

# Student Stability Innovation Grants

Do you have school folks that need additional HMIS licenses? Or want to test how much it will cost to bring an outreach worker to your rural schools? Reducing and ending student homelessness requires deep, intentional collaboration between school and homelessness systems. Innovation Grants can help communities test solutions to barriers such as these in the short term.

**Student Stability Innovation Grants is a new project by A Way Home Washington to change the way education and homelessness systems work together. A Way Home Washington will provide a limited number of grants up to \$5,000 per project for Anchor Communities to test truly innovative system changes to prevent and end housing instability for unaccompanied students.** In addition to funding, A Way Home Washington staff will provide coaching, data and evaluation support to communities to help them better understand the impact of these system changes. At the end of the project, A Way Home Washington will publish learnings and promising practices.

## How to Apply?

Communities can begin to apply for Innovations Grants in **February 2021**. Applications will be accepted via online form on a rolling basis through 2021

### Projects should have a focus on 1 of the 4 points:

- ✓ Prevent students from experiencing unaccompanied homelessness
- ✓ Improving data quality and referral connections between schools and the homelessness system
- ✓ Increasing safe and stable housing placements for unaccompanied students
- ✓ Ending racial and LGBTQ+ disproportionality

All projects must be developed in collaboration with local Anchor Community Core Teams and take action to address system-barriers to ending student homelessness. We are especially excited about testing changes that:

- Take targeted action on racial/LGBTQ+ equity
- Involve young people with lived experience in design or implementation
- Can be feasibly completed within 3 months
- Are highly creative

\*Projects must be related to preventing and ending housing instability for unaccompanied homeless students aged 12-24.



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