

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

JUNE 27, 2017

SUBJECT:

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant Submission – FY18

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 enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youths in schools. 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Aiken County School District is proposing to submit a grant for \$60,000 to assist identified homeless students for the 2017-2018 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; medical and dental services; records and immunization costs; summer school, credit recovery, special program fees, basic graduation supply costs, school supplies, and basic clothing and personal items. School guidance counselors and Title I Student Service Workers will assist in identifying and serving homeless students who meet the McKinney-Vento guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant for \$60,000 and receipt of funds, if awarded.

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