

Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS)

Background

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act (CRRSA) was signed into law in December 2020. Among its provisions, is \$2.75 billion for the Emergency Assistance for Non-public Schools program (EANS).

The funds will be awarded to Governors and administered by the State Education Agency (SEA) in each state to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools.

*** Advocacy Note:* The governor must apply for the funds and sign an agreement in order to receive the funds. We are hearing that some governors are still deciding whether or not to apply, so we recommend contacting your governor's office, outlining how funds would help your school and students, and requesting that they apply. The deadline for governors to apply is February 8, 2021.

Once funds are received, the SEA has 30 days to develop an application and must request the following information from applicants:

- The number and percentage of students from low-income families enrolled in the non-public school in SY 2019-2020
- Information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the school so that the SEA may appropriately prioritize the provision of services and assistance
- A description of the emergency services or assistance that the non-public school seeks
- Whether the non-public school received a PPP loan before December 27, 2020, and the amount of any loan received
- An assurance that the non-public school did not, and will not, apply for and receive a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020.

*** Advocacy Note:* Contact your SEA and ask them to make the application as streamlined as possible.

Eligibility

In order to apply for assistance or services through EANS, an elementary or secondary school must:

- Be a non-profit
- Be accredited, licensed, or otherwise operate in accordance with State law
- Have been in existence prior to March 13, 2020
- Not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) *that is made on or after December 27, 2020*. Those who applied for and received a PPP loan prior to that date are still eligible.

Uses of Funds

Schools may receive services and/or reimbursement for items purchased on or after March 13, 2020 to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 including:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems**
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases**
- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
- Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing
- Educational technology
- Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss**
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
- Reasonable transportation costs
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss**

Reimbursements under the EANS program do not make non-public schools recipients of Federal financial assistance.

Caveats

- If you received a PPP or EIDL loan or other federal funds which you used to cover any of the above expenses, then you cannot also apply EANS funds toward those same expenses.
- Any materials purchased with EANS funds would be owned by the SEA to be used by the school for the above purposes. After the program ends (9/30/2023), the SEA must remove equipment from the school, though may continue to allow their use for other allowable purposes under other federal programs such as ESEA or IDEA.
- An SEA must prioritize non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19, though it has flexibility with regard to how it weights these criteria.
- Non-public schools may not be reimbursed by the SEA for items followed by ** in the above list of allowed uses, with the exception of portable air purification systems.

The full FAQ from the Department of Education can be found [here](#).