Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools

EANS II Application Information October 19, 2021



EANS II Program Overview

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act), Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), authorized a second round of funding (ARP EANS) to provide services or assistance to non-public schools.

North Carolina has received \$82 million for distribution.

EANS II Program Overview

- Though the **Governor applied** for EANS II funds, the statute requires that State educational agencies (SEAs) administer the program.
- In accepting an EANS II award, the Governor automatically designates the SEA to administer the EANS II program.

EANS II Program Partners

- Office of the Governor
- NC Department of Administration-Division of Non-Public Education (DOA)

- NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)
- NC Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO)

EANS II Timeline

- Governor's Application approved on September 24, 2021
- 30-day window to open application to approximately over 700 eligible schools (Application opened October 18, 2021)
- 6 months to obligate EANS II funds through procurement requests
- Period of availability will be through 9/30/2024

EANS II Assistance Amounts

- Assistance amounts will be determined once final number of approved applications are determined.
- Applications
 - Open October 18, 2021
 - Close November 5, 2021

EANS II Application Timeline

Application Link to Complete:

https://forms.office.com/r/M5WUbT3aNx

- All Applications will be reviewed and approved by November 14, 2021.
- Assistance Letters with award amounts will be sent to all approved schools November 15, 2021.
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- Procurement Requests using EANS II funds may begin November 15, 2021.

EANS II Website Resources

 <u>https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-</u> <u>schools/federal-program-</u> <u>monitoring/emergency-assistance-nonpublic-</u> <u>schools-eans</u>

 A non-public school may apply to receive services or assistance from NCDPI or its contractors to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 with EANS II funds if the school has a student population of 40% or higher low-income students

- 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 to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
- 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

 No services or assistance provided through the EANS II program may be processed through reimbursement, in accordance with Section 2002(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act. Therefore, any services or assistance provided through the EANS II program will be processed through a State procurement process.

 To maintain control over the EANS funds, NCDPI must ensure that the non-public school's requested services or assistance are allowable expenses and that the NCDPI or another public agency retains title to materials, equipment, and property.

 The non-public school identified in Section A that receives services of assistance under the ARP EANS program will cooperate with any examination of records by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the U.S. Department of Education and/or its Inspector General; (ii) any other Federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority; (iii) any State agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority.

 For additional information on allowable services or assistance, please see the Frequently Asked Questions posted online at <u>https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescueplan/american-rescue-plan-emergencyassistance-to-non-public-schools/</u>

Application Overview



EANS II Program Application Form

Application for non-public schools to receive services or assistance through the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS II) program. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act), Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), authorized a second round of funding (ARP EANS) to provide services or assistance to non-public schools. With two exceptions, the requirements of ARP EANS are the same as those in section 312(d) of the CRRSA Act. The two exceptions are: (1) a State educational agency (SEA) may only provide services or assistance under ARP EANS to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of students (40% or higher) from low-income families[1] and are most impacted by the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency and (2) an SEA may not use ARP EANS funds to provide reimbursements to any non-public school for costs the school incurred to address the impact of COVID-19 emergency.[2]

[1] Under these final requirements, "students from low-income families" has the same meaning as "low-income students" under section 2002(a) of the ARP Act. "Students from low-income families" is a term used in section 312(d) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021.

[2] Reimbursement to a non-public school for costs the school incurred to address the impact of COVID-19 was a previously authorized service under section 312(d)(4)(M) of the CRRSA Act.

Paperwork Burden Statement: According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1810-0751. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this collection, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

* Required

PART A: Cover Sheet

1. What is the First Letter of the Name of the School? *

Include articles such as "A", "An", and "The" in the school name. Example: If the school name is "The Academy" the school begins with the letter T.

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2. Name of School (A - C) *

Select your answer

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3. Name of School (D - G) *

Select your answer

4. Name of School (H - L) *

Select your answer

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9. Physical Mailing Address of School *

(Street Number and Name, City, State, Zip Code)

Enter your answer

10. Full Name of Authorized Representative of the School *

Enter your answer

11. Email Address of Authorized Representative of the School *

Enter your answer

12. Telephone Number of Authorized Representative of the School *

Please enter the telephone number using the format of (123) 456-7890

Enter your answer

13. Full Name of a Secondary Authorized Representative of the School *

Enter your answer

14. Email Address of a Secondary Authorized Representative of the School *

Enter your answer

15. Telephone Number of a Secondary Authorized Representative of the School *

Please enter the telephone number using the format of (123) 456-7890

Enter your answer

16. What was your EANS I School ID # established by NCDPI? (Required for schools that participated in EANS I).

Enter your answer

PART B: Non-Public School Eligibility

At its discretion, NCDPI may require a non-public school application to submit reasonable and appropriate documentation to substantiate one or more of these assurances.

NOTE: If a non-public school applies for a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, but does not receive funds under the PPP, the school may apply for services or assistance under the EANS II program, as long as the non-public school meets the requirements and deadlines of this application. If a non-public school applied for or received a PPP loan prior to December 27, 2020, it remains eligible for the EANS II program. Similarly, if a non-public school applies for but does not receive services or assistance through EANS II, nothing in the Education Stabilization Fund would preclude the nonpublic school from applying for and receiving a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020.

17. By checking the box below, I affirm that the following statements are true and correct regarding my school *

- The school requesting services or assistance is a non-profit school.
- The school requesting services or assistance is accredited, licensed, or otherwise approved to operate in accordance with State law.
- The school requesting services or assistance existed and operated prior to March 13, 2020.
- The school requesting services or assistance did not and will not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(37)) that is made on or after December 27, 2020.
- None of the services or assistance for which I am requesting Support in Part D of this EANS II application have already been supported by a loan under the PPP.

