Addressing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

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Broader Goal

Funding is designed to support students with housing vulnerability by building or expanding programs that identify gaps in support, develop new local partnerships and directly address student needs.



Illinois Funding Amounts

\$250k in total funding

\$25k cap per school



Key Dates

Application Due: Oct 30, 11:59 PM

Funding runs from Jan 1 through Dec 30, 2026



Three potential objectives



CAMPUS-LEVEL ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO STUDENT
OUTREACH, TRAINING FOR
HOUSE LIAISONS AND OTHER
STAFF, AND/OR EFFORTS TO
DEEPEN COLLABORATION
ACROSS CAMPUS DIVISIONS TO
INCREASE SUPPORT FOR
STUDENTS



CREATE OR EXPAND DIRECT
STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS
ON CAMPUS TO ASSIST
VULNERABLE STUDENTS



DEVELOP OR ENHANCE
COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL
RESOURCES (SUCH AS
MCKINNEY-VENTO LIAISONS) TO
PROVIDE INCREASED SUPPORT
FOR VULNERABLE STUDENTS



Allowable Activities (Examples)

Institute targeted outreach and events for students

Convene campus stakeholders to examine current services and provide new professional development for staff

Develop agreements with local temporary housing organizations or hotels offering housing

Establish or continue a student stipend program for emergency funds to avoid eviction

Review other state and national efforts to support students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity to guide new strategies

Application Components

GATA Exempt Application

Cover Page

Abstract (One Page)

Project
Narrative
(Five Page)

Letters of Commitment

Uniform Budget



How Grants Will be Reviewed

Cover Page & Abstract: 10 pts

Project Info,
Statement of
Need, Fiscal Need:
10 pts

Overall Project
Goals & Indicators:
25 pts

Work Plan, Partnerships, Impact: 35 pts

Capacity,
Scalability,
Contingency:
15 pts

Uniform Budget: 5 pts



How to Submit

- Submit Application to: <u>iccb.studentservices@illinois.gov</u>
 - You will receive a confirmation when you submit
 - Allocations will be posted online

Need Help?: mark.mesle@illinois.gov, 312.307.7340

