

## Allowable Uses for ARP Homeless II Funds

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) I, ESSER II, and American Rescue Plan (ARP)-ESSER funds are subject to the same allowable use of funds rules as dollars received via the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

ARP Homeless II funds are meant to mitigate the burden the pandemic has put on families experiencing homelessness. Funds should be used to target the immediate needs of families. Funds are supplemental; therefore, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should consider how to supplement other funds already being spent to meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness in this order:



Here are some examples of how to use of ARP Homeless II funds to supplement other funding sources:

- LEAs can pay for short term stays at a hotel or other temporary housing arrangements for families experiencing homelessness.
- LEAs can purchase cellphones and Wi-Fi hotspots for students to facilitate participation in school activities.
- LEAs can provide wraparound services. This includes using funds to identify students newly experiencing housing instability and to eliminate barriers for identified students that have not been engaging with school because of the pandemic.

### ENGAGED AND CHALLENGED

Item	Can McKinney-Vento funds be used?	Can ARP Homeless II funds be used?
Supplemental transportation to enable attendance in school and school-sponsored activities	Yes	Yes
Cell phones or other devices to enable attendance and full participation	No	Yes
Reliable, high-speed internet for students while family is homeless and needs internet to participate in instruction beyond what is provided to all students and families	No	Yes
Tutoring, supplemental instruction and enriched educational services	Yes	Yes
Expedited evaluations	Yes	Yes
Assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation	Yes	Yes
Developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs	Yes	Yes
Before-and after-school, mentoring and summer programs	Yes	Yes

## SUPPORTED

Item	Can McKinney-Vento funds be used?	Can ARP Homeless II funds be used?
Wraparound services (through contracts with community-based organizations, that could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services)	Yes - in some circumstances	Yes - ARP expands funding opportunities
Professional development designed to heighten the understanding of the needs of homeless children and youth and their rights	Yes	Yes
Services to attract, engage, and retain students experiencing homelessness	Yes	Yes
Education and training for families about their rights and available resources	Yes	Yes
Coordination between schools and agencies providing services	Yes	Yes

## SAFE AND HEALTHY

Item	Can McKinney-Vento funds be used?	Can ARP Homeless II funds be used?
Needed supplies related to COVID-19	No	Yes
Short-term, temporary housing during emergencies or to enable full participation in school activities	No	Yes
Referral services for medical, dental, mental, and other health services	Yes	Yes
Specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services	Yes	Yes

Item	Can McKinney-Vento funds be used?	Can ARP Homeless II funds be used?
Activities to address particular needs that may arise from domestic violence, parental mental health issues, or substance abuse problems	Yes	Yes
The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any non-school facilities	Yes	Yes
Other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed for attendance and full participation	Yes	Yes