

# **North Carolina Homeless Education Program**

## **American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund**

### **for McKinney-Vento**

*Additional Funding for  
Current Mini-Grant and Subgrant Recipients  
to  
Serve Students Experiencing Homelessness*



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What is the purpose of the McKinney-Vento Act?

The McKinney-Vento Act guarantees a free, appropriate public education for all homeless children and youth by removing barriers to their enrollment and attendance in school and supporting their educational success.

What are the goals of the American Rescue Plan Act for the EHCY?

- Provide immediate enrollment of homeless children who are not already enrolled and have been impacted by the pandemic. This includes reviewing and revising any laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may be barriers to the enrollment, attendance, or success of homeless children and youth.
- Provide school stability for students impacted by the pandemic and are experiencing homelessness by allowing them to remain in their school of origin when this is in the child's or youth's best interest and providing transportation to and from the student's school of origin at the parent's/guardian's or unaccompanied youth's request.
- Ensure that homeless students impacted by the pandemic are provided services in such a way that they are not isolated or stigmatized.
- Promote school success and completion for all homeless students.
- Increase capacity in homeless education programs at the local and state level.
- Support collaboration between school districts and community agencies serving homeless students impacted by the pandemic.

Purpose of the ARP Addendum:

The purpose of the McKinney-Vento ARP funding is to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth impacted by the pandemic. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding is being recommended to Public School Units (PSUs), which are known as LEAs or charter schools, that currently receive McKinney-Vento subgrant and mini-grant funding and as recommended by the USDE.

Funding Source:

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) package for COVID-19 relief provided nearly \$123 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, which includes \$800 million specifically dedicated to supporting children and youth that are experiencing homelessness. North Carolina received \$5,894,156.00 for its first phase of McKinney-Vento ARP funding for homeless students. More information can be accessed at the NCHE American Rescue Plan Act link at <https://nche.ed.gov/legislation/arp/>

ARP I Recipients and Funding Amount Recommendations:

As recommended by the U.S. Department of Education, the funds were made available to all current subgrant and mini-grant recipients by means of a successful submission of an addendum application to the current subgrant and mini-grant funding award. The amount awarded is based on the funding amounts that PSUs currently receive and doubling in amount. In addition, a one-time allocation is being recommended to the recipients that applied. The amount of funding being recommended for each PSU listed are as follows:

2020-2023SY Current Subgrant Recipients Recommended Funding Award Amounts		2020-2021SY Mini-Grant Recipients Recommended Funding Award Amounts	
Current Subgrant Award	ARP-I Recommended Funding Award Amount	Current Mini-Grant Award	ARP-I Recommended Funding Award Amount
\$15,000	\$30,000	\$4,000 Charter School	\$8,000
\$30,000	\$60,000		
\$45,000	\$90,000		
\$60,000	\$120,000	\$10,000 LEA	\$20,000
\$75,000	\$150,000		

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## ARP I Funding Recipient Recommendations:

The following charts represent all PSUs currently receiving McKinney-Vento subgrant and mini-grant funding that completed an addendum to their current application and received approval by the State Coordinator. Only twelve charter schools opted not to submit an addendum application and are not eligible to receive funding. Chart order is Current Mini-Grant Recipients in PSUs, Current Mini-Grant Recipients in Charters, Lab, Virtual, & ISD, and the third chart is Current Subgrant Recipients for the 2020-2023SY.

American Rescue Plan HCY- I Recommendations From Current Mini-Grant Recipients in PSUs				
LEA Code	LEA Name	Current Mini-Grant Funding	Eligible RFA Amount	Recommended Award Amount
030	Alleghany County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
761	Asheboro City Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
070	Beaufort County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
100	Brunswick County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
240	Columbus County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
290	Davidson County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
370	Gates County Public Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
420	Halifax County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
560	Macon County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
620	Montgomery County School	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
862	Mount Airy City Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
182	Newton-Conover City Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
680	Orange County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
730	Person County School	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
840	Stanly County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
890	Tyrrell County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
940	Washington County School	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
422	Weldon City Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
980	Wilson County Schools	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>

