# CRRSA EANS I (Round Two) Statewide Training
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# CRRSA EANS I Program Highlights

- **Authorized Under CRRSA**
  - Part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) II Fund, authorized by the [Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act](#) signed into law on December 27th 2020. Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) provides funding for assistance and services to non-public schools suffering from the impact of COVID-19.
  - Allowable uses of EANS funding include costs associated with safely reopening schools, continuing instruction, addressing learning loss, supporting educational technology, and reimbursing for certain coronavirus-related expenses. Funds may be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the COVID-19 national emergency was declared, and must be fully expended by September 30, 2023.
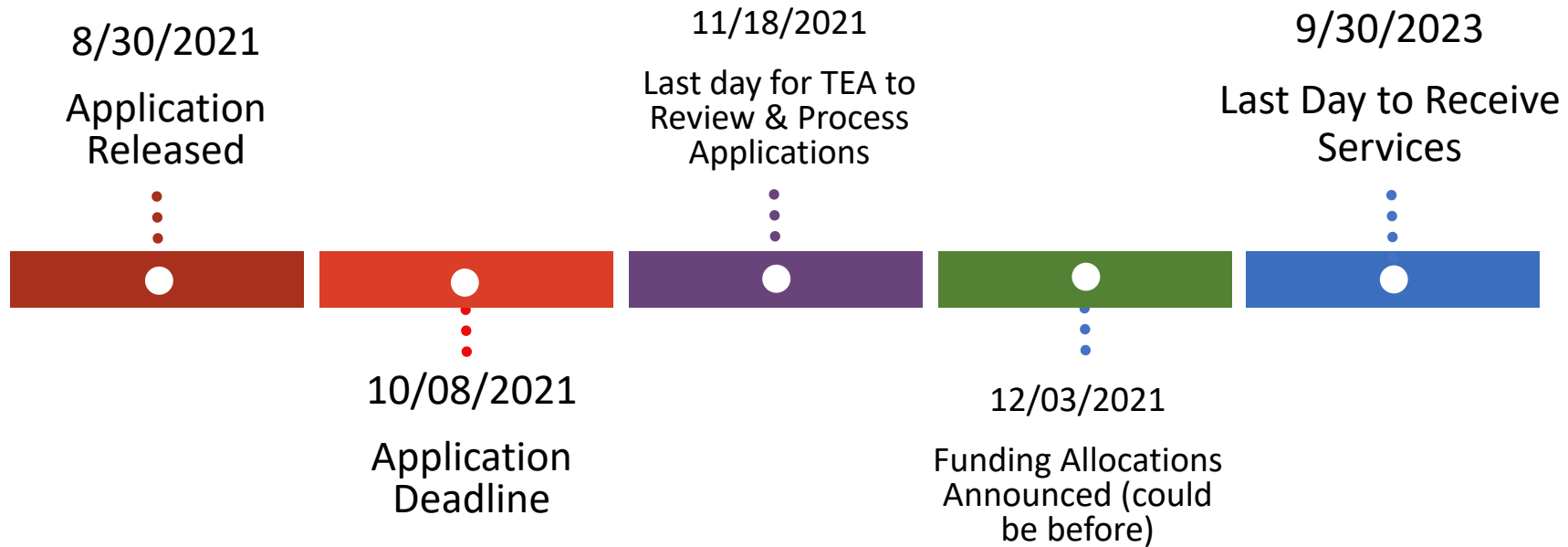
# Program Highlights (Continued)

- **Authorized under CRRSA: EANS I**
  - Assistance and services only; no funding to private non-profit schools (PNP).
  - TEA administers the program statewide; local school districts have no responsibilities.
  - TEA will be working with ESC Region 10 to implement the EANS program activities, provide eligible reimbursements, and to provide assistance and services directly or via a third-party contractor.
    - ESC Region 10 EANS Resources
  - TEA was authorized to offer a <u>second round</u> of the CRRSA EANS I program funding.

- **EANS II Authorized under the American Rescue Plan (ARP)**
  - Separate program; more information will be forthcoming.
  - Visit EANS website for more information and updates!

# PNP Eligibility

- An eligible non-public school who applies for EANS I services is not a recipient of federal financial assistance.

- Reimbursements under this program are considered a service and do not change this determination for schools.

- Governor is the recipient of the award and statute requires a public agency to control and administer the funds and to keep title to materials, equipment, or property purchased with EANS funds.

# PNP Eligibility (Continued)

- **An eligible non-public school is an elementary or secondary school that:**
  - Is non-profit;
  - Is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law;
  - Was in existence prior to March 13th, 2020, the date COVID-19 was declared a national emergency; and
  - Did not, and will not, apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that is made on or after December 27th, 2020.

# CRSSA EANS I Round Two Timeline

**8/30/2021**

Application Released

**11/18/2021**

Last day for TEA to Review & Process Applications

**9/30/2023**

Last Day to Receive Services

**10/08/2021**

Application Deadline

**12/03/2021**

Funding Allocations Announced (could be before)

# CRRSA EANS I Program Requirements

- **TEA required per statute to:**
  - Target and prioritize funding to private non-profit schools who have low-income students and;
  - PNP(s) most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **PNP may not receive both CRRSA EANS I and PPP (after December 27th, 2020).**
  - You will be contacted on both December 6th 2021, and December 13th 2021, to confirm either PPP or CRRSA EANS I.
  - Last day to notify the TEA in writing is <u>December 13th, 2021</u>.
  - <u>Notify us be email, **ONLY** if you have received and accepted a PPP loan.</u>

- **Services must be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.**

# CRRSA EANS I Program Requirements (Continued)

- TEA cannot limit services PNP requests in the application.

