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# 2021-2022 Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Competitive Grant Application: Due 11:59 p.m. CT, May 18, 2021

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Authorizing legislation: McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle VII-B, reauthorized by Title IX, Part A of the ESSA (42 U.S.C. 114	131 et se
Grant period: From 09/01/2021 to 08/31/2022 Pre-award costs: ARE NOT permitted for this grant	
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1. Applicant Information	
Name of organization Conroe ISD	
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2. Certification and Incorporation	
I understand that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by TEA or renegotiated to acceptance, will a binding agreement. I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowle correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organizate a legally binding contractual agreement. I certify that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.  I further certify my acceptance of the requirements conveyed in the following portions of the grant application, as applicable, and that these documents are incorporated by reference as part of the grant application and Notice of Grant Award (NOGA):  I General Provisions and Assurances  I Debarment and Suspension Certification  Lobbying Certification	edge, ion in
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### 9. Statutory Requirements

1. Provide a description of the proposed grant activities, programs, and services. This description should include how they address the identified needs and promote equitable access to program services needed to improve academic outcomes for homeless children and unaccompanied youth. Include the resources, strategies and/or systems that will be implemented to support target goals and outcomes, document progress and milestones, and observable results of the proposed grant activities, programs, and services. (\*Complete the attached TEHCY Grant Activity Chart, see the Program Guidelines for further guidance on completing the attachment)

Campus staff such as Registrars, Counselors, and Administrators as well as the Homeless and Foster Care Liaison will identify students who are homeless at enrollment as well as throughout the school year. Each campus is to identify a CARE Champion to assist TEHCY staff with identification and monitoring of homeless students on their campus.

The Social Service Liaison for Homeless will work with students directly who are not doing well with attendance, academic progress, behavior or grades. The Liaison will advocate for the student with the teachers and help establish a plan to improve grades. If there are barriers to attendance, the Liaison will help find solutions to ensure the student is at school. Homeless students are enrolled in free lunch and transportation needs are analyzed and arranged as needed. The Liaison will reach out to the student, family, and campus to determine any additional needs and make appropriate referrals as needed. The Homeless Liaison and Social Service Liaison attended the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth conference two years where they are able to engage with programs and staff that serve homeless students nationwide. All resources gained from the conference were shared with district and campus staff. One such program that has been implemented in Conroe ISD from the NAEHCY conference is the Purposity App. The Purposity App enables the Liaisons and other campus personnel the opportunity to help meet the needs of a student or their family by simply posting for a donor to purchase. It is an amazing way to meet specific needs for families such as household items.

2. Provide a description of the extent to which: A) The application reflects coordination/collaboration with other local and state agencies that serve homeless children and unaccompanied youth. Include a list of agency, community, and LEA collaborators and a brief description of the proposed coactivities that will support implementation of the proposed grant activities, programs, and services; B) the proposed use of funds will facilitate the enrollment, identification, and educational outcomes of homeless children and unaccompanied youth; C) the extent to which the applicant will promote the meaningful involvements of parents or guardians of homeless children and youth in the education of their children; and D) The extent to which homeless children and unaccompanied youth will be integrated into the regular education program.

A. Communities in Schools (CIS) Site Coordinators offer case management and support services to homeless students on campuses. In addition, CIS conducts community food distributions monthly for families in need of food. Montgomery County Homeless Coalition makes connections with shelters, social service agencies, and health care providers. Angel Reach Youth Coaches meet with homeless unaccompanied youth who need support on our campuses to provide program information and determine eligibility services. Salvation Army houses homeless families in Conroe ISD and the children housed at Salvation Army attend Conroe ISD schools. Homeless Liaisons work directly campus registrars to ensure homeless students have expedited student enrollment as well as working directly with with transportation staff to efficiently set up transportation, as needed. Compassion United assists in housing single adults such as high school students who have already turned eighteen years old. Project mentor is a mentor program provided on several campuses and connects students with community members who come to have lunch with the students weekly. Homeless students are given priority for mentoring and services. Community Assistance Center provides food and clothing for families in need. Interfaith of the Woodlands provides food and clothing for families with deposits when housing is secured. Interfaith also have an emergency shelter program that will assist students or families with housing for a week in a local hotel.