I affirm the above statements are true and correct regarding my school

Enrollment and Low-Income Data EANS II requires >40%

Section 312(d)(3)(C) requires NCDPI to prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students **(EANS II requires over 40% low income)** and are most impacted by COVID-19. Accordingly, the State requests that the school provide the data described below. Such data must not include personally-identifiable information about students or their families.

The NCDPI has discretion to identify the data source(s) it will accept when calculating the number of students enrolled in a non-public school in school year 2020-2021 who are from low-income families. NCDPI also has discretion in determining what it means for a family to have a low income (i.e., NCDPI sets a particular threshold, which could be a percentage of the Federal poverty level or another amount). NCDPI should make such information readily available and ensure that the definition of "low-income" it uses is the same for all non-public schools. NCDPI should select reliable source(s) of data that are least burdensome on non-public schools and families and may permit the use of multiple data sources.

To the extent non-public schools have the following readily available, possible data sources might include:

- free or reduced-price lunch data,
- scholarship or financial assistance data,
- E-Rate data, or

• other relevant data, such as data that the non-public school has provided to the State for purposes of State or local programs.

For non-public schools where such data are not readily available, and in order to avoid new or unnecessary data collections from non-public schools and families, the following are potential sources of estimates of the number of students from low-income families:

• data inputing the number of students from low-income families based on the American Community Survey (ACS) or the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program by the U.S. Census Bureau, or <u>EANS II Family Survey</u> form

18. Total student enrollment of the school in the 2021-2022 school year *

Please enter a number greater than 0

19. Number of students from low-income families enrolled in the school in the 2021-2022 school year *

Please enter a number greater than or equal to 0

20. This number is from the following data source(s) *

Free or reduced-price lunch data/EANS II Family Survey Form

- Scholarship or financial assistance data
- E-Rate data

Other relevant data, such as data that the non-public school has provided to the State for purposes of State or local programs

Data imputing the number of students from low-income families based on the American Community Survey (ACS) or the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) program by the U.S. Census Bureau

Proportionality data: the number of students enrolled in a non-public school who reside in a Title I school attendance area multiplied by the percentage of public school students in that same attendance area who are from low-income families. If the non-public school has students who reside in more than one Title I school attendance area, multiple calculations would be necessary.

Unknown data

Other data sources (enter data source information below)

22. Percentage of total students in the school who are students from low-income families. (EANS II requires for approval in the program the percentage must be 40% or higher) *

(i.e., Answer 18 divided by Answer 17)

Number must be between $0 \sim 100$

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

Section 312(d)(3)(C) requires NCDPI to prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19. Accordingly, the State requests that the school provide the data described below. Such data must not include personally-identifiable information about students or their families.

23. Did the school receive a loan guaranteed under the PPP before December 27, 2020? *

Yes

No

24. What was the total amount of the PPP loan? *

Please enter a number greater than 0

25. Do you certify that any funds received under the EANS II program will be services or assistance not already funded by the PPP loan? *

Yes

No

Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

Section 312(d)(3)(C) requires NCDPI to prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19. Accordingly, the State requests that the school provide the data described below. Such data must not include personally-identifiable information about students or their families.

26. Did the school receive Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)? *

Yes

No

27. What was the total amount of the CRF funds received? *

Please enter a number greater than 0

28. Do you certify that any funds received under the EANS II program will be services or assistance not already funded by the CRF funds? *



No

PART C: Non-Public School Data

Impact of COVID-19

Section 312(d)(3)(C) requires NCDPI to prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19. Accordingly, the State requests that the school provide the data described below. Such data must not include personally-identifiable information about students or their families.

29. Describe and/or quantify the impact of COVID-19 on your school *

Factors that NCDPI might consider in determining non-public schools that are most impacted by COVID-19 include but are not limited to: (1) loss of tuition revenue; (2) decrease in enrollment; (3) lack of capacity to provide remote learning due to insufficient technological support; and (4) data documenting the extent of learning loss attributable to the educational disruptions caused by COVID-19.

IMPORTANT: please limit response to 4,000 characters or less.

Enter your answer

PART C: Non-Public School Data

Receipt of Equitable Services Under the CARES Act

Section 312(d)(3)(C) requires NCDPI to prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by COVID-19. Accordingly, the State requests that the school provide the data described below. Such data must not include personally-identifiable information about students or their families.

30. Did the school receive equitable services from an LEA under the CARES Act? *

Yes

No

31. Select one or more items below to apply for services or assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 *

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 to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
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

32. I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information in this application is true and correct. I further understand that knowingly making a false statement or misrepresentation on this application may subject me to criminal or civil penalties under applicable State and Federal laws. *

Yes

🔵 No

EANS II Next Steps

- EANS II Application due on or before November 5, 2021
 - Approval or Denial Letter will be sent upon review of the application
- Week of November 15, 2021
 - Assistance Letters to non-public schools approved for EANS II will be sent with procurement instructions

EANS II Next Steps

- EANS II Technical Assistance Webinar for Procurement Procedures will occur the week of November 15, 2021
- EANS II Procurement Timeline
 - EANS II Procurement Requests begin November 15
 - EANS II Procurement Ends March 24, 2021 (6-month obligation period-Sept. 24-March 24, 2021

EANS II Next Steps

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Due no later than November 5, 2021

Questions