American Rescue Plan HCY- I Recommendations From Current Mini-Grant Recipients in Charters, Lab, Virtual & ISD				
LEA Code	Charter School Name*	Current Mini-Grant Funding	Eligible RFA Amount	Recommended Award Amount
13C	A.C.E. Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
49B	American Renaissance School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
13B	Cabarrus Charter Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
65a	Cape Fear Center for Inquiry	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
13A	Carolina International School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
32K	Central Park School for Children	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
93L	Central Wake High School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
13D	Concord Lake STEAM Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
61W	East Voyager Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000

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60P	Eastside STREAM Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
92Y	Envision Science Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
11A	Evergreen Community Charter School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
65G	Girls Leadership Academy of Wilmington	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
32B	Healthy Start Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
295	Innovative School District - Southside-Ashpole*	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
32D	Kestrel Heights Charter School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
81B	Lake Lure Classical Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
49F	Langtree Charter Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
61T	Movement Charter School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
41M	Next Generation Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
60Z	Niner University Elementary*	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
00A	North Carolina Cyber Academy*	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
00B	North Carolina Virtual Academy*	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
70A	Northeast Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
09A	Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
23A	Pinnacle Classical Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
32Q	Reaching All Minds Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
60J	Socrates Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
92P	Southern Wake Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
61Y	Steele Creek Preparatory Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
60B	Sugar Creek Charter School	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
26C	The Capitol Encore Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
41H	The College Preparatory and Leadership Academy of High Point	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
24B	Thomas Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
32L	Voyager Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
55B	Westlake Preparatory Academy	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$144,000</b>	<b>\$288,000</b>	<b>\$288,000</b>

\* Includes Lab School, Virtual School or ISD applicants

American Rescue Plan HCY- I Recommendations From Current Subgrant Recipients for the 2020-2023SY				
LEA Code	LEA Name	Current Subgrant Amount	Eligible RFA Amount	Recommended Award Amount
20	Alexander County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
50	Ashe County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
120	Burke County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
270	Currituck County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
700	Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
390	Granville County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
400	Greene County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
181	Hickory City Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
500	Jackson County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
540	Lenoir County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

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291	Lexington City Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
491	Mooresville Graded Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
690	Pamlico County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
720	Perquimans County Schools (Consortium)	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
421	Roanoke Rapids Graded Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
790	Rockingham County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
292	Thomasville City Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
990	Yadkin County Schools	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	<b>Tier 1 Total</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>	<b>\$570,000</b>	<b>\$570,000</b>
111	Asheville City Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
140	Caldwell County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
180	Catawba County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
230	Cleveland County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
310	Duplin County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
350	Franklin County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
430	Harnett County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
440	Haywood County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
450	Henderson County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
470	Hoke County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
490	Iredell-Statesville City Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
132	Kannapolis City Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
530	Lee County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
630	Moore County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
640	Nash County Public Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
770	Richmond County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
780	Robeson (Public Schools of)	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
810	Rutherford County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
830	Scotland County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
880	Transylvania County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
900	Union County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
970	Wilkes County Schools	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
	<b>Tier 2 Total</b>	<b>\$690,000</b>	<b>\$1,380,000</b>	<b>\$1,380,000</b>
110	Buncombe County Schools	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
130	Cabarrus County Schools	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
190	Chatham County Schools	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
510	Johnston County Schools	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
590	McDowell County Schools	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
	<b>Tier 3 Total</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
10	Alamance-Burlington Schools	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
160	Carteret County Schools	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
260	Cumberland County Schools	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
360	Gaston County Schools	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
340	Winston-Salem/Forsyth Schools	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
	<b>Tier 4 Total</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
320	Durham County Schools	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

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410	Guilford County Schools	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
650	New Hanover County Schools	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
670	Onslow County Schools	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
710	Pender County Schools	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Tier 5 Total</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,950,000</b>	<b>\$3,900,000</b>	<b>\$3,900,000</b>

**ARP I Funding by Prosperity Zones:**

The following prosperity zone charts represent the recommended ARP- I funding total for each group of applicants that applied. The first is the additional funding recommendation for the Mini-Grant PSUs, followed by the Mini-Grants for the Charter, Lab, Virtual and ISD Schools, and lastly by the Subgrants Recipients. The new allocation totals for each group is listed accordingly.