B. Funds will primarily be utilized to fund the Social Service Liaison and Liaison Para for Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth. The staff will work closely with campus personnel to educate them on McKinney Vento to assist with enrollment and identification. The Liaison will also work with students one on one and in small groups to ensure academic success.

- C. The Liaison will reach out to parents or guardians to engage in supporting the student's academic needs. Referrals for needs such as housing, food, and clothing will be given to parents/guardians as needed.
- D. All homeless and unaccompanied youth will not be separated from other students and will attend classes as would any other student.

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ncluding: A) The process to review and develop the LEA's punaccompanied youth using Title I, Part A Homeless Reservator 2020 -2021 (Complete the attached Title I, Part A and Indetermine its reservation amount for services to support home understanding the LEA's policy or procedure to support home	be provided in coordination with Title I, Part A, Homeless Reservations blan for coordinating services to support eligible homeless children and stions. Include the actual reservation for 2019 -2020 and the planned reservation ficKinney-Vento Program Coordination Chart), and B) How the LEA eless children and unaccompanied youth. Include how the LEA assists staff in eless children and unaccompanied youth on all campuses regardless of the Title eleds of homeless children and youth in their district or campus improvement
Title I, local, and TEHCY funding. Title I supports portion is funded by TEHCY. This position is critically are removed in the school setting. Local and TEH the data identification of homeless students, provide community resources on behalf of homeless studeds. The district reserve for Homeless is based on the serving Title I campuses, and the need of homeless and prioritized to leverage funds to address identificant campus leadership regarding homeless studed	he needs of Title I campuses, the need of the school district as students (regardless of Title I status). All needs are analyzed ied needs. The Social Service Liaison provides training to district nt indicators, district/campus requirements, and support services regram information in areas of registration and registrars are
I. Provide a description of established LEA processes to deveroposed grant activities, programs, and services will not isolattached McKinney-Vento Policies and Procedures Chart	elop, review and revise current LEA policies and procedures to ensure that its ate or stigmatize homeless children and unaccompanied youth. (Complete the
on McKinney Vento and provide information on averaw and any disputes for enrollment will be facilitated as parents. In addition, information about McKinney Vento students as parents. In addition, information about McKinney Ventogomery County Homeless Coalition. A studer on a need to know basis. Campus counselors ensemble and the student will revoucher from the Assistance League or Community App. Either the Homeless Liaison, Social Service Included a later than the Assistance that are flagged as with student or parent any needs that are identified	th counselors, registrars and other campus staff annually to train ailable community resources. Immediate enrollment is required by the Homeless Liaison. All campuses were given posters and are to be displayed where they can be seen by students and fento is shared with the shelters and other organizations at the nt's homeless status is handled with sensitivity and only disclosed are that students have the school supplies they need upon ceive assistance either through a clothing closet on campus, a sty Assistance Center, or have needs posted utilizing the Purposity Liaison or the Paraprofessional Homeless Student and Parent is homeless during their online enrollment. During the conversation of are addressed at that time with appropriate referrals. In addition, and food pantries are listed on the Conroe ISD website.
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9. Program Requirements	
Note to Applicants: Refer to the TEHCY Program Implementation Leve	Is of Service and Support when addressing the
four program requirements listed below	

1. Provide a description of the process and procedures that are utilized to enroll, identify, and provide all three levels of TEHCY program services and support for homeless children and unaccompanied youth who are: A) Entering and/or returning to their schools from summer or holiday break, B) Experiencing homelessness after the school year has started, C) Are not currently enrolled or attending school, and D) Are eligible for early childhood and/or prekindergarten programs.