- TEA may limit services to be provided based on the total volume of applications received and the services requested.

- TEA may reimburse private non-profit schools for the majority of allowable activities back to March 13th, 2020.
  - Some activities <u>may not </u>be reimbursed.

- PNP may <u>not</u> receive and duplicate benefits from ESSER I equitable services, PPP or CRRSA EANS I Round One.
  - PNP(s) will also be asked to certify that assistance and services being requested in the Round Two application have not already been applied for in the Round One application, if applicable.
  - **<u>PNP(s) that applied and received funding under CRRSA EANS I Round One are still eligible to apply and receive services under the CRRSA EANS I Round Two application.</u>**

# CRRSA EANS I Allowable Assistance/Services

- **There are three sections of assistance/services that are available to PNP(s) in the application:**
  - Section D1: Reimbursement of expenses incurred from March 13th, 2020, to the date your application was submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

  - Section D2: Reimbursement of expenses incurred from the date following application submission to the Texas Education Agency (i.e the following day) to September 30th, 2023.

  - Section D3: Requests for procurement of services and assistance that will occur from August 2021 to September 30th, 2023. Will be provided via ESC Region 10.

  - *Do not reach out to ESC 10 until after service allocations have been made public by the TEA for CRRSA EANS I Round Two. This will be on or before December 3rd, 2021.*

# Section D1: Requests for Reimbursement of Previous Expenses

- **Reimbursement of expenses incurred from March 13th, 2020, to the date your application was submitted to the Texas Education Agency.**
  - Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities (does not include staff training on sanitation)
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE; does not include staff training on use of PPE)
  - Portable air purification systems
  - 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
  - Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
  - Educational technology
  - Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
  - Reasonable transportation costs

# Section D2: Requests for Reimbursement of Future Expenses

- **Reimbursement of expenses incurred from the date following application submission to the Texas Education Agency (i.e the following day) to September 30th, 2023.**

    - Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities (does not include staff training on sanitation)

    - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE; does not include staff training on use of PPE)

    - Portable air purification systems

    - 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

    - Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus

    - Educational technology

    - Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing

    - Reasonable transportation costs

# Section D3: Requests for Future Assistance or Services

- **Requests for procurement of services and assistance that will occur from August 2021 to September 30th, 2023. <u>Will be provided via ESC Region 10.</u>**
  - Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities (does not include staff training on sanitation)
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE; does not include staff training on use of 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
  - 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**

- **The following allowable activities may only be provided by the TEA/contractor and may <u>not</u> be reimbursed to the PNP(s):**

  - Improving ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed.

  - Any expenses reimbursed through a loan guaranteed under the PPP <u>prior</u> to December 27th, 2020.

  - Staff training and professional development on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

  - Developing instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.

  - Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.

# CRRSA EANS I Unallowable Assistance/Services

- **The following activities may <u>not</u> be provided by TEA/ESC Region 10:**
  - Subgrants to PNP(s)
  - Salary to PNP staff or FTE
  - Costs for janitorial or cleaning services to clean buildings (supplies are allowed, but not the actual cleaning service)
  - Substitute teachers while PNP teachers are out with COVID-19
  - Touchless toilets
  - Touchless faucets
  - Any permanent structures
  - Permanent renovations or remodels to existing school facilities
  - Any assistance or service determined not to be reasonable, necessary, or allowable under the CRRSA EANS I program.

# Website, FAQs, and Technical Assistance

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- **Email questions or technical questions to:**
  - EANS@tea.texas.gov

# PNP(s) Next Steps

- Steps for PNP(s):
  1. Complete CRRSA EANS I Round Two Application in Qualtrics (using link on TEA EANS website).
  2. EANS team has 30 days from recorded date of application to process, amend applications, and notify PNP(s) of application status.
     - Types of Notification:
       - *Negotiations for clarification, additional information, etc.*
       - *Amended application to confirm approved services or assistance (if amendments required).*
       - *Non-amended application to confirm approved services or assistance (if no amendments required).*
       - *Rejected application, to include reason(s) for ineligibility.*
  3. Service allocations will be made separately and will be published in the same manner as Round One, via TEA EANS website. <u>The email notification to participating PNPs and the Service Allocations List on the TEA EANS Website serves as the official TEA notification.</u>
  4. More information will be made as to the next steps for contacting ESC Region 10 to request reimbursement and procurement of service and assistance for <u>EANS I Round Two</u>.
     - *Do not reach out to ESC 10 until after service allocations have been made public by the TEA for CRRSA EANS I Round Two.*

# Application Overview - Live Demonstration

- Where to access the CRRSA EANS I Round Two application:
  - https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/emergency-assistance-to-non-public-schools-eans-grant-program
  - Will click on link and it will take you to live application.
  - Applications will close and you will not be able to <u>submit after October 8th, 2021.</u>
  - If there are any technical issues with your application, please contact EANS@tea.texas.gov.
    - If you need to make changes to your application, please contact EANS@tea.texas.gov to have the application re-opened for changes.
    - No changes will be accepted after the application end date of October 8th.

# Q&A Session Dates

- How to Register
  - Will register on the EANS webpage, and will be sent a link the day before the event.

- Q&A Dates
  - Q&A Session #1 – August 26th, 2021 @9AM-10AM
  - Q&A Session #2 – August 30th, 2021 @9AM-10AM
  - Q&A Session #3 – September 2nd, 2021 @9AM-10AM

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