

Purpose:

The purpose of the program is to provide additional grants to SEAs for LEAs to address the needs of **homeless students displaced by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, or the 2017 California wildfires**. The Department anticipates using data on displaced public school students collected under the Emergency Impact Aid program to make allocations to SEAs under the Assistance for Homeless Children and Youths program. **SEAs will award subgrants to LEAs** on the basis of demonstrated need. LEAs must use the funds awarded under this program to support activities that are allowable under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Eligible Local Education Agency

An LEA is eligible to receive funds if it:

- a) Enrolls or enrolled at least one homeless student on a date on which a child count is taken under this program
- b) Serves an area in which at least one homeless non-public child is enrolled on a date on which a count is taken.

Eligible Non-public schools

The term “eligible non-public school” means a non-public elementary school or secondary school that is accredited or licensed or otherwise operates in accordance with State law, was in existence on February 9, 2018 and serves a homeless student on behalf of whom an application for an account has been made.

In Louisiana, schools must be academically approved and *Brumfield v. Dodd* approved to be eligible to receive federal funds.

Funding:

LDOE will award subgrants to LEAs on the basis of demonstrated need. Grantees must expend funds within 24 months of the award date.

Data To Be Submitted by SEA:

In Assistance for Homeless Children and Youth SEA Application, LDOE will submit data on:

- (1) the total number of **displaced students** enrolled in public school in the State during the 2017-2018 school year
- (2) Of the total number of displaced students reported above, the total number **who were homeless children and youth**
- (3) additional information on demonstrated need for funding:
 - total number of homeless children and youth,
 - who were enrolled in public schools in the State during the 2017-2018 school year
 - whose primary nighttime residence **changed** as a result of the covered disaster or emergency
 - who do not meet the definition of displaced student

LEA Requirements:

The data included in the SEA application will determine funding amounts. Therefore, LDOE is urging all impacted LEAs to:

- 1) Review the data that has been submitted to SIS to verify that the enrollment counts are correct. **Please refer to the EOY Counts.**
- 2) Update any discrepancies in SIS (ensure students are coded as homeless, displaced or both) see [homeless count form](#) for codes. SIS will remain open until June 22, 2018. **All updates must be made by May 21, 2018 by 4:00pm.**
- 3) In order to allow timely submission to the U.S. Department of Education, please complete the [2017-2018 Homeless Count Form](#) and email it to LDOE at LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov **by Tuesday, May 22, 2018 no later than 12:00 noon.** In the subject line of the email please utilize the following format for the title: **2017-2018 Homeless Count Form for (LEA name).**

LDOE will submit the SEA application on May 25, 2018. Each SEA that receives funding will set an upcoming deadline for the submission of LEAs subgrant applications. The forthcoming LEA application will describe the specific data and other information that applicants will submit to LDOE in order to receive an award.

Pertinent Information:

Name of Disaster	Declared Date	Incident Period
Hurricane Harvey (Texas & LA)	Hit August 25, 2017	August 23, 2017- September 15, 2017
Hurricane Irma (AL, FL, GA, SC, Puerto Rico)	Hit September 5, 2017	September 4, 2017-October 18, 2017
Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico)	Hit September 20, 2017	September 17, 2017- November 15, 2017

Definitions of Homeless and Displaced:

The term "homeless children and youths" means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

The term includes: children and youths who are:

- are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled up);
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;*
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

The term "displaced student" means a student for who enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school (other than the school that the student was enrolled in, or was eligible to be enrolled in, on the date that is one week prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area), because such student resides or resided in an area for which the Federal Government later declared a major disaster or emergency related to a covered disaster or emergency.