A. All students enrolling for the first time or returning from summer break complete enrollment online. The online information completed incorporates all questions from the Student Residency Questionnaire. If a family indicates that they are living in something other than their own home, a staff member will reach out to the parent or unaccompanied student to learn more about their situation and determine if they are McKinney Vento eligible. B. Homeless students are enrolled in free lunch and transportation needs are analyzed and arranged as needed. The Liaison will reach out to the student, family, and campus to determine any additional needs and make appropriate referalls. Throughout the school year as teachers and counselors are working with their students they often learn so much about student's lives especially when there are big changes for them. If the staff member believes that a student is homeless they would have the parent of unaccompanied student complete a Student Residency Questionnaire. The SRQ is available in the campus registrar's office or on the CISD website. Once the form is completed it is then forwarded to the liaison's office for verification. C. & D. Outreach for students not currently enrolled in school or that are eligible for prekindergarten includes reaching out to shelter staff, networking with agencies by attending community meetings such as the Montgomery County Homeless Coalition and Family and Community Coalition of Montgomery County. McKinney Vento posters are also distributed for posting in community agencies.

2. Provide a description of the annual McKinney-Vento professional development plan that is currently in place to increase awareness, support enrollment and identification, and increase staff capacity to respond to the unique educational needs of homeless children and unaccompanied youth. Include training dates, duration of training, who was trained/will be trained, and a summary of the training content and evaluation process. Include both external and internal professional development activities.

The Homeless Liaison, Social Service Liaison as well as the Homeless Student Parent Liaison will attend all required meeting and trainings provided by TEA and the TEHCY Support Center staff. The Homeless and Social Service Liaison present to district leadership regarding homeless student indicators, district/campus requirements, and support services available. The homeless support programs are seeking to expand to campus staff this year. At the beginning of each year all counselors from campuses throughout the district are introduced to the Homeless and Social Service Liaison and provided an overview of McKinney Vento requirements and services available. The Homeless Liaison and Social Service Liaison attended the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth conference two years where they are able to engage with programs and staff that serve homeless students nationwide. All resources gained from the conference were shared with district and campus staff. One such program that has been implemented in Conroe ISD from the NAEHCY conference is the Purposity App. The Purposity App enables the Liaisons and other campus personnel the opportunity to help meet the needs of a student or their family by simply posting for a donor to purchase. It is an amazing way to meet specific needs for families such as household items.

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## 9. Program Requirements (Cont.)

3. Provide a description of how the proposed grant activities, programs, and services will address the unique academic needs and support equitable outcomes for elementary homeless children and unaccompanied youth. Include a timeline, milestones, strategies, and/or systems that will be utilized to implement academic progress monitoring, interventions, and services to support: A) Attendance and engagement, B) On-time promotion, C) Coordination of targeted services for homeless children and unaccompanied youth who have been identified and are receiving other special program services (e.g. Special Education, English Learners, and Gifted and Talented), D) Bridging program support services, E) Assessment interventions and scores, F) Discipline interventions, G) Tutoring services, H) Supplemental academic programs, and I) Other programs or services.

A. The Liaisons will monitor student attendance and address students and parents should there be more than three absences. If there are issues with transportation those will be resolved with the assistance of the routing department. If the student has a medical need, assistance will be provided to the family to get the needed care. B. By monitoring students grades each marking period, the liaisons will be able to address the learning needs of the student early on to coordinate interventions with the campus for remediation. C. Liaisons will work with campus staff to coordinate services provided through any special programs. The Liaisons most frequently work with the Special Education staff to ensure documentation is in place for transportation. D. The CARE Champion will be a bridge between the homeless program and on campus programs and supports. Each campus provides for needs differently and the CARE Champion, being a campus employee, will have first hand knowledge of what is available. E. Campus counselors and assessment staff will evaluate student scores and make placement into focuses courses for remediation or other interventions that are available to all students in need. F. Training will be provided to the Assistant Principals on the consideration of a student's status as homeless before ordering a suspension or removal to DAEP, expulsion or JJAEP. Assistant Principals and School Safety/Hearing Officers will consult with Homeless Liaison on alternatives discipline options. G.Students will have access to all tutoring services provided by the campus. If there are needs for additional help, other interventions may need to be coordinated with the campus. H. Students on Title I campuses will have access to summer school at no charge. If a student that is not on a Title I campus needs summer school they liaison will work with the summer school administrator and Director of Federal Programs to ensure the student has access despite inability to pay tuition.

