

Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools

EANS

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What is it?

In the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) the federal government set aside \$2.75 Billion for the EANs program. This program is a subset of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER).

Pennsylvania has been allocated \$150,022,294.00 in EANs ROUND 1 funding.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) bill which was passed and signed into law in March 2021 created a second round of EANs funding in the same amount of \$2.75 Billion. If Governor Wolf applies for the second round of EANs funding for the state of PA we can expect that the amount available to PA non-public schools should be the same/similar to the first round of EANs. The primary difference between EANs 1 and EANs 2 is that 2 does not allow for any reimbursement.

The details of the second round of EANs funding have not been fully determined at this point, so our focus is on EANs Round 1.

Who can receive EANs funding?

A non-public elementary or secondary school that meets the following criteria:

- Is non-profit
- Is accredited, licensed, OR otherwise operates in accordance with State Law
- Was in existence prior to March 13, 2020
- Did not, and will not, apply for an receive a loan under the SBA PPP that is made on or after December 27, 2020

How much money are we talking about?

Currently, the state has established a baseline funding level of \$460 per enrolled K-12 student, based on your 2019 enrollment. There is an effort to get the state to give schools the option of using either the 2019 or 2020 enrollment figures.

If a school had 100 students enrolled in K-12 grades in the fall of 2019, they would receive a minimum of \$46,000 in potential EANs funding.

This figure will certainly go up. Likely, it will go up in a significant way. Why?

- The baseline is based on all non-public schools participating. Many won't, which will increase the money available to those schools who are participating.
- The \$460/student is only 70% of baseline funds. The other 30% of baseline funds is going to be allocated based on schools low-income students.
- It is likely that final funding in EANs Round 1 will end up being closer to \$700-800 per enrolled student PLUS the low-income allocation. Keep in mind, there is the potential for this to then double in EANs 2.

How can I spend the money?

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities (See D-3)
- 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 (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) to assist students, educators, and other staff with remote or hybrid learning
- Redeveloping instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning, or to address learning loss
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure safe social distancing
- Reasonable transportation costs
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
- 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-8. (See section 312(d)(4)).

How do I get the money?

- You should have received a notice from your Intermediate Unit.
- That notice would include a request for you to submit an Intent to Apply by April 2nd.
- The reason for this Intent to Apply is to allow the state to adjust the baseline.
- EANS applications will begin to be sent out on March 29, and are due back by April 22. Late applications WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
- EANS Round 1 Funds will be provided to schools on or before May 26th, 2021