Current PSUs Mini-Grant Recipients Total Recommended Funding for Prosperity Zone	
Prosperity Zone	LEA Total
Northeast	\$120,000
Southeast	\$20,000
North Central	\$60,000
Sandhills	\$40,000
Piedmont-Triad	\$60,000
Southwest	\$20,000
Northwest	\$40,000
Western	\$20,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>

Current Charter Schools Mini-Grant Recipients Total Recommended Funding by Prosperity Zone*	
Prosperity Zone	Charter School Total
Northeast	\$8,000
Southeast	\$16,000
North Central	\$80,000
Sandhills	\$32,000
Piedmont-Triad	\$16,000
Southwest	\$120,000
Northwest	\$0
Western	\$16,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$288,000</b>
<i>* Includes Lab School, Virtual School or ISD applicants</i>	

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Current LEA Subgrant Recipients Total Recommended Funding by Prosperity Zone	
Prosperity Zone	LEA Total
Northeast	\$120,000
Southeast	\$720,000
North Central	\$630,000
Sandhills	\$420,000
Piedmont-Triad	\$510,000
Southwest	\$690,000
Northwest	\$390,000
Western	\$420,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,900,000</b>

## Funding Guidelines:

Services and activities provided with the American Rescue Act (ARP) funds must not replace the regular academic program and must be designed to expand upon or improve services provided to homeless students as part of the school's regular academic program, including compliance with McKinney-Vento statutes required of all PSUs. Services may be provided through programs on school grounds or at other facilities (e.g., shelters and nonprofit community social service centers) to children or youth who the PSU determines to be experiencing homelessness and may have been impacted by the pandemic.

## Requirements of the Addendum Included:

1. Complete the addendum application at:  
[https://www.google.com/url?q=https://uncg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9XIAPPbk5hSMors&sa=D&source=hangouts&ust=1623863165542000&usg=AFQjCNF\\_fHOV9zgs7wWg1q0eF7wKUu\\_ENA](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://uncg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9XIAPPbk5hSMors&sa=D&source=hangouts&ust=1623863165542000&usg=AFQjCNF_fHOV9zgs7wWg1q0eF7wKUu_ENA)
2. Select and provide activities that will be **obligated by September 30, 2024**. The drawdown period is January 31, 2025. No funding will be allowed to carry over beyond this date. The remaining funds will revert to the USED.
3. Once the SBE makes approval, a planning budget for PRC183 would need to be entered into the budgetary system no later than November 15, 2021. The State Coordinator will approve planning budgets then request funding to be released to the PSU. A one-time allocation of funds will be provided to PSUs that submit the addendum.
4. The homeless liaison must attend two professional development trainings face-to-face or virtually provided by NCHPEP or NCHE during the funding period.
5. The homeless liaison must attend the annual compliance forum held by NCHPEP.
6. The PSU's program contact or authorized representative must confirm the Statements of Assurances in the addendum application. In addition, these persons must have the authority to ensure that the PSU will fulfill all statutory and regulatory requirements for reporting, auditing, and monitoring.
7. The program contact or authorized representative for each addendum application will be required to complete a final report, which will be available electronically to PSUs by the State Coordinator.
8. All project funds should be spent according to the approved addendum application in the proposed time frame; any discrepancies from the addendum application must be requested in a budget amendment before the expenditure and included in the final report. Recipients not in compliance with the addendum application guidelines will surrender the remaining funds and be required to reimburse funds not used appropriately.

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## Authorized Activities:

Activities conducted must be consistent with the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) funding requirements as prescribed in the McKinney-Vento Act. While an emphasis on the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of children and youth experiencing homelessness is always a priority, the additional funding expands on meeting the urgent needs that have evolved from the pandemic. Activities include, but are not limited to, academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, including trauma-informed care training, increasing the capacity of the local homeless education program by hiring or increasing staff time, and other activities that support the academic success of students experiencing homelessness.

