

FY27 EHCY Year I Grant Program Information Instructions

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act guarantees that all children and youth experiencing homelessness have equal access to a free, appropriate public education by removing barriers to identification, immediate enrollment, attendance, and academic success for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant Funds

The EHCY program is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education under Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which reauthorized the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act in December 2015.

The purpose of McKinney-Vento subgrant funds is to eliminate barriers to the identification, enrollment, attendance, and academic success of children and youth experiencing homelessness through [the allowable 16 activities](#) outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 11433(d).

The State Education Agency (SEA) must conduct a competitive subgrant process at least once every three years to award EHCY funds to local education agencies (LEAs). Annual award amounts are contingent upon the state allocation received from the U.S. Department of Education.

EHCY Year I Grant Subgrant Funding Guidelines

The EHCY Year I Grant funds are to **supplement, not supplant**, the existing services and resources available to all students. All proposed activities must directly address and remove barriers that children and youth experiencing homelessness encounter in accessing and succeeding in school.

Subgrants are highly competitive and awarded based on the following elements:

- The quality and clarity of the proposed project,
- The assessment of the educational and related needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness, and
- The LEA's ability to both implement and evaluate the proposed activities to meet the identified needs.

Applicants are encouraged to consider utilizing EHCY Year I Grant funds to enhance identification, immediate enrollment, and support capacity, including through stipends for staff to provide additional assistance outside contracted hours.

Required materials and resources can be accessed in the ADE Grants Management Enterprise (GME) Resource Library and [EHCY funding page](#):

- Program Narrative Questions
- Grant Application Rubric
- Grant Funding Formula
- Allowable Uses of Funds
- EHCY Use of Funds Tip Sheet

To receive an award, applicants must comply with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements), and applicable State laws.

All EHCY Year I Grant expenditures must be data-driven, reasonable, necessary, and allocable to the approved project. All costs must comply with Federal and State procurement standards and ADE Grants Management policies. EHCY Year I Grant funds should be spent according to the Director-Approved project proposal and within the project availability of the funds and fully liquidated within 90 days after the close of the project period.

Any proposed change to the approved project must be submitted as a budget revision through the original application in GME. All grant application revisions must receive Director Approval prior to incurring the expenditure, and all approved changes must be reflected in the completion report.

LEAs must submit Reimbursement Requests to access their allocations for grants administered by the Arizona Department of Education. To ensure the timely draw-down of funds and full obligation by the end of the project period, LEAs should submit reimbursement requests regularly and promptly for allowable, incurred expenditures. The Quarterly Fiscal Report provided by GME should also be referenced to monitor reimbursement activity and ensure compliance with obligation and liquidation timelines.

Reimbursement Requests may only be submitted for budgeted items and services that have received prior Director Approval and for costs already incurred in accordance with the approved budget and federal cost principles.

Minimal carryover will be allowed for the FY27 EHCY Year I Grant funds after the close of the project period.

- **Application Open Date:** April 1, 2026

- **Application Close Date:** June 1, 2026

- **Project Start Date:** July 1, 2026

- **Project End Date:** September 30, 2027

- **Reimbursement Request Deadline:** All Reimbursement Requests must be submitted and approved PRIOR to the project end date. Reimbursement Request deadlines will be set, as applicable, based on ADE/ADOA Accounting requirements for the fiscal year and/or projected end dates.

- **Completion Reports Available:** July 1, 2027

For program questions and support, please reach out to Homeless@azed.gov.

For technical assistance with GME, submit a Help Desk Ticket with the Grants Management Team.