



2021-2022 Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Competitive Grant Application: Due 11:59 p.m. CT, June 8, 2021

NOGA ID

Application stamp-in date and time

TEA will only accept grant application documents by email, including competitive grant applications and amendments. Submit grant applications and amendments as follows:

Competitive grant applications and amendments to competitivegrants@tea.texas.gov

Authorizing legislation:

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle VII-B, reauthorized by Title IX, Part A of the ESSA (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)

Grant period: From **09/01/2021** to **08/31/2022**

Pre-award costs: **ARE NOT** permitted for this grant

Required attachments: Refer to the program guidelines for a description of any required attachments.

Amendment Number

Amendment number (For amendments only; enter N/A when completing this form to apply for grant funds):

1. Applicant Information

Name of organization

CDN Vendor ID ESC DUNS

Address City ZIP Phone

Primary Contact Email Phone

Secondary Contact Email Phone

2. Certification and Incorporation

I understand that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by TEA or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement. I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and that the organization named above has authorized me as its representative to obligate this organization in 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):

- Grant application, guidelines, and instructions
- General Provisions and Assurances
- Application-Specific Provisions and Assurances
- Debarment and Suspension Certification
- Lobbying Certification
- ESSA Provisions and Assurances requirements

Authorized Official Name Title Email

Phone Signature Date

Grant Writer Name Signature Date

Grant writer is an employee of the applicant organization. Grant writer is **not** an employee of the applicant organization.

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3. Shared Services Arrangements

Shared services arrangements (SSAs) are permitted for this grant.

Check the box below if applying as fiscal agent. See Program Guidelines for SSA limitations for this grant.

- The LEA or ESC submitting this application is the fiscal agent of a planned SSA. All participating agencies will enter into a written SSA agreement describing the fiscal agent and SSA member responsibilities. Complete the attached **TEHCY ESC SSA Member Chart**, see the Program Guidelines for further guidance on completing the attachment.

4. Identify/Address Needs

List up to three quantifiable needs, as identified in your needs assessment, that these program funds will address. Describe your plan for addressing each need.

Quantifiable Need	Plan for Addressing Need
Properly enroll and identify homeless children and youth	Educate Personnel, parents, and guardians on Texas Education of Homeless Children and Youth
student outreach to identify social and emotional needs	identify students and provide subject awareness as needed
implement academic, social and emotional checkpoints three times a year	track and document student progress and make informed decisions based on data

5. SMART Goal

Describe the summative SMART goal you have identified for this program (a goal that is Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Timely), either related to student outcome or consistent with the purpose of the grant.

The goal is to provide equitable opportunities and address the individual needs of homeless children. Attendance, grades and academic achievement will be prioritized throughout the school year 2021-2022. Progress monitoring will be ongoing. Checkpoints will be implemented three times a year. The ultimate goal is to increase student academic outcome and to support social and emotional development.

6. Measurable Progress

Identify the benchmarks that you will use at the end of the first three grant quarters to measure progress toward meeting the process and implementation goals defined for the grant.

First-Quarter Benchmark

MAP Fall assessment
self evaluation to track social and emotional improvement

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8. Measurable Progress (Cont.)

Second-Quarter Benchmark

MAP Winter Assessment
Self Evaluation tool

Third-Quarter Benchmark

Spring MAP Assessment
Self evaluation tool

7. Project Evaluation and Modification

Describe how you will use project evaluation data to determine when and how to modify your program. If your benchmarks or summative SMART goals do not show progress, describe how you will use evaluation data to modify your program for sustainability.

Data will be used to determine if project implementation was effective. If the project evaluation data lacks student progress, modifications will be made. Additional checkpoints will be added to focus on the students with greater need. Adjustments in instruction and support will be made to target the students.

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8. Statutory/Program Assurances

The following assurances apply to this grant program. In order to meet the requirements of the grant, the grantee must comply with these assurances.

Check each of the following boxes to indicate your compliance.