## Under the McKinney-Vento Act, the following are allowable activities:

1. Tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services
2. Expedited student evaluations, including gifted and talented, special education, and limited English proficiency
3. Professional development for educators and other school personnel related to the needs and rights of homeless children and youth
4. Referrals for medical, dental, mental, and other health services
5. Excess cost of transportation
6. Early childhood education programs not otherwise provided.
7. Services and assistance to attract, engage and retain homeless children and youth and unaccompanied youth in school
8. Before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs with a teacher or other qualified individual providing tutoring, etc.
9. Costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youth.
10. Education and training to parents of homeless students about educational rights and available resources
11. Coordination between schools and service agencies
12. Provision of and referral to pupil services (including violence prevention counseling)
13. Addressing the needs of homeless children and youth arising from domestic violence
14. Adaptation of space, purchase of supplies for non-school facilities
15. School supplies, including those for distribution at shelters and temporary housing facilities
16. Extraordinary or emergency assistance to enable homeless children to attend school (excludes rent and utilities)

## Administration of ARP-I Funds:

1. The State Coordinator received requests for allocations from current subgrant and mini-grant recipients through the addendum application during the time of June 15 - August 12, 2021.
2. The State Coordinator is requesting funding for the districts that submitted a successful addendum during the September 2021SY SBE meeting.
3. The State Coordinator will work with the finance office to confirm a one-time allocation be provided to PSUs that submitted a successful addendum application and received approval from the SBE.
4. The State Coordinator will approve PRC183 planning budgets in the budgetary system then request funding to be released to the PSU according to the department's policy and standards.
5. Funds will be disbursed by the NC Department of Public Instruction's finance office after submitting an approved planning budget into PRC183.
6. An online final report will be required of PSUs no later than June 30, 2025.
7. Non-compliance of a PSU with the addendum guidelines will surrender the remaining funds and be required to reimburse funds not used appropriately.

## Monitoring Process of ARP-I Funding:



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The State Coordinator will include previous materials submitted in needs assessments, EOY reports, data, and other PSU McKinney-Vento Program records to support the monitoring process. All recipients will be monitored through desk, on-site, or small group monitoring during the funding cycle.

## Timeframe for ARP-I Funding:

PSUs will be notified of their award for the ARP-I funding after the SBE grants the approval. Funds will be distributed to districts upon approval of a satisfactory budget submitted in PRC183 in the CCIP.

## Additional Funding Information and Process:

1. ARP-I funding was available to current 2020-2023SY subgrant recipients **and** current 2020-2021SY mini-grant recipients as recommended by the USDE.
2. The addendum application was not available in CCIP. Entries into the addendum application were completed at:  
[https://www.google.com/url?q=https://uncg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9XIAPPbk5hSMors&sa=D&source=hangouts&ust=1623863165542000&usg=AFQjCNF\\_fHOV9zgs7wWg1q0eF7wKUu\\_ENA](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://uncg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9XIAPPbk5hSMors&sa=D&source=hangouts&ust=1623863165542000&usg=AFQjCNF_fHOV9zgs7wWg1q0eF7wKUu_ENA)
3. A confirmation of the submission was made available once the addendum was submitted. The homeless liaison printed this page for their records.
4. Addendum applications were to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2021, with no extensions granted.

## Information Sessions, Webinars & Resources to Support PSUs:

### Request for the Addendum (RFA) Session:

The State Coordinator provided a Zoom meeting with current subgrant and mini-grant recipients to discuss the RFA process, the addendum details, answer questions about the allowable activities currently allowed in the law and what will be permissible with ARP-I funding, and the timeline for spending funds.

### Tuesday Talks:

The State Coordinator's office conducted weekly information sessions, with the exception of the month of July, with homeless liaisons to address challenges with current funding allocations, current and predicted needs of students that have been impacted by the pandemic, questions about the addendum process, and to discuss best practices, strategies, and services that districts in the state were conducting to meet the emotional, social, and academic learning needs of students experiencing homelessness and were impacted by the pandemic.

### Other Supports and Communications:

Listservs, the NCHPE website, emails, and phone calls to subgrantees and mini-grant recipients were provided regularly by the State Coordinator, the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE), USDE, & School House Connection (SHC). Each provided sessions focusing on the guidance and any updates coming from USDE, the allowability with ARP-I funding, best practices, and strategies that would support students experiencing homelessness, including those being implemented across the country, along with resources, briefs, and templates for homeless liaisons and states to use.

### NC Homeless Education Program Website:

Regular posting of resources and documents, including the ARP-HCY and FAQ provided by the USDE

[www.serve.org/hepnc](http://www.serve.org/hepnc)

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/program-monitoring/homeless/>

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/>