

**American Rescue Plan  
Emergency Assistance to  
Non-Public Schools (ARP EANS II)  
Recipient's  
Office Hour & Work Session**

**September 8, 2022**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Office of Federal Emergency Relief Programs (OFERP)**

# OFERP Introductions

- Shelly Chasse-Johndro, Director
- Kevin Harrington, GEER/EANS Coordinator
- Robert Palmer, EANS Procurement Analyst

Please take a moment to add your name and school affiliation in the chat box.

# Today's Topics

- ARP EANS II – Allocation
- ARP EANS II – Allowable
- ARP EANS II – Application Approval
- ARP EANS II – Procurement
- Conflict of Interest/Ethics
- Receipt of Goods & Services
- Resources – Contact Information – Good To Know – Q & A

# ARP EANS II Allowable Considerations

When considering the twelve allowable use categories be mindful that:

Costs must be:

1. Allowable - (part of the allowable categories)
2. Reasonable - (what a prudent person would pay for an item or service)
3. Necessary - (as a result of the ongoing impact of COVIDS 19)

# ARP EANS II Allowable Uses

## Eligible Services and Assistance

A nonpublic school may apply to receive services or assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 for:

- 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 sanitation, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
- COVID-19 testing and tracing
- 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
- Other materials, supplies, or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss

# ARP EANS II Application Approval

- Identify necessary/allowable needs for use of funds.
- Complete all requirements of the Application
- Save & Submit the completed Application
- Application is Reviewed by the EANS Team
- Reopened for modifications if needed.
- Approved

# ARP EANS II Procurement

1. • Schools may not directly make any purchases.
2. • No reimbursements are allowed for ARP EANS II.
3. • MDOE will collaborate with State Procurement to purchase allowable ARP EANS II goods and services for schools.
4. Maine procurement and fiscal laws, rules and policies apply to all purchases.
5. DOE/Procurement works with school, vendor(s), makes selection of vendor. If a school has recommended a vendor, MDOE/Procurement will determine whether the goods/services may be purchased from that vendor.

# Conflict of Interest/Ethics

1. Federal and state laws and policies require ethical behavior and avoidance of conflicts of interest.
2. ARP EANS II procurements are subject to audit.
3. When spending public funds, it is essential to always act ethically.
4. Do not request approval for purchases from family members or other vendors with potential conflicts of interest
5. Do not accept gifts or other incentives from ARP EANS II vendors or potential ARP EANS II vendors
6. If you have any questions regarding conflicts of interest or ethics, contact ([EANSProgram.DOE@maine.gov](mailto:EANSProgram.DOE@maine.gov)).



# ARP EANS II Receipt of Goods

1. Vendor delivers goods/performs service. All items must be tagged in accordance with EANS funds and inventoried yearly.  
Tag Example: Inventory Number 107, CRRSA EANS II, Maine Department of Education
2. School confirms delivery or performance of service to EANS dedicated email box([EANSProgram.DOE@maine.gov](mailto:EANSProgram.DOE@maine.gov)).
3. DOE will pay all vendors directly.

# Good To Know

1. The **ARP Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS II)** program was created by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act), Pub. L. No. 117-2 on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act extends the EANS program authorized under section 312(d) of the CRRSA Act, which is intended to support non-public (private) schools' response to COVID-19.
2. The school is responsible for keeping all records and supporting documents as they pertain to EANS.
3. If you have questions about the process or accessing the online application, please submit your inquiry to the EANS mailbox, [EANSProgram.DOE@maine.gov](mailto:EANSProgram.DOE@maine.gov).
4. Allow additional time for procurement of services.

# Any Questions



# Resources

- [US DOE EANS](#)
- <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19/fedrelief>
- <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/09/Final-EANS-FAQ-Update-9.17.21.pdf>
- <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aai:d:scds:US:6b6c0d56-a68c-3eb7-98d8-a252235c45e6>

# Acronyms

- EANS: Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools
- CRRSA EANS I: Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, EANS I
- ARP EANS II: Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools under the American Rescue Plan Act, EANS II
- NPS= Non-Public School

# Contact Information

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