**McKinney-Vento Competitive sub grants**

ROE 26 has successfully served as the Illinois Area 3 Lead Area Liaison serving the homeless children and youth in each of the 20 counties in the area since 2004; administering an effective program meeting the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

ROE 26 solicits eligible applications for sub grants through a competitive process which enables those eligible applicants who demonstrate the most ability and experience and express the most need to establish local programs to meet the needs of the federal McKinney-Vento Act. Eligible applicants will include Regional Offices of Education, school districts, university lab schools approved by ISBE, and charter schools.

Successful sub grant proposals must clearly state the intent of the applicant to provide all required program elements as specified under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as well as follow the guidelines as set forth by ISBE. The application for funding will set forth requirements for the program, format proposal, narrative requirements, detailed budget information, certification and assurances, and other criteria under which sub grants will be awarded. Detailed goals, objectives, activities, and evaluation measures must be included. Sub grant awards will be evaluated and awards will be made, on a competitive basis, after consideration of the merit of each proposal.

In determining funding for sub grantees, every effort is made to provide a formula that is equitable across geographic and programmatic areas. The amount of available funding for successful applicants is determined by area funding received from ISBE, SIS homeless counts, and the demonstration of area need.

In addition to meeting the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, sub grantees will be expected to: attend Area 3 meetings and participate in Area 3 conference calls facilitated by the LAL; participate in and provide training for districts within their specific counties; coordinate their homeless efforts with other service providers and programs within their counties; work with the appropriate Continuum of Care for their area; provide ongoing education and additional services for families and youth; work with districts to collect data; retain student records; handle inquiries by parents and schools within their area; facilitate disputes between schools and parents in conjunction with the LAL; district; ROE; and ISBE; and provide reports, project evaluation and participate in program assessment and monitoring.

ROE 26 will be responsible for monitoring the progress of each sub grantee and reporting to ISBE as requested.

For more information on applying for a competitive sub grant in one of the 20 counties in Area 3, please email Mike Snowden at msnowden@roe26.net.