1. The applicant provides assurance that program funds will supplement (increase the level of service), and not supplant (replace) state mandates, State Board of Education rules, and activities previously conducted with state or local funds. The applicant provides assurance that state or local funds may not be decreased or diverted for other purposes merely because of the availability of these funds. The applicant provides assurance that program services and activities to be funded from this grant will be supplementary to existing services and activities and will not be used for any services or activities required by state law, State Board of Education rules, or local policy.
2. The applicant provides assurance that the application does not contain any information that would be protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) from general release to the public.
3. The applicant provides assurance that they accept and will comply with [Every Student Succeeds Act Provisions and Assurances](#) requirements
4. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Statutory and TEA Program requirements as noted in the 2021-2022 Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Guidelines.
5. The applicant provides assurance to adhere to all the Performance Measures, as noted in the 2021-2022 Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Guidelines, and shall provide to TEA, upon request, any performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.
6. The applicant assures that any Electronic Information Resources (EIR) produced as part of this agreement will comply with the State of Texas Accessibility requirements as specified in 1 TAC 206, 1 TAC Chapter 213, Federal Section 508 standards, and the WCAG 2.0 AA Accessibility Guidelines.
7. The applicant provides assurance that all data requests from TEA and any entity acting on the behalf of TEA are accurately and promptly reported.
8. The applicant provides assurance that performance evaluation reports are submitted for each year grant funds are received.
9. The applicant provides assurance that fiscal monitoring reports are submitted for each year grant funds are received.
10. The applicant provides assurance that the use of subgrant funds will comply with section 11432(g)(3) through (7) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
11. The applicant provides assurance that all homeless children and unaccompanied youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public prekindergarten programs in accordance with TEC 29.153, as provided to other children and youth.
12. The applicant provides assurance that it will review and revise any policies that may act as barriers to the identification, enrollment, and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth; including policies related to outstanding fees, fines, absences, proof of residency, immunizations, birth certificates, guardianships, school records, transportation and other documentation.

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8. Statutory/Program Assurances (Cont.)

13. The applicant provides assurance that it will provide access to educational and other services needed for homeless children and unaccompanied youth, to ensure that such children and youth have an opportunity to meet the same challenging state academic standards to which all students are held.
14. The applicant provides assurance that all homeless children and unaccompanied youth receive prompt and appropriate placement in programs such as: Special Education, Career and Technical Education, Gifted and Talented, and English Learner.
15. The applicant provides assurance that it will collaborate with district stakeholders to implement and monitor early warning academic interventions, to ensure on time promotion and graduation for homeless children and unaccompanied youth.
16. The applicant provides assurance that collaboration will occur with the McKinney-Vento Liaison and district stakeholders for proper identification and coding of homeless children and unaccompanied youth.
17. The applicant provides assurance that services provided by grant funds will not replace regular academic programs.
18. The applicant provides assurance that all identified and enrolled are accurately reported in Texas Student Data System (TSDS) Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) in a timely manner.
20. The applicant provides assurance that all homeless children and unaccompanied youth receive free meals and transportation to the school of origin, when requested by the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth, if it is deemed in the best interest of the student.
21. The applicant provides assurance that it will remove barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities, including magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, advanced placement, online learning, and charter school programs.
22. The applicant provides assurance that at least one person affiliated with the management of this grant will attend required trainings
23. The applicant provides assurance to submit a detailed report that includes all grant activities and usage of funds for the 2021-2022 Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) grant.

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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)

Grant activities, programs and services that will be provided but not limited to will be as follows:

- Properly enroll, identify and encode homeless and unaccompanied youth
- implementation of attendance and grades tracking system
- increase the level of services
- prompt and appropriate placement in school
- remove barriers
- provide interventions to address attendance, grades, academic achievement, and the social and emotional component

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)
 Coordination and Collaboration with local agencies will include:

- Educational Service Center (training)
- Women, Infant, and Children (referrals)
- Hidalgo County Clinics (referrals, appointments, resources)
- City/County Housing Authority (referral)
- Community Outreach (clothing donations, food drives, and food banks)

B)the proposed use of funds will be used to train staff to provide Homeless children and unaccompanied youth awareness and provide educational, social, and emotional interventions as needed

C)Parents and/or guardians will be invited to trainings and workshops with topics such as life skills, job training assistance, and parenting skills

D) Homeless children and unaccompanied youth will continue to be integrated into the regular education program and receive equitable services as all students

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9. Statutory Requirements (Cont.)

3. Identify the types, intensity, and coordination of services to be provided in coordination with Title I, Part A, Homeless Reservations including: A) The process to review and develop the LEA's plan for coordinating services to support eligible homeless children and unaccompanied youth using Title I, Part A Homeless Reservations. Include the actual reservation for 2019 -2020 and the planned reservation for 2020 -2021 (**Complete the attached Title I, Part A and McKinney-Vento Program Coordination Chart**), and B) How the LEA determine its reservation amount for services to support homeless children and unaccompanied youth. Include how the LEA assists staff in understanding the LEA's policy or procedure to support homeless children and unaccompanied youth on all campuses regardless of the Title I status, use of these funds, and how the LEA addresses the needs of homeless children and youth in their district or campus improvement plan.

