

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief –  
Homeless Children and Youth II (ARP-HCY II) Assurances



ARP-HCY II was created to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) with identifying homeless children and youth, to provide homeless children and youth with wrap-around services to address the challenges of COVID-19, and to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities. These funds are to address urgent needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness— including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. The funds will also be used by LEAs to increase capacity by hiring staff, dedicating resources, and planning partnerships with community-based organizations, among other strategies.

## Submission Confirmation

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**Bert Corona Charter** (CDS Code **19647330106872**) successfully completed submission for ARP-HCY II funds on **11/9/2021 5:01:17 PM**.

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## Bert Corona Charter

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What is your favorite sport?

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## Certification

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The checkbox was selected, certifying that I have read the applicable certifications, assurances, terms, and conditions identified on this grant application and I agree to comply with all requirements as a condition of funding.

On behalf of Bert Corona Charter, I hereby apply to the California Department of Education (CDE) for ARP-HCY II funds and agree to all of the following assurances:

### **PART I: General Assurances for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)**

Bert Corona Charter will comply and have on file with the State a set of assurances of the requirements in Section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) [20 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 12329(e)]:

1. The LEA will administer each program covered by the application in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
2. The control of funds provided to the LEA under each program, and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property;
3. The LEA will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to that agency under each program;
4. The LEA will make reports to the State agency or board and to the U.S. Secretary of Education, as requested, as may reasonably be necessary to enable the State agency or board and the Secretary to perform their duties and that the LEA will maintain such records, including the records required under 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(f), and provide access to those records, as the State agency or board or the Secretary deem necessary to perform their duties;
5. The LEA will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program;
6. Any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public;
7. In the case of any project involving construction, the LEA will provide reasonable assurances that—
  - a. The project is not inconsistent with overall State plans for the construction of school facilities, and
  - b. In developing plans for construction, due consideration will be given to excellence of architecture and design and to compliance with 29 U.S.C. Section 794 in order to ensure that facilities constructed with the use of Federal funds are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.
  - c. Will follow applicable federal construction regulations, such as safety and health standards (34 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 75.609), energy conservation (34 CFR 75.616), and Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rules. Any LEA requesting preapproval must provide documentation showing that the LEA is not able to meet the need arising from the health emergency in a more

cost-effective or efficient manner, such as leasing property or improving property already owned and in use;

- d. Ensure all projects will be completed during the allowable period of the grant.
8. The LEA has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each program significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects;
9. None of the funds expended under any applicable program will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization. [20 U.S.C. Section 1232(e)]

## **PART II: ARP-HCY II Usage of Funds Assurances**

Bert Corona Charter assures that:

1. Funds will be used in accordance and aligned with section 2001(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act) and must adhere to the allowable uses and authorized activities of funds described in 42 U.S.C. sections 11431-11435 of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) of Title VII-B McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act.)
  - a. The provision of tutoring, supplemental instruction, and enriched educational services that are linked to the achievement of the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youth;
  - b. The provision of expedited evaluations of the strengths and needs of homeless children and youth, including needs and eligibility for programs and services (such as educational programs for gifted and talented students, children and youth with disabilities, and English learners, services provided under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 [20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.] or similar State or local programs, programs in career and technical education, and school nutrition programs);
  - c. Professional development and other activities for educators and specialized instructional support personnel that are designed to heighten the understanding and sensitivity of such personnel to the needs of homeless children and youth, the rights of such children and youth under this part, and the specific educational needs of runaway and homeless youth;
  - d. The provision of referral services to homeless children and youth for medical, dental, mental, and other health services;
  - e. The provision of assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students under 42 U.S.C. Section 11433(d)(5), not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, where necessary to enable students to attend the school selected under 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(g)(3) of this title;
  - f. The provision of developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs, not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funding, for preschool-aged homeless children;
  - g. The provision of services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth, particularly homeless children and youth who are not enrolled in school, in public school programs and services provided to non-homeless children and youth;

- h. The provision for homeless children and youth of before- and after-school, mentoring, and summer programs in which a teacher or other qualified individual provides tutoring, homework assistance, and supervision of educational activities;
  - i. If necessary, the payment of fees and other costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary to enroll homeless children and youth in school, including birth certificates, immunization or other required health records, academic records, guardianship records, and evaluations for special programs or services;
  - j. The provision of education and training to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youth about the rights of, and resources available to, such children and youth, and other activities designed to increase the meaningful involvement of parents and guardians of homeless children or youth in the education of such children or youth;
  - k. The development of coordination between schools and agencies providing services to homeless children and youth, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(g)(5) of this title;
  - l. The provision of specialized instructional support services (including violence prevention counseling) and referrals for such services;
  - m. Activities to address the particular needs of homeless children and youth that may arise from domestic violence and parental mental health or substance abuse problems;
  - n. The adaptation of space and purchase of supplies for any non-school facilities made available under 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(a)(2) to provide services;
  - o. The provision of school supplies, including those supplies to be distributed at shelters or temporary housing facilities, or other appropriate locations; and,
  - p. The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.
2. In addition to the authorized activities described in the McKinney-Vento Act, LEAs can also use ARP-HCY II funds for the following:
- a. The provision of wraparound services (which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through contracts with community-based organizations, and could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services);
  - b. The provision of needed supplies [e.g., personal protective equipment (PPE), eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items];
  - c. The provision of transportation to enable children and youth to attend classes and participate fully in school activities;
  - d. The purchase of cell phones or other technological devices for unaccompanied youth to enable the youth to attend and fully participate in school activities;
  - e. The provision of access to reliable, high-speed internet for students through the purchase of internet connected devices/equipment, mobile hotspots, wireless service plans, or installation of Community Wi-Fi Hotspots (e.g., at homeless shelters), especially in underserved communities;
  - f. Paying for short-term, temporary housing (e.g., a few days in a motel) when such emergency housing is the only reasonable option for COVID-safe temporary housing and when necessary to enable the homeless child or youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities (including summer school); and,
  - g. The provision of store cards/prepaid debit cards to purchase materials necessary for students to participate in school activities.

