**PRC 184 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

*LEA is now known as a Public School Unit (****PSU****) in NC*

An [**additional ARP-HCY FAQ**](https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/frequently-asked-arp-hcy-questions-and-answers/) is also available from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE).

**What is the decisive factor for the allocation of funds and the eligibility amount?**

As outlined in the July 9, 2021, Final Rules and Regulations document and the presentation materials, which are both housed in the NCDPI Resources section of CCIP, the award is formula based consisting equally of the Title I, Part A allocation of the PSU for the most recent fiscal year, as well as the PSU’s proportional share of the number of identified students by each PSU relative to all PSUs in the state, using the greater student count from either the 2018-2019SY or the 2019-2020SY.

**How do we apply for PRC 184 funding?**

The application for PRC 184 is located in CCIP for completion. Details on applying may be found by accessing the October 26, 2021, presentation file housed in the NCDPI Resource section within CCIP.

**What are the allowable uses of PRC 184 funds?**

As noted within the July 9, 2021, Final Rules and Regulations document, which is the NCDPI Resources section, these funds may be used to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students impacted by the pandemic. Also housed in the Resource section are the established subgrant allowable activities of PRC 026, which can be found within section (d) of §11433 within the “McKinney-Vento Act” document. A sample list of allowable activities is also provided within the presentation slides.

**Our PSU currently has “0” students enrolled. Should we still apply for funding in case a student experiences a change in status?**

Any PSU who meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply for funding to assist students who are currently identified or who may be identified within your PSU. The funding amount for a PSU has been determined by a federal formula to streamline the grant award process and to get supports to students experiencing homelessness expeditiously. The U.S. Department of Education determined the formula.

The American Rescue Plan (**ARP**) funding provided to NC has been allocated to PSUs based on the formula used for the district’s allocation under Title I, Part A, and the number of identified homeless children and youth in either the 2018-2019SY or the 2019-2020SY, whichever is greater.

PSUs that generate more than $5,000 are considered stand-alone districts but may serve as a fiscal agent to PSUs that do not meet their $5,000 threshold requirement.

**If we receive Title I funding, and we set aside funds but do not meet the requirements of students to receive Homeless funds, are we required to join another PSU?**

PSUs allocated less than $5,000 in funding as stipulated by the formula are not eligible for the funding on their own. While not required to form a consortium, in order to receive **ARP** Homeless II funding, the PSU must join a consortium of PSUs in which the sum of its members' allocations meets the $5,000 threshold.

**What comprises a consortium?**

A c**onsortium** comprises two or more qualifying districts that collaborate to meet the needs of homeless students within each PSU of the consortium. To form consortia, districts must have one PSU be the **fiscal agent**. The PSU that is the fiscal agent will be responsible for managing all the member PSUs **ARP** Homeless funds, reporting on the funding, and reimbursing funds to each member accordingly.

**Will we receive a copy of the slides?**

A copy of the presentation slides was emailed to all webinar participants and is available in the NCDPI Resources section.

**Is there a supplant versus supplement rule within PRC 184?**

According to the [current OESE FAQ](https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/frequently-asked-arp-hcy-questions-and-answers/), the **ARP-HCY** program does not have a “supplement not supplant” requirement and therefore is subject to an unrestricted indirect cost rate. (*See*34 C.F.R. § 75.563.)

**What is the timeline for funding?**

Retro pay for services and supports specifically conducted to support students and your McKinney-Vento program with your **ARP-HCY** from the time our President declared a national emergency with the pandemic on March 16 in 2020.  The deadline to spend the funding is September 30, 2024.

**How does this funding differ from ARP I – ESSER - EHCY PRC 183? Will one disqualify the other?**

PRC 183 was the first installment of emergency federal funding to PSUs and was provided to current sub/mini-grantees per the guidance from the U.S. Department of Education.

PRC 184 is the second installment of emergency federal funding to PSUs and was provided using a formula established by the U. S. Department of Education.

Receiving PRC 183 funds does not disqualify a school district from receiving PRC 184. However, school districts need to meet the eligibility requirements for receiving PRC 184, which are found in the U.S. Department of Education’s [Notice of Final Requirements (NFR)](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/07/09/2021-14705/final-requirements-american-rescue-plan-act-homeless-children-and-youth-program). PRC 184 is entitlement funding based on the Title I, Part A allotment in the fiscal year 2020 AND the number of identified students in either the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school year.

**Would electronic devices provided through ARP funds such as laptops and hot spots need to be collected after a specific time?**

Follow the district protocol for the purchase, distribution, documentation, and collection of connectivity and electronic devices that are purchased with **ARP** funding.

**Can we hire a tutor to work with homeless students before, during, or after the school day?**

Yes, a tutor can be hired to work with students experiencing homelessness before, during, and after school, during school breaks, weekends, and summer sessions as needed to support their academic progress, success, and credit accrual.

**The total being asked for at the beginning of the application is it:**

* **The total number that was submitted at year-end through the Homeless database or**
* **The total that was identified and enrolled at some time during the school year?**

The total student count requested in Question 1 refers to the total count submitted in the PSU’s end-of-year data collection submission through PowerSchool.

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