ARP EANS Training



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Summary – EANS

- The Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program was first authorized under the CRRSA Act. It is part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) program.

- The purpose of the EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the state.

- Ohio received a CRRSA EANS award of $154,896,274. The Ohio Department of Education administers the CRRSA EANS program.

Summary – ARP EANS

- As part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Congress set aside an additional $2.75 billion to provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in nonpublic schools through the ARP EANS program.

- The purpose of ARP EANS is to provide services or assistance to eligible nonpublic schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on nonpublic school students and teachers in the state.

- On October 28, 2021, Ohio received the ARP EANS award of $155,190,488. The Ohio Department of Education (the Department) is responsible for the administration of the EANS program.

Summary – ARP EANS

- The Department's timeline and process for determining the schools that are eligible for ARP EANS can be found in CCIP Note 483.
- The Department's application process can be found in CCIP Note 488.
- The Department contracted with Education Service Centers (ESCs) across Ohio to provide ARP EANS services.

Summary – ARP EANS

- 149 schools across Ohio received an ARP EANS Final Service Amount.
- 25 ESCs have been contracted to provide ARP EANS services to these schools.
- ARP EANS has a period of availability until September 30, 2024.
- Please refer to CCIP Note 502 for additional information on the ARP EANS Final Service Amounts and ESC service providers.

Consultation

- In May and June, ESCs will consult with nonpublic schools to prepare to provide ARP EANS services.
- Nonpublic schools should be prepared to discuss the requested ARP EANS services during consultation with the ESC to assist in determining the manner, method and process of providing allowable ARP EANS services.
- It is important to note that reimbursements are unallowable in ARP EANS, therefore all services must be rendered by the ESC or third-party provider contracted by the ESC.

ARP EANS Services

1. Must meet the purpose and intent of EANS.
2. Must fall into an allowable service category.
3. Must meet the other requirements of the EANS program.

1. Purpose and Intent of EANS

The purpose and intent of EANS is to provide services or assistance to eligible nonpublic schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on nonpublic school students and teachers in the state.

2. Allowable Services

- 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

2. Allowable Services (Cont.)

- 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

2. Allowable Services (Cont.)

Installation of equipment or supplies purchased with EANS funds (See EANS FAQ, page 7):

May EANS funds be used to pay for the installation of equipment or supplies purchased with EANS funds?

Yes. To the extent the purchase of supplies or equipment is allowable under the EANS program, EANS funds may be used to pay the costs of installation as long as the SEA and ESC as the public entity contracted by the SEA for EANS can do so consistent with other applicable requirements. Section 312(d)(7) of the CRRSA Act, for example, requires an SEA or another public agency to keep title to materials, equipment and property purchased with EANS funds and the public agency must administer such materials, equipment, and property. Additionally, 34 C.F.R. § 76.661 requires that equipment and supplies purchased with EANS funds must be able to be removed from a nonpublic school without remodeling the nonpublic school facility. Moreover, under 34 C.F.R. § 76.662, an SEA is prohibited from using EANS funds for construction.

2. Allowable Services (Cont.)

Installation of equipment or supplies purchased by the nonpublic school for purpose of improving its ventilation system (See EANS FAQ, page 8):

May EANS funds be used to pay for the installation of equipment or supplies purchased by a nonpublic school for purposes of improving its ventilation system? *Yes. EANS funds generally may only be used for the costs of installation of supplies or equipment that is otherwise allowable and not for installation of supplies or equipment that is not otherwise allowable. However, because section 312(d)(4)(C) of the CRRSA Act authorizes the use of funds for improving ventilation systems, an ESC may use EANS funds to install supplies or equipment that are otherwise unallowable as long as such supplies or equipment are needed to improve a nonpublic school's ventilation system. For example, purchasing new windows for a nonpublic school using EANS funds would be inconsistent with the public control of funds requirements in section 312(d)(7) of the CRRSA Act and 34 C.F.R. § 76.661. However, to the extent a nonpublic school uses its own funds to purchase new windows for the purpose of improving ventilation (e.g., replacing windows that do not open with ones that do), an ESC may use EANS funds for the installation of such windows.*

3. Additional Requirements

- Section 312(d)(7) of the CRRSA Act requires an SEA or another public agency to keep title to materials, equipment and property purchased with EANS funds and the public agency must administer such materials, equipment, and property.
- 34 C.F.R. § 76.661 requires that equipment and supplies purchased with EANS funds must be able to be removed from a nonpublic school without remodeling the nonpublic school facility.
- 34 C.F.R. § 76.662, prohibits EANS funds from being used for construction.

Helpful Resources

- CCIP Note 502 – ARP EANS Final Service Amounts and Next Steps to Receive Services

- ARP EANS Final Service Amounts

- EANS Frequently Asked Questions

- EANS Service and Assistance Guide



Questions?