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Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS)

Frequently Asked Questions

Webinar

1. Is the EANS Step-by-Step Application Process webinar available?
The [EANS Step-by-Step Application Process webinar](#) is posted on ISBE.net.

IWAS

2. "Pending district/entity admin approval" appears when IWAS access is requested. How is this resolved?

A nonpublic school administrator receives a notification in IWAS to approve the user. Once the administrator approves access, the user may apply. The approval updates the "pending district/entity admin approval" allowing the grant to appear on the systems listing.

3. Is a confirmation notice sent when the application is completed?

No, but the applicant can review the grant status in IWAS.

Eligibility

4. Does a nonpublic school need to be recognized or registered to be eligible? What are the eligibility requirements?

A nonpublic school must be registered and/or recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education; be nonprofit, accredited, licensed, or otherwise operate in accordance with state law; be in existence prior to March 13, 2020; and did not -- and will not -- apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) on or after December 27, 2020. ISBE is utilizing the 2019-2020 ISBE registered nonpublic school list.

5. Is a nonpublic school eligible to apply for EANS if Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) services were provided by a Local Education Agency (LEA)?

Yes, a nonpublic school receiving ESSER services is eligible to apply for EANS.

6. Is a nonpublic school eligible to apply for EANS if it applied and received a PPP loan?

A nonpublic school that applied for and received a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, is not eligible for EANS. A nonpublic school that applied for and received a PPP loan prior to December 27, 2020, is eligible to receive services or assistance under the EANS program.

7. Is the EANS program strictly for nonpublic schools?

Yes, the EANS program is for nonpublic schools.

8. If schools consolidated at the end of last year, can enrollment numbers used for EANS be updated for this year?

No, nonpublic school enrollment/registration data is collected in the Nonpublic Registration Renewal Report IWAS system. After nonpublic schools submit the data, they can view their submission. Nonpublic schools may contact the ISBE's Nonpublic Department for corrections/updates to the data until June 30. After June 30th, the data collection closes, and no further changes are made.

9. How can a nonpublic school update low-income student data?

No, nonpublic school enrollment/registration data is collected in the Nonpublic Registration Renewal Report IWAS system. After nonpublic schools submit the data, they can view their submission. Nonpublic schools may contact the ISBE's Nonpublic Department for corrections/updates to the data until June 30. After June 30th, the data collection closes, and no further changes are made.

Application

10. What is the deadline to complete the application? Will there be an extension?

All applications must be submitted in IWAS on or before March 21, 2021. There will not be an extension.

11. When does the EANS application process open?

The EANS application process opened February 22, 2021.

12. What is the allowable timeframe for services?

The services are available from March 13, 2020, to September 30, 2023.

13. When do you expect service amounts to be added to the grant application?

The service amounts will be added after all grant applications have been submitted to ISBE and calculations determined.

14. Does "Budget Description" under the Program-Specific tab need to be completed before submitting the initial application? Or can this page be completed after service amounts are added?

Yes, the Budget Description tab must be completed with the anticipated services or assistance prior to submitting the initial application.

15. Will a nonpublic school be allowed to amend the budget after the service amount is determined?

Yes, a nonpublic school will be allowed to amend the application.

16. Do ESSER services need to be completed prior to applying for EANS?

No, ESSER and EANS are separate programs; services can occur simultaneously.

17. Are purchase orders and invoices for future expenses submitted in the application? Or are these submitted after the service amount is added?

No, purchase orders and invoices for futures expenses are not submitted in the application. The public entity will require the purchase order and invoices for expenditures.

18. The program ends on September 30, 2023. Does the application cover a three-year period?

The EANS program is from March 13, 2020, to September 30, 2023. The FY21 application period ends September 30, 2021. Any unexpended funds will carryover and the grant process continue to the next fiscal year(s), as applicable.

Allowable

19. Is instructional technology equipment an allowable service?

Yes, technology equipment to assist students and/or staff is an allowable service. All services must meet the intent of the grant -- to respond to, prepare for, and prevent COVID-19.

20. Are instructional materials (books) to respond to learning loss due to COVID-19 allowable?

Yes, providing instructional materials to respond to learning loss due to COVID-19 is an allowable service.

21. Are cleaning services allowable?

Yes, cleaning services that meet the intent of the grant are allowable.

22. Can staff be paid a stipend for curriculum work for summer school instruction to bridge the gap or can this be provided by a third-party contractor? Can the teacher be a third-party provider?

Yes, staff can be paid a stipend for curriculum planning for summer school instruction or this service can be provided by a third-party contractor. A teacher may be contracted through the public entity as a third-party provider.

23. Would a summer program for learning loss that is run by teachers be available only to low-income students or would it be available to any students experiencing learning loss?

EANS services or assistance may be provided to all students.

Reimbursement

24. Will reimbursements flow directly to nonpublic schools from ISBE?

Nonpublic schools receive services, not funds. Reimbursements flow from the public entity to the service provider. If the nonpublic schools have expenditures backdated to March 13, 2020, allowable services that meet the intent of the grant may be reimbursed to the nonpublic school.

25. Are orders for services/supplies submitted to ISBE?

All orders and invoices will be submitted to the public entity.

General

26. Will nonpublic schools be included in ESSER II?

Nonpublic schools will receive services through EANS, not ESSER II.

27. How much money is allocated for EANS?

The U.S. Department of Education has allocated \$84 million to Illinois for the EANS grant.