4. A description of how the proposed grant activities, programs, and services will address the unique academic needs and support equitable outcomes for secondary homeless children and unaccompanied youth. Include a timeline, milestones, strategies, and/or systems that will be utilized to implement academic progress monitoring, interventions, and services to support: A) Attendance, engagement, and truancy interventions, B) On-time promotion, C) Coordination of targeted services for homeless children and unaccompanied youth who have been identified and are receiving other special program services (e.g., Special Education, English Learners, and Gifted and Talented), D) Advanced placement and dual credit course work, E) Transcript review for appropriate full or partial credit, F) Credit recovery or credit repairs services, G) Assessment interventions and scores, H) Discipline interventions, I) Four-year cohort graduation, J) Graduation of all homeless students (e.g., current cohort, continuers and early graduates), K) College and career readiness programs and support services, L) Post-secondary transition plan, and M) Other programs or services.

A. Liaisons monitor attendance and address students and parents if >3 absences. If there are isswith transportation, those are resolved with routing. If the student has a medical need, assistance will be provided. Campus staff notify families about absences, have parent conferences, and attendance contracts. B. By monitoring student's grades each marking period, the liaisons are able to address the learning needs of the student early. C. Liaisons work with campuses to coordinate services including special programs. D. Liaisons assist homeless students with fees for AP testing. E. Counselors meet with students annually to review their grad, plan. Students new to the district have a transcript evaluation. Students enroll in courses to ensure all requirements are met. F. Counselors determine if the student needs credit recovery and what options are available. Students may retake the course in person or online during the day or in night school. G. Counselors and assessment evaluate student scores and make placement into focus courses for interventions if needed. H. Training is provided to the Asst. Principals on homeless needs before suspension or removal. Asst. Principals and School Safety consult with Homeless Liaison on discipline options. I. & J. Counselors work with students annually to ensure students are meeting their grad. requirements. Liaisons make recommendations to Washington HS if the student needs a smaller school. K. Homeless students are included in the Students Together Achieving Results (STAR) program on HS campuses. STAR is program for students in the ninth grade to help them learn about after HS options. L. Unaccompanied students are assisted get help applying for FAFSA. Counselors discuss students' plans in their annual meetings with students and liaisons provide assistance in obtaining needed supports. Liaisons arrange visits to colleges and with support programs.

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st all of the allowable grant-related activities for which yound adgeted for each activity. Group similar activities and cost egotiation, you will be required to budget your planned expanded to be approved to be a provided to b	s together under the appropriate heading. During
Social Services Liaison .86%	\$49,575
Homeless Paraprofessional Liaison .50%	\$9,785
rofessional and Contracted Services	
Consultant for Homeless Students/Leadership	\$400
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Supplies/Materials for Homeless Program	\$13,990
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ther Operating Costs	
5. Mileage, Registration	\$5,000
6. AP Test Fees and Credit Recovery Student Fees for He	omeless Students \$1,000
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	Direct and indirect administrative costs:
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## Appendix I: Negotiation and Amendments

Leave this section blank when completing the initial application for funding.

An amendment must be submitted when the program plan or budget is altered for the reasons described in the "When to Amend the Application" document posted on the Administering a Grant page of the TEA website and may be emailed to competitivegrants@tea.texas.gov Include all sections pertinent to the amendment (including budget attachments), along with a completed and signed copy of page 1 of the application. More detailed amendment instructions can be found on the last page of the budget template.

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For amendments, choose the section you wish to amend from the drop down menu on the left. In the text box on the right, describe the changes you are making and the reason for them.

Always work with the most recent negotiated or amended application. If you are requesting a revised budget, please include the budget attachments with your amendment.

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