

TO: Dr. Scott Swisher
Deputy Commissioner of Education

FROM: Diane Stuehmer, Administrator
Federal Programs

SUBJECT: Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Grants

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance grants to eleven school districts that completed applications and were approved. These grants will be funded with McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Assistance for homeless children and youth has been given, through competitive grants, to school districts in Nebraska for over 20 years. During this time, the number of districts receiving grants and the amount of money available has generally increased. Assistance will be provided for homeless children and youth to attend and achieve in school in the districts in Nebraska that applied for, and were approved to receive, funds.

The eleven districts and award amounts are:

Omaha Public Schools	\$ 80,000.00
Lincoln Public Schools	\$ 40,000.00
Grand Island Public Schools	\$ 23,000.00
Lexington Public Schools	\$ 18,000.00
Hastings Public Schools	\$ 18,000.00
Fremont Public Schools	\$ 15,000.00
Scottsbluff Public Schools	\$ 13,000.00
Crete Public Schools	\$ 11,500.00
Papillion-LaVista Public Schools	\$ 11,000.00
Westside Public Schools	\$ 9,000.00
Kearney Public Schools	\$ 9,000.00

Cost

The total for the eleven districts is \$247,500 for the 2013-2014 school year.

Supporting Documentation Included:

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The McKinney-Vento program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies (SEAs) must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth. Homeless children and youth should have access to the educational and other services that they need to enable them to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. In addition, homeless students may not be separated from the mainstream school environment. States and districts are required to review and undertake steps to revise laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.

Eleven schools in Nebraska have completed and submitted applications for the 2013-2014 school year.

All eleven schools will receive awards as follows:

Omaha Public Schools	\$ 80,000.00
Lincoln Public Schools	\$ 40,000.00
Grand Island Public Schools	\$ 23,000.00
Lexington Public Schools	\$ 18,000.00
Hastings Public Schools	\$ 18,000.00
Fremont Public Schools	\$ 15,000.00
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TOTAL AWARDS	\$ 247,500.00