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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

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From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Educational Services

American Rescue Plan Act Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Funding Applications

As a follow up to the <u>February 23 Broadcast communication</u> announcing the American Rescue Plan Act Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Funding allocations, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce that existing regional <u>McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) grantees</u> and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) can now access the <u>Electronic Web Enabled Grant (EWEG)</u> system to apply for ARP-HCY I and II funding.

ARP-HCY I funding is available only for existing regional EHCY grantees. The Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) can be found on the NJDOE discretionary grants webpage. The NGO addresses the ARP-HCY I funding requirements. These funds must supplement the McKinney-Vento Education Program funds (42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.). Technical assistance (TA) will be provided on an as-needed basis. For further information, please contact the EHCY State Coordinator at McKinney@doe.nj.gov.

The NJDOE allocated ARP-HCY II funding for LEAs statewide based on a formula set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. Without exception, ARP-HCY II applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Important TA sessions will be held to assist LEAs with completing the application, particularly those LEAs that opted to join their regional consortia. ARP-HCY II TA sessions will be held on March 29, 2022 and March 31, 2022; 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. LEAs are encouraged to register on the NJDOE Events Registration webpage.

Questions regarding the ARP-HCY funds should be directed to ESSER@doe.nj.gov.

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