



Emergency Hotel Stays under ARP HCY

PROJECT REST
SHORT TERM HOTEL STAYS



Meet Your Presenters



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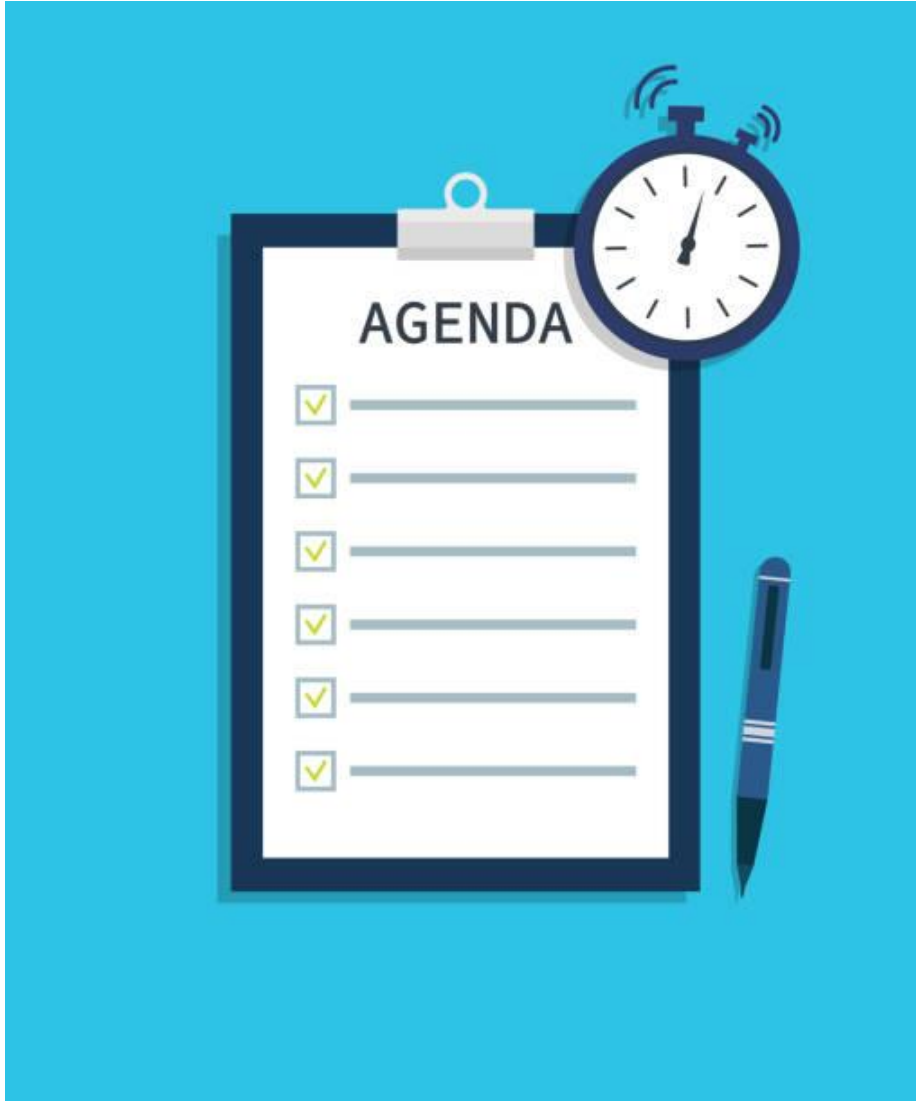
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Our Time Today

- Allowable use of funds for hotel stays
- Program Priorities
- Community Partnership
- Process
- Data and Outcomes



Allowable Usages of ARP-HCY Funds



- ✓ Existing 16 authorized activities for McKinney-Vento subgrant funding
- ✓ Flexible funds usage (“any expenses necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth”)
 - **Wraparound services** (academic, trauma-informed, social-emotional, mental health)
 - **Needed supplies** (eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items)
 - **Transportation** to support school engagement
 - Communication devices and **technology** needed for school engagement
 - **Short-term housing** as a last resort when needed for school engagement (e.g., a few days in a motel)
 - **Prepaid store or debit cards** needed to purchase materials for school engagement
 - Awarding **contracts to community-based organizations (CBOs)**

See the [U.S. Department of Education’s ARP-HCY Dear Colleague Letter](#) for more information



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Let's Chat...



