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Fourteen school districts in the state have received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants ranging from \$33,000 to \$68,000 to aid in serving students who are homeless. These districts will be serving around 2700 students.

“We are definitely under-identifying and under-serving this population,” said Dr. Diana Julian, Interim Commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education. These grants will be used for professional development as well as any supplies needed for program development to enable districts to better identify and serve homeless students. Local liaisons and district staff will be trained about homeless education issues and requirements.

While these grants are for one year, school districts will be able to apply again next year for similar grants from the state’s regular McKinney-Vento funds, which are designated for serving homeless students.

A table with the name of the district and the amount awarded is below:

**2009-2010 McKinney-Vento Sub-Grantees**

School District	County	Funding
Ashdown	Little River	\$33,000
Fayetteville	Washington	\$68,000
Fort Smith	Sebastian	\$68,000
Hope	Hempstead	\$33,000
Lakeside	Garland	\$33,000
Little Rock	Pulaski	\$68,000

Marion	Crittenden	\$40,500
Mt. Vernon/ Enola	Faulkner	\$34,250
Nettleton	Craighead	\$33,000
North Little Rock	Pulaski	\$68,000
Pulaski County Special	Pulaski	\$68,000
Russellville	Pope	\$33,500
Two Rivers	Yell	\$33,000
Vilonia	Faulkner	\$31,303