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# American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth II Funds

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# Acronyms

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- American Rescue Plan – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY)
- California Department of Education (CDE)
- County Office of Education (COE)
- Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
- Local Educational Agency (LEA)
- U.S. Department of Education (ED)

# Presentation Outline

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- ARP-HCY Overview, Purpose, and California's Allocation
- Assurances
- Consortium
- Uses of Funds
- Distribution of Funds and Reporting Requirements
- Guidance and Resources

# ARP-HCY Funds

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- Section 2001(b) of the ARP Act required ED to reserve \$800 million from the \$122,774,800,000 ESSER to support the ARP-HCY fund and the immediate needs of homeless children and youth
- In a recent survey of LEA homeless liaisons, staff described many significant, unmet needs of homeless students, including lack of internet, shelter/housing, food and, child care. You can access the survey at <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/lost-in-the-masked-shuffle-and-virtual-void/>

# Purpose of the ARP-HCY Funds

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- Identify homeless children and youth
- Provide comprehensive wraparound services in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Provide needed assistance to enable homeless children and youth to attend and participate fully in school activities, such as
  - In-person instruction
  - Spring and summer learning
  - Enrichment programs

# California's ARP-HCY Funds (1)

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- The CDE allocation of the ARP-HCY was \$98 million and will be dispersed in two separate ways – ARP-HCY I and ARP-HCY II

## **ARP-HCY I Funds:**

- LEAs that currently receive an EHCY grant were eligible to apply for ARP-HCY I funds
  - Funding results of ARP-HCY I funds are available on the Funding Results for ARP-HCY I web page:  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r8/aprhcy21results.asp>

# California's ARP-HCY Funds (2)

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## ARP-HCY II Funds

- LEAs are eligible to receive ARP-HCY II funds and allocations will be based on the following formula:
  - Fifty percent in proportion to the amount that each LEA received under Title I, Part A for the most recent fiscal year (i.e., fiscal year 2020), and

# California's ARP-HCY Funds (3)

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- Fifty percent in proportion to the number of homeless children and youth identified by each LEA relative to all LEAs in the state, using the greater of the number of homeless children and youth in either the 2018–19 or 2019–20 school year in each LEA



# ARP-HCY II Funds Assurances

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- In order to receive an allocation, all LEAs must submit the ARP-HCY II Assurances (<https://www3.cde.ca.gov/arphcyiiassurances/logon.aspx>) by December 31, 2021
- Passwords were sent to each LEA's Superintendent, including direct-funded charter schools, via email on October 20, 2021
- A reminder email was sent out to LEA's Homeless Liaisons on October 21, 2021

# ARP-HCY II Funds Threshold

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- To ensure that as many LEAs as possible can receive these funds, the CDE is to encourage and support the formation of consortia by those LEAs not meeting the \$5,000 threshold in order to address the needs of homeless children and youth
- The ED chose this threshold as the smallest amount reasonable to sufficiently implement a local program
- All LEAs within a consortium must also complete the assurances

# Consortium/Consortia (1)

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- The definition of consortium is “two or more individuals, companies, organizations, or a combination of these with the objective of participating in a common activity or pooling their resources for achieving a common goal.” Our common goal is to identify, enroll, and serve homeless children, youth, and their families
- The CDE wants LEAs not meeting the \$5,000 threshold to join a consortium with their COE. Find your COE contact at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/documents/ehcycoeliasion.xls>  
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# Consortium/Consortia (2)

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- The homeless liaison with each COE are and have been doing this work
- They have the capacity, resources, expertise, and relationships already established
- Currently 47 out of 58 COEs receive EHCY funds and 46 out of 58 COEs receive ARP-HCY I funds to provide training, technical assistance, and capacity-building to all LEAs, including charter schools, in their counties

# Consortium Lead's Responsibilities

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- The COE Consortium Lead will be responsible for:
  - Administering the subgrant and/or services on behalf of all consortium members
  - Acting as the fiscal lead for the consortium and completing the reporting requirements
  - Acting as the program lead for the consortium to provide technical assistance and support to homeless liaisons and their homeless population

# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (1)

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- LEAs may use ARP-HCY II Funds to supplement existing programs and funding streams, including:
  - Academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs
  - Hiring staff to increase capacity
  - Dedicating resources
  - Planning partnerships with community-based organizations, among other strategies

# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (2)

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- Identify, enrollment, retention, and educational success of children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Purchase needed supplies (e.g., personal protective equipment, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items)
- Purchase cell phones or other technological devices for unaccompanied youth to enable the youth to attend and fully participate in school activities

# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (3)

