



Commonwealth of Virginia Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #293-21

DATE: October 15, 2021

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) - ARP

Homeless II Application

As reported in the Superintendent's Email dated September 22, 2021, Virginia received \$10,370,420 in American Rescue Plan-Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) funds, also referred to as ARP Homeless II funds. These funds must be awarded to school divisions according to a formula based on the local educational agency's (LEA's) proportion of the State's Title I, Part A allocations and the LEA's proportion of the number of students identified as experiencing homeless in 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 (whichever is greater) in Virginia. No awards can be made for allocations less than \$5,000; however, school divisions with allocations less than \$5,000 are strongly encouraged to create consortia whose total allocation is great enough to be awarded. If school divisions do not apply for funding, those funds will be reallocated to applicants using the same formula and may lead to a greater award.

Attachment A provides directions for completing the application template. Attachment B is the application template school divisions must complete to apply for these funds.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on December 3, 2021. Official award notification will occur as applications are received and approved.

Project HOPE-Virginia is planning webinars to assist school divisions in completing the application and to provide ongoing support in implementing plans. Two initial webinars to review the application process and answer questions are scheduled on October 29, 2021, from 1 to 2 p.m. and November 4, 2021, from 10 to 11 a.m. The webinar will be recorded for those unable to join at either time. No registration is required to participate. To access the webinars on either day, use the following Zoom link and information:

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 979 4205 4062

Passcode: 008296

For more information

Questions about this funding can be directed to Dr. Patricia A. Popp, Virginia State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, by email at pxpopp@wm.edu or telephone at (757) 221-7776.

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A. Attachment: ARP-HCY II Application Directions (DOCX)

B. Attachment: <u>ARP-HCY II Application</u> (DOCX)