



FY 2023 McKinney-Vento NOFO/RFP Frequently Asked Questions

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Updates since 4/22/2022 are highlighted below.

Please note that the deadline to submit applications for the Fiscal Year 2023 McKinney-Vento Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/Request for Proposals (RFP) is April 29, 2022.

General Question

1. Can the presentation be printed?

A: The presentation is available to view and print on the ISBE [McKinney-Vento webpage](#).

2. Is the grant located in IWAS?

A: No, the NOFO/RFP is a paper grant. There are two options for submission – electronic or mailed. Please see pages 2-3 of the NOFO/RFP for more details on submission.

3. I just happened upon this NOFO/RFP on the ISBE website. Is this more geared toward Regional Offices of Education rather than school districts?

A: No, Regional Offices of Education, Intermediate Service Centers, school districts, public university laboratory schools approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, and charter schools that serve children age 3 to 21 are eligible to apply for the area in which they are located. See <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IL-Map-with-Contacts.pdf>. Selected lead area liaisons (LALs) will be expected to provide technical assistance, training, and services to all of the school district homeless liaisons. LALs are also expected to help families and homeless students access education, housing, and social and health-related services in their region of coverage to ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth. Successful applicants must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the McKinney-Vento requirements; therefore, applicants are encouraged to review the [federal non-regulatory guidance](#).

4. One of the items of demographic data that the McKinney-Vento NOFO/RFP requests is for average household income. This is not something that is collected by our district, so it is not available for our families. Is it OK to use the average household income for our city/county for this metric?

A: Household income should be based upon [U.S. Census Bureau](#) information. This information will only be available based on city and county data.

Subgrantees

1. The presentation indicated that Local Education Agencies are qualified applicants to be subgrantees. What about Regional Offices of Education/Intermediate Service Centers?

A: Yes, Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers are eligible because we are a regional state as defined in the [Illinois ESSA Plan](#).

Deliverables and Milestones

1. I am not familiar with the “Individual Student Success Pilot” in the Deliverables and Milestones section. When I google “ISBE Individual Student Success Pilot,” the results talk about the [Competency Pilot and Competency-based Education](#). Is this the same thing?

A: The [Individual Student Success Pilot](#) is a program created by Harvard Graduate School of Education and is being piloted in Illinois.

Funding Information and Award Amounts

1. I see next year's MKV grant is less overall. Is that based on total homeless in Illinois? Or just less federal money?

A: The funding formula is based upon two factors. The first, is the average of the poverty percentage for the area served. The poverty percentage determines a base funding for each area. The remainder of the total funding is divided equally per (McKinney-Vento) pupil.

2. Our area grant amount has been reduced. We were discussing the \$10,000 to be set aside for the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth Conference, which is putting a damper on the budget. Do you need to earmark \$70,000 for the McKinney-Vento portion of the conference? This year, the McKinney-Vento portion was much less and \$5,000 per area easily handled what was needed for the conference. Are you wanting to see much more for the McKinney-Vento portion of the conference next year?

A: Per page 10 of the NOFO/RFP, each grantee will be required to use \$10,000 toward a professional conference as directed by ISBE. This portion of the grant is to pay for room rentals and keynote speakers. No federal funds are to be used for food or beverages.

Attachments

1. What information in the needs assessment section should we provide regarding Title I funding?

A: Title I funding data can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Census-Est-Affect-FY2023-Title-I-2020-Income-Year.aspx>. See the NOFO/RFP for more details.

2. There is no Attachment 5 included in the packet. What should we do?

A: Attachment 5 is an applicant-created document. Label each page in the upper right “Attachment 5 / Page ___ of ___” and use a minimum font size equivalent to Arial 11. See the NOFO/RFP for more details.

3. As I work on gathering information for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Consortia answers (Attachment 5) for the NOFO/RFP, I have sent out documents to the agencies in our region. Is the collaboration document expected to be sent out to my entire area as well?

A: Each proposal must include the name and contact information of each proposed Continuum of Care Consortia service provider. Each proposal must also include a signed partnership letter designating the coordination of services, a summary of the coordination and collaboration activities, and an assurance that the applicant has collaborated with its region in developing the proposal. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the most Continuum of Care Consortia memoranda will be given priority.

4. Should this be letter(s) from a variety of agencies that are members of the local CoC Consortia or should this be a letter from the CoC agency itself? I want to make sure I'm understanding the requirement correctly. We just have one CoC Consortia in our area, and I'm not sure if this differs in other regions.

A: Proposals need to provide evidence of how effective coordination with private nonprofit entities, social service agencies, and other agencies will occur. The applicant needs to explain

how they will work with CoC Consortia operating in the area and detail collaboration with a variety of partnerships.

5. We had a question regarding the partnership letters referenced in the FY 2023 McKinney-Vento NOFO/RFP. In prior RFPs we have not had to provide these letters. Are they a requirement or only necessary if we plan to do subawards/contracts?

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