

EANS Program and Application Training

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- *Program Overview*
- *Application Overview*
- *Question and Answer Session*

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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 in December 2020. EANS provides funding for services to nonpublic schools suffering 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 costs. 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 obligated by September 30, 2023.

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- Assistance and services only; no funding to private nonprofit school
- TEA administers the program statewide, no school district responsibilities
- TEA will select a contractor to implement the program activities, provide eligible reimbursements, provide assistance and services either directly or by a third-party contractor
- **Second round authorized under ARP**

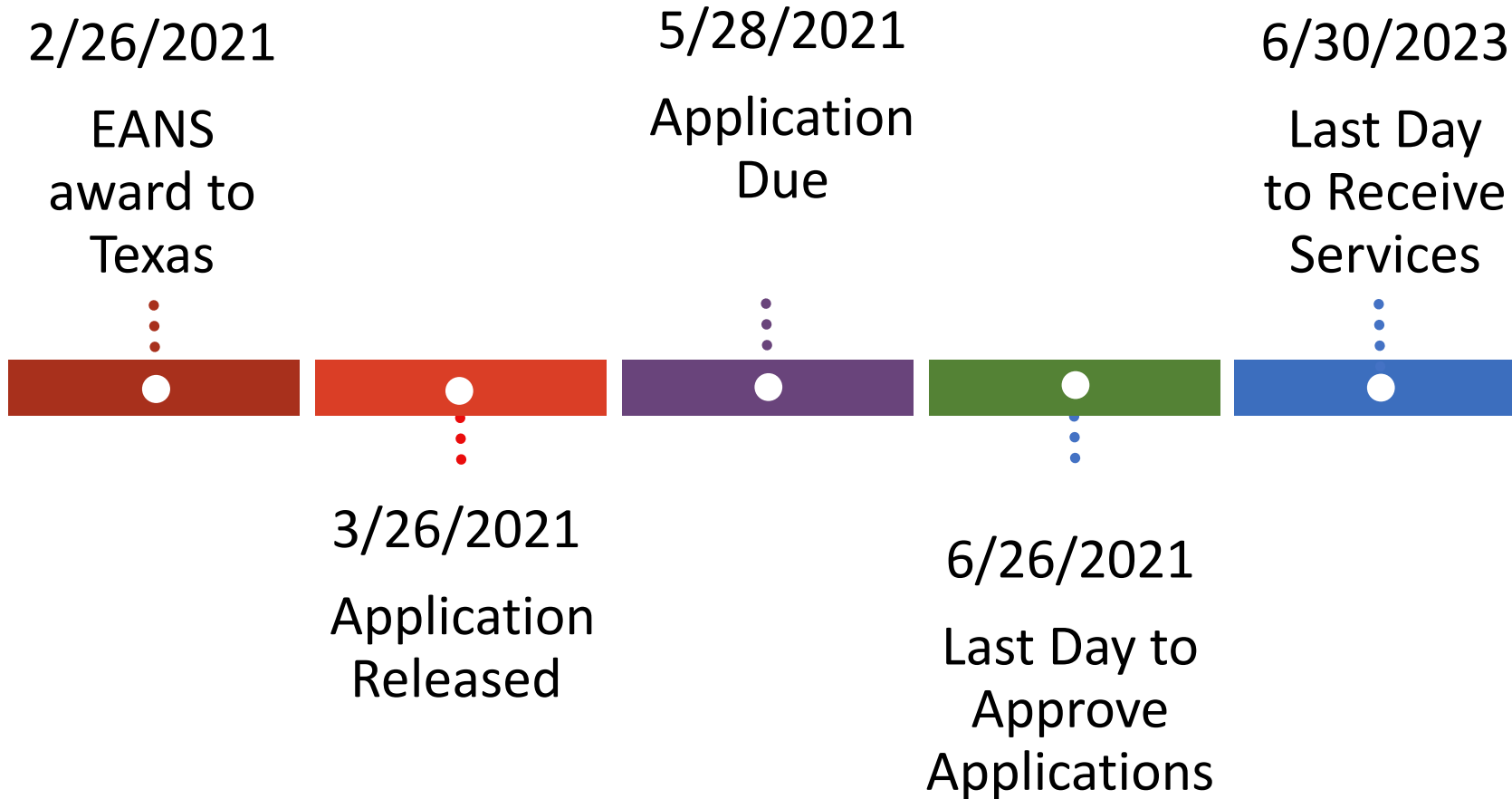
Who is eligible to Apply?

- **An eligible non-public school who applies for EANS services is not a recipient of federal financial assistance**
- **Reimbursements under EANS are considered a service and do not change this determination**
- **Governor is recipient of award, statute required a public agency to control and administer the funds and keep title to materials, equipment, or property purchased with funds**

Who is eligible to Apply?

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 13, 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 27, 2020).



EANS Program Requirements

- **TEA required to prioritize funding for services to private nonprofit schools with low-income students and schools most impacted by COVID-19**
- **PNP may not receive EANS and PPP (after December 27, 2020)**
- **Services must be secular, neutral, and non-ideological**

- **TEA cannot limit services PNP requests in the application**
- **TEA may limit services to be provided based on total volume of applications received and services requested**

- **TEA may reimburse private nonprofit schools for the majority of allowable activities back to March 13, 2020**
- **Some activities may not be reimbursed**

- **PNP may not receive duplicate benefit (double dipping) from ESSER I equitable services or PPP and EANS**

EANS Allowable Assistance/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
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
- Educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) to assist students, educators, and other staff with remote or hybrid learning
- Redeveloping instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning, or to address learning loss
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure safe 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 TEA/contractor but may not be reimbursed to the PNP

- Improvements to ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed.
- Any expenses reimbursed through a loan guaranteed under the PPP prior to December 27, 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.

The following activities may not be provided by TEA/contractor under the EANS program:

- Subgrants to PNP
- Salary for PNP staff
- Costs for janitorial or cleaning services to clean buildings (supplies are allowed, but not the actual cleaning service)
- Any assistance or service determined to not be reasonable, necessary, or allowable under the program



Application Review

https://tea.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bacXusqByAJHLIY

Enter your questions in the
Q&A feature



Email questions to
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An FAQ document will be
updated regularly on the EANS
program web site





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