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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 27, 2023

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Delsa D. Chapman, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent   
Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports

**SUBJECT:** Announcing the 2023-26 Grant Cycle for McKinney-Vento (MV)  
Education for Homeless Children and Youth Regional Grant Projects for  
Consortium

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) offers intermediate school districts (ISDs) and local education agencies (LEAs), both traditional public school districts and public school academies, the opportunity to compete for federal McKinney-Vento (MV) Homeless Education Program grant funds to establish and operate a regional consortium referred to as McKinney-Vento Regional Grant Projects. Funding for this competition is provided under [Subtitle VII-B](#) of the federal McKinney-Vento Assistance Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (2015).

The purpose of the MV Homeless Education Program grant funds is to assist children and youth who experience homelessness and the LEAs that serve them by providing facilitation and resources to improve identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in school.

The MV Homeless Education Assistance Act supports Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan Goal 3: Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners, and Goal 5: Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school.

Applicants are ISDs or LEAs who will serve as fiscal and program leads for the consortium of districts in their geographic area. Geographic areas include multiple counties in the same area of the state. Note that the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education grant funds are awarded only to consortia and not to individual LEAs.

***Please ONLY SUBMIT an application for this grant if your LEA will function as a fiscal agent and consortium lead to coordinate the activities of a regional consortium of LEAs. All LEAs are eligible to join regional consortia as members.***

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Funds will be awarded through a competitive application process and based on demonstrated need; the overall quality of the application; and alignment of the proposal to the regulations and guidance supporting the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Projects use a three-year grant cycle, which includes state fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26.

To support the application process, MDE's Office of Educational Supports will provide support in acquiring data for the needs assessment. **Any applicant wishing to request data support is invited to do so by emailing [McKinney-Vento@michigan.gov](mailto:McKinney-Vento@michigan.gov) or verbally requesting the information during virtual meetings or through technical assistance with the state coordinator team.**

The application, spreadsheet template for the consortium member list, and scoring rubric are posted on the Office of Educational Supports Homeless Education [website](#).

**Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 19, 2023, via email at [McKinney-Vento@michigan.gov](mailto:McKinney-Vento@michigan.gov).**

Questions about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program grant funds or training may be directed to Michelle Williams, special populations unit manager, in the Office of Educational Supports at 517-241-6977 or by e-mail at [McKinney-Vento@michigan.gov](mailto:McKinney-Vento@michigan.gov).

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