3. Under 42 U.S.C. Section 723(d), LEAs must ensure that all costs are reasonable and necessary and that these uses of funds align with the purpose of, and other requirements in, the McKinney-Vento Act.
4. The LEA will comply with, all reporting requirements at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require, including but not limited to the requirements under McKinney-Vento Act, and including but not limited to numbers of students experiencing homelessness identified and supported through ARP-HCY II funding, and specific details about supports and services received by students.
5. Activities to address the unique needs students experiencing homelessness, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.
6. Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of students experiencing homelessness.
7. Addressing learning loss among students, including students experiencing homelessness, of the LEA, including by—
  - a. Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction;
  - b. Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students;
8. If your LEA does not meet the minimum formula amount of \$5,000, then your LEA is required to join a consortium with your county office of education (COE) or with LEAs within your county that are also receiving less than the minimum formula amount. All LEAs in the consortia must comply to all of these assurances and will need to work with one another to identify, enroll, and serve children and youth experiencing homelessness. This rule encourages the use of consortia to create favorable economies of scale. The lead COE and/or LEA will be the fiscal agent and may take the appropriate indirect cost to administer funds and/or services.

### **PART III: Programmatic, Fiscal, and Reporting Assurances**

Bert Corona Charter will comply with all of the accountability, transparency, and reporting requirements that apply to the program, which the Governor has already assured.

1. ARP Act funds generally will not be used for bonuses, merit pay, or similar expenditures, unless related to disruptions or closures resulting from COVID-19.
2. The LEA receiving ARP-HCY II funds will comply with:
  - a. All reporting requirements. The CDE may require additional reporting in the future, which may include the uses of funds by the LEAs or other entities and demonstration of their compliance with these assurances.
  - b. Title 2 of the CFR Section 200.305 that requires sub-grantees to remit interest earned on advances to the federal agency.
  - c. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, as defined in 2 CFR Part 25 [Public Law (PL) 109-282; PL 110-252] regarding the establishment of a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and maintaining a current/active registration in the System for Award Management.

### **PART IV: Other Assurances**

Bert Corona Charter assures that:

1. The LEA will comply with all applicable assurances in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standard Forms 424B and D (Assurances for Non-Construction and Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood hazards; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and the general agreement to comply with all applicable Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.
2. With respect to the certification regarding lobbying in Department Form 80-0013, no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program; the State will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," when required (34 CFR Part 82, Appendix B); and the State will require the full certification, as set forth in 34 CFR Part 82, Appendix A, in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers.
3. Any LEA receiving funding under this program will have on file a set of assurances that meets the requirements of Section 442 of the GEPA. [20 U.S.C. Section 1232(e)].
4. To the extent applicable, an LEA will include a description of how the LEA will comply with the requirements of Section 427 of GEPA [20 U.S.C. 1228(a)] in future reports. The description must include information on the steps the LEA proposes to take to permit students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede access to, or participation in, the program.
5. The State will comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) requirements in Subpart D—Post Federal Award Requirements (2 CFR Section 200.300-345) to ensure that LEAs, including charter schools that are LEAs, are using ARP-HCY funds for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the ARP Act.
6. The State and other entities will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR Part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR Part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3474.

## **PART V: McKinney-Vento General Assurances**

Bert Corona Charter under 42 U.S.C. sections 11431-11435 assures that:

1. The LEA will adopt policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youth are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless.
2. The LEA will designate an appropriate staff person, able to carry out the duties described in 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(6)(A), who may also be a coordinator for other Federal programs, as a LEA liaison for homeless children and youth.

3. The LEA will adopt policies and practices to ensure that transportation is provided, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison), to and from the school of origin [as determined 42 U.S.C. Section 11431(3)], in accordance with the following, as applicable:
  - a. If the child or youth continues to live in the area served by the LEA in which the school of origin is located, the child's or youth's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the LEA in which the school of origin is located.
  - b. If the child's or youth's living arrangements in the area served by LEA of origin terminate and the child or youth, though continuing the child's or youth's education in the school of origin, begins living in an area served by another LEA, the LEA of origin and the LEA in which the child or youth is living shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child or youth with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the LEAs are unable to agree upon such method, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally.
4. The LEA will adopt policies and practices to ensure participation by liaisons described in 42 U.S.C. Section 11432(g)(1)(J)(iv) in professional development and other technical assistance activities as determined appropriate by the Office of the Coordinator.

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