



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: January 17, 2024  
To: Local Educational Agency Leads  
Route To: District Registrars, District Homeless Liaisons, Building Principals, Business Administrators, Directors of Special Education Services  
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

## **Action Required: American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Supplemental Funding**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is pleased to announce that all eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) that accepted American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) II funds in March 2022 will receive a supplement to existing allocations via the Electronic Web-enabled Grant (EWEG) system no later than Tuesday, January 30, 2024. The supplement for LEAs that refused funds, or joined a consortium, will go directly to the respective LEA [consortia fiscal lead agent/regional grantees](#). Eligible LEAs that accepted ARP-HCY II funds, and consortia fiscal lead agents, must create an amendment in EWEG to budget the additional funds by Friday, February 9, 2024. Please note, ARP-HCY II funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and liquidated by October 15, 2024.

Activities allowable under the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#) are also allowable under the ARP-HCY program. ARP-HCY funds, however, are uniquely flexible to support the identification, enrollment, and school participation of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including wrap-around services. The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) has provided a [Use of Funds Tip Sheet](#) as additional guidance for LEAs to determine whether a proposed use of funds for ARP-HCY grants may be allowable. The Tip Sheet clarifies that ARP-HCY funds may be used for emergency motel stays, transportation needs including the purchase of vehicles, food assistance, early childhood education, and other uses.

[Regional grantees](#) provide technical assistance and office hours on fund usage for McKinney-Vento and ARP-HCY. Please contact the respective regional director with any questions. Additional information may also be found at NJDOE's McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth [webpage](#) or by e-mailing [McKinney.Vento@doe.nj.gov](mailto:McKinney.Vento@doe.nj.gov).

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