# Superintendent’s Memo #088-20

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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA   
Department of Education**

DATE: April 3, 2020

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: **Grant Application for Education of Homeless Children and Youth Programs**

The *McKinney-Vento Act* (Title IX, Part A, of the *Every Student Succeeds Act*) authorizes the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to make grants to local education agencies for the purpose of facilitating the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of children, and youth experiencing homelessness. The Office of the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, Project HOPE-Virginia carries out this process. The 2020-2023 proposal package to apply for competitive funding under the *McKinney-Vento Act* is included with this memo. Programs will be approved for the three-year grant period; however, funds will be allocated on a yearly basis, contingent upon performance, evaluation, and continued funding at the federal level.

Federal funding for Virginia in 2020-2021 is anticipated to be approximately $1,500,000, allowing subgrant awards for 30 to 35 proposals ranging from $10,000 to $100,000 per year. Multi-division/regional proposals are encouraged. Only one proposal is necessary for the three-year grant period. Grant awards are provided to ensure the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of children, and youth experiencing homelessness. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, based on documented need and quality of the proposed program.

Local school divisions that wish to compete for funds should return a completed application proposal following the format outlined in the [2020-2023 McKinney-Vento Subgrant Proposal Packet](https://education.wm.edu/centers/hope/subgrant/mckinney-vento-2020-rfp.docx). The completed proposals should be submitted electronically by **5 p.m. on June 30, 2020**.

An optional webinar to discuss completion of the application will be held on **May 8, 2020, at 11 a.m**. If you are interested in participating in the webinar, please contact Laura Hackett, Assistant State Coordinator, by phone at (757) 221-4002 or by email at [LiHack@wm.edu](mailto:LiHack@wm.edu) for details.

If you have other questions, please contact Patricia A. Popp, State Coordinator, by email at [PxPopp@wm.edu](mailto:PxPopp@wm.edu), or by phone (757) 221-7776.

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