

EANS Application Training

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Q: Were the low-income students calculated in the base enrollment at \$700 each plus in a low-income calculation at \$1400 each?

A: Yes, in the example provided the per pupil base amount and low-income student (base and supplemental) were calculated at the high end of the range (\$700/\$1,400)

Q: Are the low-income students counted twice? Once as the total enrollment and again as low income?

A: Yes, low-income students are accounted for in both the total student enrollment and the multiplier.

Q: Are we allowed to use the funds for salary/benefits?

A: We are working on a response to this question and will follow up as soon as possible.

Q: Are we allowed to use the funds for tech equipment? If so, can we keep it or does it belong to the state?

A: All equipment purchased with grant funding is the property of the State.

Q: Low Income = Free and Reduced Lunch?

A: Possible data sources include available free or reduced-priced lunch data, scholarship or financial assistance data, or E-Rate data.

Q: If our enrollment is significantly higher in the current school year, do we have to use 2019-20 enrollment numbers?

A: 2019-20 enrollment data is preferred for the EANS Grant.

Q: Given that items are owned by the state, what is the process for repairs on items purchased, such as technology?

A: We are working through questions regarding repair and upkeep. We will research and get back to you.

Q: When you say that the state owns the technology, are you anticipating that the state will collect from the school chrome books and HEPA filters, for example?

A: Ownership remains at the public agency. Equipment and supplies in use for the purposes earmarked under the EANS grant, may remain at the non-public school to be utilized for allowable purposes.

Q: To clarify, does qualifying for financial assistance/scholarship mean qualifying for low-income status, despite those standards perhaps being different than free and reduced lunch qualifications?

A: Correct, free or reduced-priced lunch data is an allowable data source.

Q: If we want to use things such as Chromebooks for longer than 3 years, could we still use them until they fizzle out?

A: Yes.



Q: Can a school use both free or reduced lunch data AND scholarship or financial assistance data?

A: Yes, schools may choose all that apply.

Q: First or second PPP?

A: First PPP program.

Q: Can it pay for staff for the 2021-2022 school year?

A: We are working on a response to this question and will follow up as soon as possible.

Q: Is it allowable for staffing costs that are outside of the PPP loan period we were funded?

A: We are working on a response to this question and will follow up as soon as possible.

Q: Can the eligible staffing costs for last year be reimbursed to the school that already paid the employee?

A: We are working on a response to this question and will follow up as soon as possible.

Q: If we purchase cleaning supplies, can we distribute the amount budgeted for students/support staff and administration by calculating the total number of people in the building and dividing by each representative segment?

A: Yes.

Q: You mentioned that the school cannot claim expenses also accounted for in a PPP loan. Will this same "double-dipping" question be asked with regard to CARES Act grant funding?

A: Double-dipping is not allowable. The SEA will conduct application reviews and monitor all EANS programs.

Q: How do we complete this if we are using the funds for next year's purchases and don't have all the details yet on the items?

A: The SEA has 6 months to enter into contract with the Non-public school and obligate EANS funds. Schools are recommended to identify what will be procured and reimbursed for at this time.

Q: Can we still choose reimbursement for items we want to purchase ourselves next year?

A: A non-public school may request reimbursement for expenses incurred.

Q: In calculating school enrollment and we are a preschool through 8th program, we can not use preschool/prek in the enrollment calculation, but we can use the funds for those students, correct? Thus, in calculating per student, educator, administrator expenditures, the enrollment in ECE could be included?

A: Correct, you do not add pre-k students into your enrollment count.

Q: County health guidelines are a moving target; if we apply for physical barrier funding and no longer are required to have physical barriers by August, can we reallocate those funds for another purpose?

A: Expenses cannot be reallocated for other purposes.

Q: We can specify Make and Models of items that state will procure?

A: Yes.

Q: Can we apply for both the second PPP and EANS funds and then determine which way we want to go? If we decided that EANS was better for the school after calculations are finalized we could then decline the PPP.

A: A Non-public school that applies for a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, but does not receive the funds under the PPP, may apply for services or assistance under the EANS program.

Q: if we have a reimbursement request for an item over \$25K, is that allowable?

A: Reimbursement requests over \$25k per vendor will require a formal procurement process.

Q: Is it helpful to choose items that are below \$25k or select fewer of like items that come just under \$25k and then like items (Chromebooks but different models, for instance??)

A: Requests less than \$25,000 per vendor will not require a formal procurement process. Non-public schools can select vendor/provider, however, must follow internal procurement process.

Q: Is it items over \$25,000, or does that include e.g. 100 Chromebooks that comes out to over \$25,000? in one purchase

A: \$25,000 limit per vendor.

Q: \$25,000 for a single item or a collective of like items

A: \$25,000 limit is per vendor.

Q: Can purchase of technological equipment also include warranty and license purchases?

A: Yes.

Q: How do we prioritize items if we do not know what the amount is.

A: Non-public schools may calculate per pupil allocations using the high end of the range as a multiplier.

Q: If the application and documents were already submitted but corrections need to be made, should corrections or an updated budget just be emailed again?

A: Email an updated budget to eansapplications@cde.state.co.us.

Q: if we bought refurbished Chromebooks earlier due to cost considerations, but now would like to buy new, more functional ones, can we reimburse those and still buy new ones?

A: We will research further and provide an update when available.

Q: If windows were purchased but still waiting on delivery how does that work?

A: New windows are not eligible for reimbursement or procurement.

Q: Could you discuss how schools would apply for a staff position not previously funded?

A: We are working on a response to this question and will follow up as soon as possible.



Q: Substitutes due to Covid quarantine? Can those be reimbursed?

A: We are working on a response to this question and will follow up as soon as possible.