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Short-Term Housing = Project REST

Short term emergency hotel stay program that serves San Diego County.

Priorities at the start:

- Compassionate
- Connection to ongoing services
- Not in the housing business; how do we stay in our lane
- Be able to operate in all parts of the county and house families in school area



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Short-Term Housing = Project REST

How we addressed our priorities

- Length of stay
 - Time before contacting
 - Warm handoffs to hotel
- Case management services
 - Via numerous community agencies
 - Staff time to sort through and find “fits”



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Short-Term Housing = Project REST

- How we addressed our priorities
 - Educational assistance from SDCOE
 - Transportation set up, re-enrollment, other supports
 - Partnership with San Diego Youth Services, a nonprofit community-based organization
 - Existing contract with Motel 6 and partners, expanded locations



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Project Set up – Community Partner SDYS

- Created a Sub-Award agreement that allowed for advance payment
 - Allows for up to 16% on operational costs
 - Already operating a hotel voucher program
 - Existing contracts with Motel 6 and their partners
 - Discounted rate
- ARP Funded Staff position in SDCOE office



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Project Set up

Liability Question

- Our partner has the direct contract with the Motel 6 partners
- They have liability as part of their agreement – we are not party
- Families know they will not be able to access again if there is a problem



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Simple Process

- McKinney-Vento families referred by their local liaison or designee
- Low barrier
 - Only requires an ID
- Quick turnaround
 - Our community partner sets up the reservation via online system
 - We send confirmation # back for family usually within 24 hours or less.



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Guidelines

Families sign an acknowledgment of the guidelines

- Respect all people and property in the building
- No use or possession of drugs, alcohol, weapons, or explicit materials of any kind
- No guests allowed

Families may not use the service again if a guideline is violated



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Extensions

- Case management efforts have produced positive results, but 5 days isn't always enough
 - Extension eligibility
 - Extension length – 5 additional days, up to 2 times
- Extension Use of funds
 - [Existing 16 authorized activities for McKinney-Vento subgrant funding](#)
 - #16: The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities.



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Forms



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McKinney-Vento students, with their families, are eligible to request a stay at a hotel for up to 5 nights. McKinney-Vento students are individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Hotel Guidelines

- Respect all people and property in the building.
- No use or possession of drugs, alcohol, weapons, or explicit materials of any kind.
- No guests are allowed.

For Questions and to Submit Request Forms

Contact Linda Lee Garibay
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(858) 298 - 2072

