requirements-american-rescue-plan-act-homeless-children-and-youth-program.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

PROMPT #6: ARP HOMELESS I & ARP HOMELESS II

How the SEA will ensure that ARP-HCY supplements the support and services provided with ARP ESSER funds and does not replace the use of ARP ESSER funds to support the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

COORDINATING ARP-HCY STATE PLANS WITH ARP ESSER STATE PLANS

- ARP ESSER State Plans were submitted to the Department starting on June 7, 2021. The Department has posted them at https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief/stateplans/.
- ARP-HCY State plans should reference any ARP ESSER State plan narratives concerning children and youth experiencing homelessness.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

PROMPT #7: ARP HOMELESS I & ARP HOMELESS II

The extent to which the SEA will use its State-level activities funds to award subgrants or contracts to community-based organizations that are well-positioned to identify children and youth experiencing homelessness in historically underserved populations such as rural children and youth, Tribal children and youth, students of color, children and youth with disabilities, English learners, LGBTQ+ youth, and pregnant, parenting, or caregiving students experiencing homelessness, and connect them to educationally related support and wraparound services.

ARP-HCY STATE PLAN

PROMPT #8: ARP HOMELESS I & ARP HOMELESS II

How the SEA will encourage LEAs to award contracts to community-based organizations to help identify and support historically underserved populations experiencing homelessness.

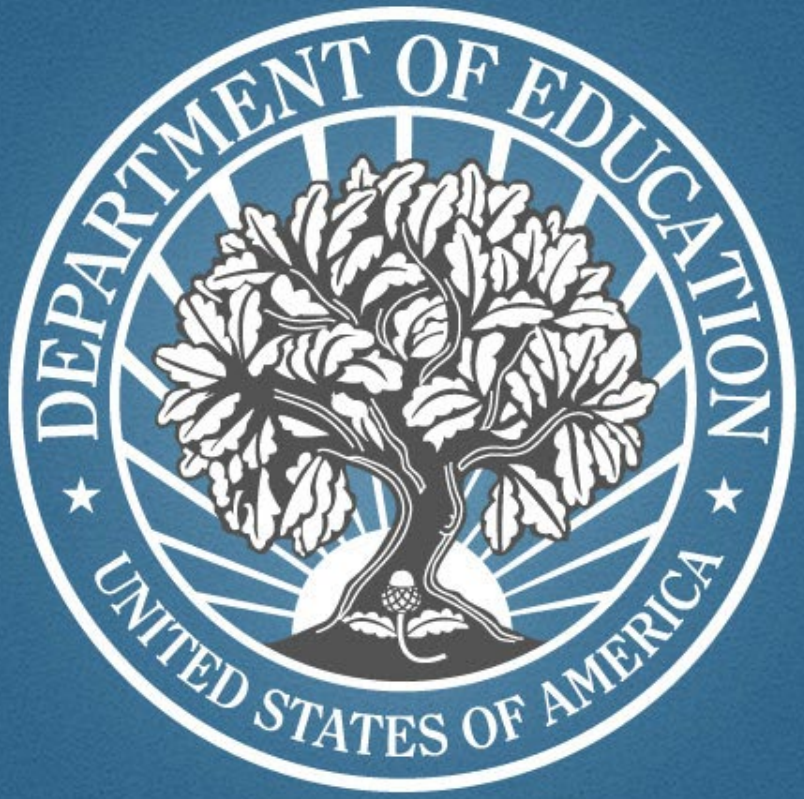
Forthcoming Technical Assistance

NCHE SUPPORTS

PEER-TO-PEER TOPICAL WEBINARS

- NCHE, in collaboration with the EHCY program office, hosts bi-weekly Peer-to-Peer State Coordinator webinars focused on ARP-HCY implementation.
- Timeline: Began June 24, 2021 – Late September 2021
- Topics covered so far:
  - Wraparound services (including community partnerships and contracting with CBOs)
  - LEA uses of funds (including emergency housing and store cards)
- Future topics: ARP Homeless II topics (e.g., ARP-HCY State Plans or supporting development of LEA consortia), transportation alternatives, ARP-HCY monitoring, etc.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS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