

Homeless Education Funds: American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA) 2009

State Estimated Allocation: One-time estimated allocation of \$2.6 million for LA based on 2007-2008 homeless count (29, 234)

LEA allocations: Minimum of 75% of state allocation will flow through to districts.

Expected date for SEA to receive federal grant award notice (GAN) document: By Mid April 2009

Expected Date of SEA Release of GAN documents to LEAs: SEA must allocate *ARRA* awards within 120 days of receipt of federal GAN.

Predicted Funding Period:

July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010

Allocation Methodology:

All LEAs will be eligible for funds through a non-competitive process based on notice of intent to the SEA to accept funds followed by the submission of a brief application. The allocation formula will be calculated based on the February 2009 SIS Homeless Student Count and the number of LEAs who complete the notice of intent to access the funds and submit a completed application.

Timeline to Award Funds:

The application for *ARRA* Homeless funds will be due to the SEA three weeks from the release date of the application. The SEA will read and review applications and submit recommended allocations to BESE for approval in June 2009.

Allowable Costs:

Grant funds are to be used in accordance with the sixteen authorized activities of the NCLB, Title X, Part C law which ensures supplemental activities that support homeless students immediately enrolling in school, staying in school, and succeeding in school. LEAs may use funds to support or expand the salary of homeless liaisons or staff to support identification and other activities for homeless students.

Additional Requirements:

Recipients of *ARRA* 2009 funds must ensure transparency in use of funds and accurate reporting of data including measuring and tracking results for homeless students.

Recipients must publically report on how funds are used. *ARRA* funds are subject to additional and more rigorous reporting requirements than normally applied to grant recipients.

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