

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

July 14, 2020

SUBJECT:

Submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Education for Homeless Children and Youths 2020-21 Discretionary Subgrant – FY21

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The South Carolina Department of Education awards grants, subject to available funds, to local educational agencies (LEAs) for the purpose of facilitating the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youths. Under the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, state educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including preschool education, as other children and youth. Many of these children live in shelters or transitional housing; some stay with relatives; others may live in cars, abandoned buildings, or other substandard accommodations.

The Aiken County School District is proposing to submit a grant for \$45,000 to assist identified homeless students for the 2020-2021 school year. Funds will be used to assist identified students with the following: transportation costs to allow students to remain in their school of origin; tutoring services; referral services for medical, dental, mental and other health services; records and immunization costs; summer school; credit recovery; coordination between schools and other supporting agencies; special program fees; basic graduation supply costs; school supplies; basic clothing and personal items. School counselors and Title I Student Service Workers will assist in identifying and serving homeless students who meet the McKinney-Vento guidelines.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant for \$45,000 and receipt of funds, if awarded.

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