



# Homeless Education

## FY26 Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Continuation Grant Program Narrative Questions

For each program narrative question, describe how the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) grant funds will **supplement** the existing services provided to all students to eliminate the specific barriers to educational opportunities and academic success for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Responses must fully address each program narrative question to provide a robust understanding of the LEA's local Homeless Education Program (HEP), and how EHCY-funded resources and collaborative partnerships will be utilized to provide supplemental services, monitor progress, and evaluate strategies to address the unique needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. Please refer to the LEA's identification, enrollment, academic, attendance, graduation, disciplinary, and other pertinent data for children and youth experiencing homelessness and the McKinney-Vento EHCY Allowable Uses of Funds when addressing the program narrative questions below. Additionally, please ensure alignment between the LEA's data, program narrative question responses, and proposed budget.

### Needs Assessment

1. Describe the LEA's current academic outcomes in English language arts (ELA) and math for students experiencing homelessness, and how they compare with students who are not experiencing homelessness. **Data sources should include district-approved standards-based benchmark assessments for K-8, and course grades for 9-12.**

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2. Describe the LEA's current non-instructional outcomes for students experiencing homelessness in identification, attendance, and graduation/dropout rates, and how they compare with students not experiencing homelessness.

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3. Based on the academic and non-instructional data collected and analyzed for program narrative Questions 1 & 2, describe the primary educational and related needs, the contributing barriers, and the LEA's current ability to meet the identified needs and remove barriers.

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### Academic Achievement Goals

4. Using the academic data cited in program narrative Question 1 and identified educational needs in program narrative Question 3, provide the specific, measurable, relevant, and time bound (S.M.A.R.T.) academic goals the LEA endeavors to achieve in ELA and math by the end of the 2025-2026 school year for students experiencing homelessness.

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5. Provide a brief plan of the data-driven, supplemental instructional EHCY-funded activities requested in this grant application, including the monitoring and evaluation processes to continually adjust the EHCY-funded activities, to achieve the LEA's Academic Achievement Goals established in program narrative Question 4.

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### Programmatic Goals

6. Using the non-instructional data cited in program narrative Question 2 and the identified needs in program narrative Question 3, provide the specific, measurable, relevant, and time bound (S.M.A.R.T.) programmatic goal(s) the LEA endeavors to achieve in the areas of identification, attendance, and/or graduation/dropout rates by the end of the 2025-2026 school year for students experiencing homelessness.

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7. Provide a brief plan of the data-driven, supplemental non-instructional EHCY-funded activities requested in this grant application, including the monitoring and evaluation processes to continually adjust the EHCY-funded activities, to achieve the LEA's Programmatic Goal(s) established in program narrative Question 6.

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**LEA's HEP Management Plan**

8. Describe the partnerships the LEA has with community-based organizations (CBOs), and how the services, community funds, and in-kind donations are incorporated into the local HEP to address the unique, data-based needs of students experiencing homelessness. **Please visit the Related Documents page to submit the relevant board-approved job descriptions for staff and/or vendors providing these activities and services through EHCY funding, and the Collaborations within the Community document for all instructional and non-instructional services scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year.**

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9. Describe the process of coordinating with existing services provided to all students through all local, state, and federal funding sources to maximize the use of the **supplemental** EHCY funds to meet the Academic Achievement and Programmatic Goals established by the LEA in program narrative Questions 4 and 6.

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10. Describe how the LEA ensures that the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison(s) actively participates and has an ongoing role in the decision-making process throughout the school year to determine the use of both Title I-A set-aside and EHCY grant funds.

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