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- Provide wraparound services (which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations, and could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services)
- Provide transportation to enable children and youth to attend classes and participate fully in school activities
- Services to attract, engage, and retain students in programs



# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (4)

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- Tutoring, supplemental services, and enriched educational services, including before school, after school, and summer programs
- Expedited evaluations
- Professional development
- Student referral and services
- Assistance to defray the cost of transportation
- Early childhood education programs

# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (5)

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- Fees for tracking, obtaining, and transferring records
- Parent education and training
- Coordination between school and outside agencies
- Activities to address issues related to domestic violence
- Adaption of space and purchase of supplies for any non-school facility
- Other extraordinary or emergency assistance to attend school

# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (6)

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- Provide access to reliable, high-speed internet for students through the purchase of internet-connected devices/equipment, mobile hotspots, wireless service plans, or installation of community Wi-Fi hotspots (e.g., at homeless shelters), especially in underserved communities

# Uses of ARP-HCY Funds (7)

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- Provide store cards/prepaid debit cards to purchase materials necessary for students to participate in school activities
- Pay for short-term, temporary housing (e.g., a few days in a motel) when such emergency housing is the only reasonable option for COVID-safe temporary housing and when necessary to enable the homeless child or youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities (including summer school)

# Uses of Various Cards (1)

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- The use of gift cards, store cards, or prepaid debit cards for a parent/guardian or youth experiencing homelessness to purchase school, clothing, or hygiene supplies is allowable
  - These are not considered to be gifts, which are not allowed to be purchased through Federal grants
- LEAs and Title I, Part A programs can opt not to allow these methods due to elevated concerns about fraud, waste, or abuse

# Uses of Various Cards (2)

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- LEAs that allow the use of prepaid debit cards should have procedures to reduce the likelihood of fraud, waste, or abuse, for example, by asking for receipts of items purchased with the gift card
- The ED does not recommend that prepaid debit cards be the primary method for LEAs to distribute needed supplies to all of its students experiencing homelessness

# Uses of Various Cards (3)

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- The excess cost of school of origin transportation may be defrayed by providing gas cards or mileage reimbursement to a parent/guardian or youth experiencing homelessness
- Gas cards are allowable with the same caveats for gift cards, store cards, or prepaid debit cards mentioned in the previous slide

# Distribution of ARP-HCY II Funds

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- After the assurance deadline of December 31, 2021, the CDE will recalculate ARP-HCY II funds based on the LEAs who want to receive these funds
- The first payment of 25 percent will be disseminated in January 2022, and funds will be dispersed quarterly thereafter
- ARP-HCY II funds must be expended and/or obligated by September 30, 2024



# Reporting Requirements (1)

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- ARP-HCY II Quarterly Program and Fiscal Reports is “under development” and will be accessible on the CDE ARP ESSER HCY Fund website at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/arphcyassurances.asp>
- All LEAs that receive ARP-HCY II funds must submit quarterly expenditure and program reports. Please note that the fiscal agent is responsible for completing and submitting all expenditure and program reports on behalf of the consortium

# Reporting Requirements (2)

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## Program:

- Provide the number of homeless children served by your LEA with ARP-HCY II funds during each quarter
  - Age birth through two
  - Age three through five (not enrolled in kindergarten)
  - Kindergarten through grade 12
- Services provided – authorized activities plus

# Reporting Requirements (3)

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## Fiscal

- Total Allocated Amount: \$
- Total Received Amount: \$
- Previous Expended Amount: \$
- Current Expended Amount: \$

# Guidance and Resources (1)

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- ED's general ARP-HCY website is at <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-elementary-secondary-school-emergency-relief-homeless-children-youth-arp-hcy/>
- CDE's general ARP ESSER HCY Fund website is at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/arphcyassurances.asp>
- CDE's ARP-HCY Resource Guide web page is at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/arphcyresourceguide.asp>

# Guidance and Resources (2)

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- CDE's ARP-HCY II Funding Results web page is at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r14/arphcyii21result.asp>
- CDE's ARP-HCY II Assurance Logon web page is at <https://www3.cde.ca.gov/arphcyiiassurances/logon.aspx>
- CDE's Search LEA Submissions web page is at <https://www3.cde.ca.gov/arphcyiisearch/search.aspx>

# Guidance and Resources (3)

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- National Center for Homeless Education's (NCHE) ARP-HCY web page is at <https://nche.ed.gov/legislation/arp/>
  - NCHE is the technical assistance center for ED
- SchoolHouse Connection's *How to Use ARP Funds* web page is at <https://schoolhouseconnection.org/how-to-use-arp-funds/>
- CDE Homeless Education Program general email is at [HomelessED@cde.ca.gov](mailto:HomelessED@cde.ca.gov)

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# Questions?