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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Homeless Economic Stimulus Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has included \$70 million for the McKinney-Vento Act's Education for Homeless Children and Youth program. Guidance is currently being developed by the US Department of Education.

- The US Department of Education must provide the funds to states 60 days after the enactment. States are required to distribute funds within 120 days of receiving funds.
- The money is allocated over two years; LEAs have 27 months to obligate funds and spend down until September 30, 2011.
- Those schools reporting homeless students on STARS from 2008-2009 will be eligible to apply.
- The US Department of Education has given states the choice to distribute the funds by a formula process or competitive grant. North Dakota will use the same competitive grant process as it does with the annual distribution of McKinney-Vento funds.
- North Dakota will continue to use the same McKinney-Vento grant application as in previous years. It is estimated to open in late April. Grant applications can be found at www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/homeless/grant/index.shtm on the Title I website.

If you have questions, please contact Tara Bitz, Title I/Homeless Program Administrator at tbitz@nd.gov or (701) 328-4646.