The District will coordinate its efforts with Federal Title 1 programs to:

- ensure that all homeless children and youths are identified
- provide all necessary training of campus staff to identify students
- participate in the development and distribution of housing questionnaire that asks about a child's living arrangement
- implement monthly meetings to analyze all data gathered and identify qualifying students

4. Provide a description of established LEA processes to develop, review and revise current LEA policies and procedures to ensure that its proposed grant activities, programs, and services will not isolate or stigmatize homeless children and unaccompanied youth. (**Complete the attached McKinney-Vento Policies and Procedures Chart**)

- Review and revise the McKinney Vento Policies and Procedures for district implementation in 2021-2022.
- Train district staff on McKinney Vento policies and procedures
- monitor campus implementation and adjust as needed

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9. Program Requirements

Note to Applicants: Refer to the TEHCY Program Implementation Levels 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. Campus and district personnel coordinate and reach out to students via phone call, text messages, and home visits to encourage their return to school.
- B. If students experience homelessness after school year has started, campus and district personnel communicate with community members and local agencies to provide support as needed.
- C. Multiple attempts are made to recover non-enrollees especially the students experiencing homelessness. Outreach is conducted through phone calls, text messages and home visits.
- D. Campus and district personnel invite all students to register and enroll in the early childhood program and/or prekindergarten program through phone calls, text messages, social media, and community outreach support.

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 plan for 2021-2022 is to implement a plan to train all district staff utilizing National Center for Homeless Education as well as training videos from the Texas Education Website. Training and webinars will provide strategies and best practices to support the McKinney Vento Program. District staff will learn about the definition of homelessness and the roles and responsibilities of district staff. Training will provide an in depth look at enrollment, identification, and challenges McKinney Vento students endure.

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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.

Grant activities, programs and services will include:

- three checkpoints a year
- utilize MAP assessments for Fall, Winter, Spring for progress monitoring
- Before, During, and After school tutorial
- tracking form to monitor social and emotional progress
- provide counseling services as needed
- utilize teacher observation and teacher input to monitor progress
- provide all other supplemental resources, programs and services equitable to all students
- invite motivational speakers
- attend student workshops and/or trainings to target the whole child

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.

Grant activities, programs and services will include:

- three checkpoints a year
- utilize MAP assessments for Fall, Winter, Spring for progress monitoring
- Before, During, and After school tutorial
- tracking form to monitor social and emotional progress
- provide counseling services as needed
- utilize teacher observation and teacher input to monitor progress
- provide all other supplemental resources, programs and services equitable to all students
- invite motivational speakers
- attend student workshops and/or trainings to target the whole child
- provide college/university visits
- provide career awareness and career exploration

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10. Equitable Access and Participation

Check the appropriate box below to indicate whether any barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups that receive services funded by this grant.

- The applicant assures that no barriers exist to equitable access and participation for any groups receiving services funded by this grant.
- Barriers exist to equitable access and participation for the following groups receiving services funded by this grant, as described below.

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12. Request for Grant Funds

List all of the allowable grant-related activities for which you are requesting grant funds. Include the amounts budgeted for each activity. Group similar activities and costs together under the appropriate heading. During negotiation, you will be required to budget your planned expenditures on a separate attachment provided by TEA.

Payroll Costs

1.		
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Professional and Contracted Services

6.	ESC 1 Training	\$500
7.	National Association for the Education of Homeless Children	\$800
8.	Training and presentations for parents, guardians, school personnel	\$1,500
9.	Travel Expenses for trainings and conferences	\$500
10.		

Supplies and Materials

11.	School supplies	\$830
12.	clothing	\$1,000
13.		
14.		

Other Operating Costs

15.	College and University visits	\$2,000
16.	Referrals for to Community Resources	0
17.	Motivational speakers for students	\$2,000

Capital Outlay

18.		
19.		
20.		

Direct and indirect administrative costs:

TOTAL GRANT AWARD REQUESTED:

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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.

You may duplicate this page.

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.

Section Being Negotiated or Amended	Negotiated Change or Amendment
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