

May 4, 2009

Dear Applicant:

The following information is for your use in preparing the grant application for funding under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the McKinney-Vento funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Any LEA that has reported homeless children and youth on the department's state automated reporting system, STARS, during the 2008-2009 school year may submit an application for the McKinney-Vento funding. To ensure consideration for funding, the application for grant awards must be post marked on or before June 1, 2009.

Award selections for all LEAs submitting grant proposals will be based on merit and quality. Applications must achieve a cumulative average score of not less than 120 points (80%) of the total points available based on relevant information in order to be eligible for funding. Once eligible, application budgets will be reviewed and funded according to available funding and priority.

The following grant documents and guidance enclosed:

- Grant Application Checklist
- Homeless Grant Application
- Homeless Grant Application Scoring Rubric
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- North Dakota Homeless Guidance

There are several other resources you may want to refer to when completing your grant application. They can be found at www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/homeless/grant/index.shtm on the Title I/McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth website.

Faxed applications will not be accepted. Please complete the application and **submit one original and two copies of the application** to:

ND Department of Public Instruction
Program Administrator, Education of Homeless Children and Youth
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 201
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

If you have questions, please contact Tara Bitz at tbitz@nd.gov or (701) 328-4646.