

## Homeless Student Stability Education Program

1. **Purpose:** The Homeless Student Stability education Program ([HSSeP](#)) makes grants to ESDs, school districts, and consortia to strengthen educational services to students experiencing homelessness in Washington State.
2. **Description of services provided:** The over-arching intent of the Homeless Student Stability education Program (HSSeP) is to provide a competitive grant program for high-need school districts to supplement federal McKinney-Vento Act dollars and to improve educational outcomes for students experiencing homelessness through increased identification and capacity building of the district's homeless education program.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

Per legislative proviso, districts must:

- Comply with all federal McKinney-Vento requirements to receive grant funds. Districts must also do the following
- Use funds to complement existing activities and supports for students experiencing homelessness.
- Districts may not supplant existing federal, state, or local resources for homeless student supports.
- Develop a process for tracking and reporting the following to OSPI on an annual basis:
  - Overview of activities implemented, successes, and challenges.
  - How often each identified homeless student physically moves (during the course of the school year).
  - The services homeless families or unaccompanied youth accessed.
  - The academic outcomes of homeless children and youth in the district.
  - Whether or not a homeless family or unaccompanied youth received stable housing by the end of the school year.

### Beneficiaries in 2017-18 School Year:

# of School Districts: 12

# of Schools: Funds go to districts.

# of Students: 00

Other: 00

# of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 1.3  
 # of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 0.0

**FY 18 Funding:**

State Appropriation: \$1.0 million  
 Federal Appropriation: \$0.0  
 Other fund sources: \$0.0  
 TOTAL (FY18) \$1.0 million

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding? If yes, explain. No

5. State funding history:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
FY18	\$1,000,000	\$988,664
FY17	\$1,000,000	\$979,341

6. Number of beneficiaries (e.g., schools, students, districts) history:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b># of Districts</b>
FY18	12

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

- The grant application was changed to align with the requirement to compliment McKinney-Vento programs
- Academic outcomes and capacity building were reprioritized
- The allocation cap was lowered from \$120,000 to \$85,000 in an effort to stretch funding to more districts
- Allowable uses of funding was aligned with state standards (SAAM)
- Reporting requirements were strengthened

8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:** Districts with HSSeP grants were able to build capacity through increased staffing and professional development.

Districts that were able to improve staff availability to students experiencing homeless reported improved or stabilized academic outcomes. These outcomes included:

- a. Improved attendance
- b. Improved or stable grades/performance
- c. Reduced discipline rates
- d. Increased identification and referrals for services

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:** HSSeP is underfunded compared to competitive need. \$847,930 was distributed directly to districts through a competitive process, but the following year, there was an overall ask of \$2.7 million.
10. **Future opportunities:** As district become aware of the HSSeP grant program and the program matures, the potential for improving academic outcomes improves significantly. From different program designs, we learn how to best improve outcomes for students experiencing homelessness, and this learning provides an opportunity for improved systems, collaborations, and direct service.
11. **Statutory and/or Budget language:**

**Budget Proviso: SSB 5883** Sec. 501 (37) \$1,000,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$1,000,000 of the general fund --state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for implementation of chapter 157, Laws of 2016 (Third Substitute House Bill 1682, homeless students).

12. **Other relevant information:**
13. **List of schools/districts receiving assistance:**

District	Budget Info
Taholah School District	\$25,200
Evergreen School District (Clark)	\$83,943
Mount Adams School District	\$65,422
Bethel School District	\$92,127
Seattle Public Schools	\$91,697
Selah School District	\$4,000
Spokane School District	\$55,000
South Whidbey School District	\$64,000
Tacoma School District	\$104,207
North Thurston Public Schools	\$98,654
Bellingham School District	\$52,228
Kelso School District	\$111,452

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