## ***Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education***

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| **Name of Funding Opportunity:** ARP Act: Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS-II) |

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| **Purpose:** | A component of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), the **ARP** **Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS-II)** program authorized a second round of funding to provide services or assistance to non-public schools to address the impact the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has had and continues to have on the non-public school community. The EANS-II program prioritizes services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. |
| **Priorities:** | A non-public school receiving services or assistance under the EANS program shall use such services or assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 emergency for:  (A) supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities;  (B) personal protective equipment;  (C) improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems to ensure healthy air in the non-public school;  (D) training and professional development for staff on sanitation, the use of personal protective equipment, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases;  (E) physical barriers to facilitate social distancing;  (F) other materials, supplies, or equipment to implement public health protocols, including guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff during the qualifying emergency;  (G) expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress coronavirus, to conduct surveillance and contact tracing activities, and to support other activities related to coronavirus testing for students, teachers, and staff at the non-public school;  (H) educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) to assist students, educators, and other staff with remote or hybrid learning;  (I) redeveloping instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss;  (J) leasing of sites or spaces to ensure safe social distancing to implement public health protocols, including guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;  (K) reasonable transportation costs;  (L) initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss.  All services or assistance provided, including equipment, materials, and any other items, shall be secular, neutral, and non-ideological. Furthermore, funds cannot be used to provide direct or indirect financial assistance to scholarship granting organizations or related entities for elementary or secondary education, or to provide or support vouchers, tuition tax credit programs, education savings accounts, scholarships, scholarship programs, or tuition-assistance programs for elementary or secondary education.  Unlike EANS-I, EANS-II funds may not be used to provide reimbursements to any non-public school for costs the school incurred to address the impact of COVID-19 emergency.  DESE must maintain control of funds for the services or assistance provided to a non-public school, and title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with EANS funds. |
| **Eligibility:** | Non-public K-12 schools are eligible to apply if they are:   1. Are a non-public elementary or secondary school in Massachusetts; 2. Are approved to operate as a non-public school under Massachusetts General Law; 3. Are a non-profit entity in existence prior to March 13, 2020; and 4. Did not participate in the second federal Paycheck Protection Program (on or after December 27, 2020). Those who participated in PPP before December 27, 2020, are still eligible. 5. Serve a low-income student population that is greater than or equal to 25.9% of the total enrollment of the school   In accordance with U.S. Ed’s ARP EANS guidance, a State educational agency may only provide services or assistance under ARP EANS to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families (families at or below 185% of the federal poverty level). U.S. Ed approved a low-income threshold of 25.9% for Massachusetts to use in determining a non-public school’s eligibility for EANS-II funding.  Lastly, DESE will use the number of COVID-19 infections per capita in the community or communities served by the non-public school to determine the extent to which a non-public school has been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. |
| **Funding:** | Federal CFDA 84.425V  $24,626,386 to be awarded to eligible non-public schools  $200,000 for DESE’s administration of the program  Funding is contingent upon availability. All dollar amounts listed are estimated/approximate and are subject to change. If more funding becomes available, it will be distributed under the same guidelines that appear in this RFP document. |
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| **Project Duration and Timeline:** | February 25, 2022 through September 30, 2024.  Non-public schools that desire to participate in the program must complete and submit the EANS Application Part A by Friday, April 8, 2022 @ 11:59PM EST.  DESE announces award amounts to non-public schools beginning in either late April or early May of 2022.  All funds will be obligated to awarded non-public schools on a rolling basis and no later than July 26, 2022.  Expenditures of awards will continue through September 30, 2024. |
| **Program Unit:** | [Resource Allocation Strategy and Planning](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/) |
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| **Phone Number:** | (781) 338-6230 |
| **Date Due:** | **Friday, April 8, 2022** |
| **Required Forms:** | * EANS-II Application |
| **Additional Information:**  **Submission Instructions:** | * [EANS program homepage – U.S. Department of Education](https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/emergency-assistance-non-public-schools/) * [U.S. Department of Education – EANS Fact Sheet](https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/01/FINAL_-GEER_FactSheet_1.8.21.pdf) * [U.S. Department of Education – EANS FAQ](https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/01/Final_EANS_FAQs_1.14.21.pdf) * EANS PowerPoint presentation - DESE   Non-public schools that desire to participate in the program must complete and submit the EANS-II Application by Friday, April 8, 2022 @ 11:59PM EST.  Non-public schools will be notified of their eligibility and award amounts within a few weeks of the April 8, 2022 submission date. |
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