## Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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| **Name of Funding Opportunity:** CRRSA Act: Emergency Assistance for Non-public Schools (EANS) |

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| **Purpose:** | A component of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), the **Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)** program was created 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. |
| **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; or  (M) reimbursement for the necessary, reasonable, and documented expenses of any services or assistance described above that the non-public school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, with the following exceptions:   1. Section (C) shall not be reimbursable, except that portable air purification systems shall be an allowable reimbursable expense 2. Section (D) shall not be reimbursable 3. Section (I) shall not be reimbursable 4. Section (L) shall not be reimbursable 5. any non-public school that has received a “Paycheck Protection Program” loan guaranteed under the federal Small Business Act as of December 26, 2020 shall not be eligible for reimbursements described here for any expenses reimbursed through such loan; and 6. any non-public school that has received a grant under the MA Coronavirus Relief Health and Safety Grant Program for Nonpublic K-12 Schools program funded through GEER as offered by the Commonwealth Corporation shall not be eligible for reimbursements described here for any expenses reimbursed through the grant.   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.  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. A non-public elementary or secondary school in Massachusetts 2. Approved to operate as a non-public school under Massachusetts General Law 3. A non-profit entity 4. Currently operating and in existence prior to March 13, 2020   Nonpublic K-12 schools that participated in the second Paycheck Protection Program under the federal Small Business Act on or after December 27, 2020 are not eligible. Furthermore, non-public K-12 schools that plan to participate in the second Paycheck Protection Program under the federal Small Business Act on or after December 27, 2020 are not eligible.  The EANS program will prioritize services or assistance to non-public schools that enroll low-income students and are most impacted by the qualifying emergency. |
| **Funding:** | Federal CFDA 84.425R  $24,025,048  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 22, 2021 through September 30, 2023.  Non-public schools that desire to participate in the program must complete and submit the EANS Application Part A by Friday, March 19, 2021 @ 11:59PM EST.  DESE announces award amounts to non-public schools in April 2021.  Schools submit Application Part B (budgets and other information) on a rolling basis, but no later than June 30, 2020.  All funds will be obligated to awarded non-public schools on a rolling basis upon receipt of Application Part B, and no later than August 22, 2021.  Expenditures of awards will continue through September 30, 2023. |
| **Program Unit:** | [Resource Allocation Strategy and Planning](http://www.doe.mass.edu/federalgrants/) |
| **Contact:** | [EANS@mass.gov](mailto:EANS@mass.gov) |
| **Phone Number:** | (781) 338-6230 |
| **Date Due:** | **Friday, March 19, 2021 for EANS Application Part A**  **June 30, 2021 for EANS Application Part B** |
| **Required Forms:** | * [EANS Application Part A](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6206830/Massachusetts-EANS-Application-Part-A) * EANS Application Part B |
| **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 Application Part A](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6206830/Massachusetts-EANS-Application-Part-A) by Friday, March 19, 2021 @ 11:59PM EST.  Non-public schools will be notified of their eligibility and award amounts within a few weeks of the March 19, 2021 submission date.  Awarded non-public schools must complete and submit EANS Application Part B by Wednesday, June 30. |
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