

## YOUR SCHOOL MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST FUNDING UNDER CARES ACT II

Dear School Leader:

Under the Cares Act II issued last month, there are multiple opportunities for you to pursue relief funding for your school. Opportunities include:

### Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools Grants (EANS):

- This is a \$2.75 billion set-aside for non-public schools
- In states where Governors apply for EANS funds, grants will be issued from the State Educational Agency (SEA) directly to schools for services
- State SEA's will formulate applications and procedures and will notify schools when the application process opens
  - Applications must be available to schools 30 days after the Governor receives EANS awards from the US Department of Education
  - The SEA has six months to distribute all funds granted under EANS. After six months, all EANS funds not distributed are returned to the Governor for any authorized use under GEER II Funding
- Types of services EANS grants can be used for:
  - Cleaning supplies, PPE, ventilation system improvements, training and P.D. for staff on sanitization and virus mitigation, purchase of temporary physical barriers to facilitate social distancing, educational technology to assist students and teachers with remote or hybrid learning, and reimbursement of most allowable expenses incurred after March 13, 2020
- What Can Schools Do Now?
  - Stay in contact with your SEA to ensure the process for application and timelines are being met
  - Contact your Ombudsman if issues with the SEA arise
- Important Notes:
  - You may not apply for both EANS funding and the **SECOND** round of the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program
  - Schools that received PPP loans under CARES ACT I but have not requested a second loan under CARES ACT II are eligible for EANS funds
  - If your school was denied a PPP loan under CARES ACT II, then you may apply for EANS funds after that denial
  - Schools receiving EANS funds are NOT considered recipients of Federal financial assistance. The Governor is considered the receiver of funds
- Link to facts page regarding EANS:  
[https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/01/FINAL\\_EANS\\_FAQS\\_1.14.21.pdf](https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/01/FINAL_EANS_FAQS_1.14.21.pdf)

### Paycheck Protection Program

- A second round of PPP loans has been made available that schools may be eligible for. However, competition for PPP loans may be greater and provide less relief than funds set-aside for schools under EANS.

### GEER II

- If you are in a state where GEER I funds were used to offset tuition costs, the Governor of your state may apply funds for tuition costs again. If your governor did not use GEER I funds for tuition relief, they may not use GEER II funds for that purpose.
- Governors who have not yet obligated or spent all of their GEER I funds can still use those funds to create or expand school choice scholarship programs. Should they choose to do so, they could then use GEER II funds for that purpose as well.