



Get to Know:

**Coronavirus Response and Relief
Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act:**

**Emergency Assistance to Non-Public
Schools (EANS) Grant**



- As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, (CRRSA Act) Public Law 116-260, Congress set aside *\$2.75 billion* of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund specifically to *provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in non-public schools through the Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools (EANS) program.*
- The purpose of the EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the state.
- Non-public schools are eligible to apply for funding under EANS provided that the school was in existence *prior to March 13, 2020 and is not applying for or receiving a second round of the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) on or after December 27, 2020.*
- Non-public schools are required to submit an application to receive services or assistance through the EANS program. *Additional information on the timing and process for applying for EANS assistance is forthcoming.*



For purposes of the EANS program, an eligible non-public school is an elementary or secondary school that is:

- Non-profit;

A **for-profit** non-public school is **not eligible** to receive equitable services for its students and teachers under the EANS program.

- Accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law;
- Was in existence prior to March 13, 2020, the date the President declared the national emergency due to COVID-19; and
- Did not, and will not, apply for and receive a loan under the PPP (15 U.S.C. 636[a][37]) that is made on or after December 27, 2020.



- On February 22, 2021, Governor Sununu submitted a signed certification and agreement for New Hampshire's EANS award.
- An application for funding will be released on or before March 25, 2021 - 30 days from New Hampshire's receipt of the EANS funds.
- The contact information used for the Low Income Data Request will be utilized for the application release.

✓ **Please ensure the State has your correct contact information.**

✓ Please provide the information to Shireen Meskoob ***as soon as possible.***

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Purpose:

The purpose of the EANS program is to provide services to eligible non-public schools to address the educational disruptions caused by COVID-19.

- This is a separate program under GEER II.
- Local education agencies (LEAs) are not required to provide equitable services for funds received under the CRRSA Act.
- The state education agency (SEA) will administer the program and provide the services to eligible non-public schools under the EANS program.
- Eligible non-public schools must submit an application to the state/SEA as required to ensure expedited and timely provision of services or assistance.

EANS funds may be used for the following, as related to the Purpose, reference above:

- ✓ Reimbursement of expenses from March 13, 2020 forward.
- ✓ Items and services to be purchased.

What May EANS Funds be Used For?



New Hampshire

Department of Education

A non-public school may apply to receive services and assistance from the state or its contractors to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 for:

Expenditures that support immediate need:

1. Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
 2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 3. Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
 4. Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
 5. Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
 6. Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
 7. Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
 8. Educational technology
 9. Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
 10. Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
 11. Reasonable transportation costs
 12. Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
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13. Reimbursement for the expenses of any services or assistance described above that a non-public school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, except for services or assistance described in D-3.



The direct answer: The State of New Hampshire

- Control of funds for services and assistance provided to a non-public school under the EANS program and title to materials, equipment and property purchased with such funds, must be in a public agency, and a public agency must administer such funds, materials, equipment, and property.
- Reimbursements by the state to non-public schools for allowable expenses meet the public control requirements.
- Services for a non-public school must be provided by a public agency directly or through contract with another public or private entity.



If I have received, or am receiving, equitable services under ESSER I, do the services or assistance provided under the EANS program need to be different?

The direct answer: No.

- The services provided to a non-public school under the EANS program may be the same as, or similar to, the equitable services the non-public school is receiving or has received under a CARES Act program.
- However, the services or assistance must be additive to what was provided under a CARES Act program.
- Under the EANS program, services or assistance to non-public schools include those authorized services in section 312(d)(4), nearly all of which are also authorized equitable services under the CARES Act programs.



What does “Obligated” Mean?

The regulations at [34 C.F.R. § 76.707](#) govern when an obligation of Federal funds by an SEA occurs. Specifically, for services or assistance provided through a contract, the obligation is made on the date the SEA makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services or work. For rental of real or personal property, the obligation is made when the property is used.

What happens to EANS funds that have not been obligated for services or assistance to non-public schools within six months of the SEA receiving the funds?

- If an SEA complies with its responsibilities under the EANS program (e.g., notifies non-public schools of the availability of funds under the EANS program, develops a reasonable application process with reasonable deadlines, and relies on generally available data sources), and presuming an adequate level of demand from non-public schools given the nature of the emergency, it seems unlikely that the SEA will have unobligated funds remaining after six months.
- In the event there is insufficient demand for services or assistance and the SEA has unobligated funds remaining six months after receiving those funds, the statute requires the SEA to return those funds to the Governor for any authorized use under the GEER II Fund, including services and assistance for non-public-school students and teachers.

Timeline Overview



New Hampshire

Department of Education

February 22, 2021: State applied for EANS grant.

February 25, 2021: State received EANS grant funds.

Between these deadlines:

March 25, 2021: State will release final allocations and application with reimbursement / purchase template.

April 2nd, 2021: “How To” Webinar for Application & Template completion – *invite to follow.*

April 25, 2021: **Deadline** State must receive completed applications from Non-Public Schools.

August 25, 2021: EANS Funds must be obligated for services or assistance for non-public schools 6 months from the State’s receipt of funds.

*Allocations & Low Income Data:

February 22, 2021: Initial request sent by Katie Murphy, deadline March 5, 2021

February 26, 2021: Follow up request sent by Katie Murphy.

March 9, 2021: Final request sent by Shireen Meskoob. Deadline March 10, 2021.

March 17, 2021: Preliminary Allocations calculated and released to non-public schools.

March 18, 2021: “Get to Know EANS” Webinar

March 19, 2021: **Deadline** for non-public schools to confirm their intent to apply for EANS funds.

- *If you receive an allocation, you are NOT REQUIRED to accept the funding.*

Low income data is necessary to complete the EANS fund allocation formula, as defined by the Feds.



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