

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:**
As was true for 2019, in 2019, 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 2018-19 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 19 Funding:

State Appropriation:	\$1.0 million
Federal Appropriation:	\$0.0
Other fund sources:	\$0.0

TOTAL (FY19) \$1.0 million

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

5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY19	\$1,000,000	\$990,628
FY18	\$1,000,000	\$988,664

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

Fiscal Year	# of Districts
FY	12

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

As noted in the 2018 Proviso report, the same is true for 2019

- The grant application was changed to align with the requirement to compliment McKinney-Vento programs,
- Academic outcomes and capacity building were prioritized
- Reporting requirements were strengthened

8. Evaluations of program/major findings: Nothing new to report since 2018 proviso report was submitted. From 2018: “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: Similar to 2018, HSSeP is underfunded compared to competitive need. \$830,000 was distributed directly to districts through a competitive process, and there was an overall ask of \$2.3 million.

10. Future opportunities: Nothing new to report. From 2018: “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: ESSB 6032 (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:** At the time of this writing the HSSeP Supervisor position is vacant and will be filled September 16, 2019. The absence of the supervisor has limited the depth of information provided in this report.

13. **List of schools/districts receiving assistance:**

District	Budget Info
Aberdeen School District	\$32,000
Battle Ground School District	\$65,000
Bellingham School District	\$77,000
Bethel School District	\$85,000
Longview School District	\$63,000
North Thurston Public Schools	\$85,000
South Whidbey School District	\$85,000
Spokane School District	\$85,000
Sunnyside School District	\$51,000
Tacoma School District	\$85,000
Vancouver School District	\$43,000
Wenatchee School District	\$74,000

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