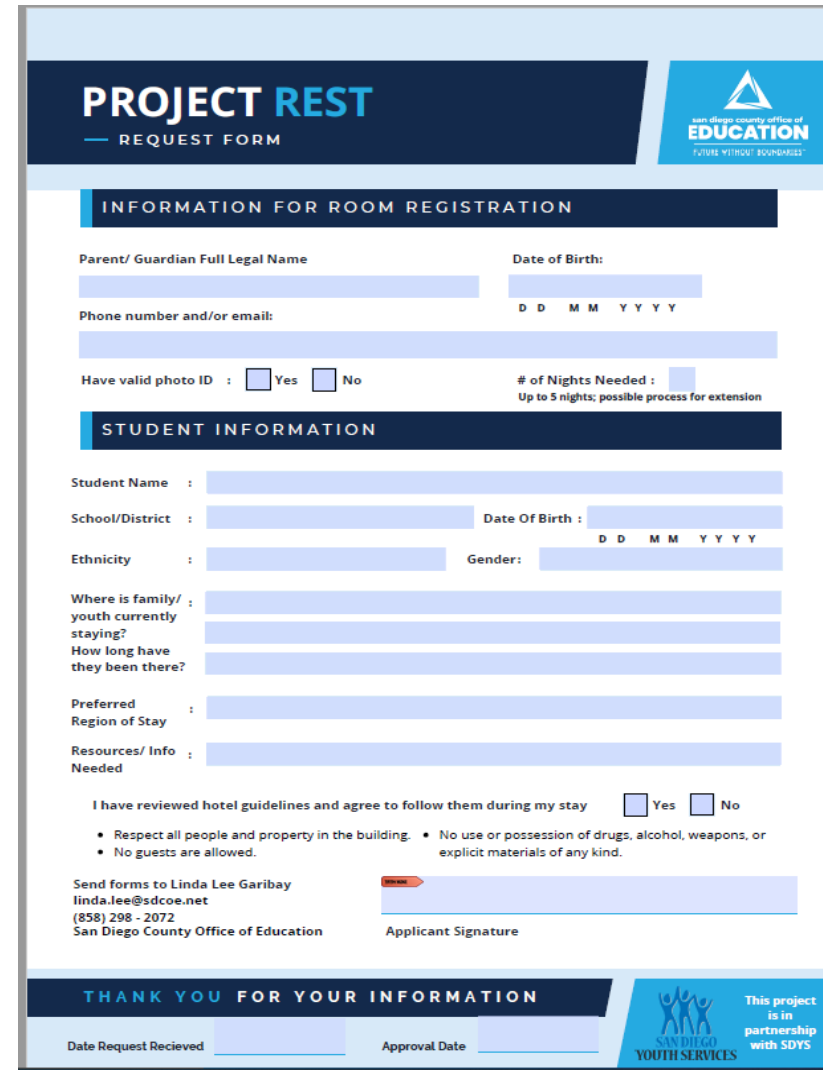
Applicant must have a valid ID card. No credit card is needed.

To request a stay, a parent/guardian must fill out the Request Form and send it in for approval.

Applicant will be contacted for placement. Nothing needs to be done for check out.

Request preferred region of stay

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— REQUEST FORM

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INFORMATION FOR ROOM REGISTRATION

Parent/ Guardian Full Legal Name _____ Date of Birth: _____
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Phone number and/or email: _____

Have valid photo ID : Yes No # of Nights Needed : _____
Up to 5 nights; possible process for extension

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name : _____

School/District : _____ Date Of Birth : _____
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Ethnicity : _____ Gender: _____

Where is family/ youth currently staying? _____

How long have they been there? _____

Preferred Region of Stay : _____

Resources/ Info Needed : _____

I have reviewed hotel guidelines and agree to follow them during my stay Yes No

- Respect all people and property in the building.
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Applicant Signature _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Date Request Received _____ Approval Date _____

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Any
Questions so
far?



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Data

- 496 Stays since May 2022
- \$245,880.31 Spent to date
- \$545.19 of an average 5 day stay
- Holiday in November and December
- ~ 50 Stays a month, not including extensions



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San Diego's Next Steps

Large positive response!

“After doing this job for years, this is the first time I feel like I have some *real* help to offer” -School District Liaison

Collaborative MOU with LEAs who wish to spend some of their ARP funds

- Referral process stays the same
- MOU partners decide on a prioritization method if that becomes necessary
- SDCOE invoices LEA for their stays



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Project Rest Impact

- Upon Intake, Parent's worry about...
 - Getting to School
 - Where to start?
 - What is next?
 - Overwhelmed with resources, contacts, no responses
 - Need a safe place to cook a meal and take a shower
- During and after stay
 - Feel more rested and safe
 - Feel more encouraged - Link to housing, food navigation, and other resources
 - Feel more supported - Connected to school services
- Shelter and Community Level
 - Enrollment
 - Transportation
 - Link to supportive services; connection to Liaisons and school supplies

Providing a safe place to stay while services are being started and filling a gap at a time where many resources have long waiting lists or are overcrowded.



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Questions?



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