



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Joint Fiscal Committee members
From: Sorsha Anderson, Staff Associate
Date: April 6, 2021
Subject: Expedited Grant Request – JFO #3043

Enclosed please find one (1) item, which the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the Administration. **The VT Department of Education has requested an expedited review of JFO #3043. Please respond by Monday, April 12, 2021.**

JFO #3043 - \$4,284,369 from the US Dept of Education to the VT Agency of Education for assistance to VT's approved and recognized non-profit independent schools to address educational disruptions caused by COVID-19. Funds will be managed by the VT Agency of Education. *[NOTE: Funds will be used with the GEER EANS program: Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Emergency Assistance to Non-public Schools (EANS). This program is replacing Equitable Services in ESSER II and III. Please see this [overview](#) of how the funds will be used by the AOE to support independent schools.]*
[JFO received 4/5/2021]

Please review the enclosed materials and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Sorsha Anderson: sanderson@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like this item held for legislative review. If no response has been received by Monday, April 12, 2021, members will be polled.

STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

| BASIC GRANT INFORMATION | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Agency: | Education | | | |
| 2. Department: | | | | |
| 3. Program: | | | | |
| 4. Legal Title of Grant: | Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) | | | |
| 5. Federal Catalog #: | 84.425R | | | |
| 6. Grant/Donor Name and Address: | U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C. | | | |
| 7. Grant Period: | From: | 3/13/2020 | To: | 9/30/2023 |
| 8. Purpose of Grant: | Funds will be used to provide services or assistance to Vermont's Approved and Recognized non-profit Independent Schools to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19. The services and assistance provided to eligible independent schools will be managed by the Agency of Education to support activities related to safely reopening schools, continuing instruction, and addressing learning loss, including educational technology and reimbursement for COVID-19-related costs. | | | |
| 9. Impact on existing program if grant is not Accepted: | This program provides critical support for independent schools to respond to COVID-19 related needs. If this program is not approved then these schools will potentially not be able to make adjustments to meet health guidelines or provide remote education and this could impact the education of children enrolled in these schools. | | | |
| 10. BUDGET INFORMATION | | | | |
| | SFY 1 | SFY 2 | SFY 3 | Comments |
| Expenditures: | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | |
| Personal Services | \$200,000 | \$1,792,369 | \$500,000 | |
| Operating Expenses | \$ | \$1,792,000 | \$ | |
| Grants | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Total | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| State Funds: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Cash | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| In-Kind | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Federal Funds: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| (Direct Costs) | \$172,414 | \$3,584,369 | \$500,000 | |
| (Statewide Indirect) | \$27,586 | \$ | \$ | |
| (Departmental Indirect) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Other Funds: | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Grant (source) | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| Total | \$200,000 | \$3,584,369 | \$500,000 | |
| Appropriation No: | 5100070000 | Amount: | \$4,284,369 | |

STATE OF VERMONT REQUEST FOR GRANT (*) ACCEPTANCE (Form AA-1)

End Form AA-1

(*) The term "grant" refers to any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value to be accepted by any agency, department, commission, board, or other part of state government (see 32 V.S.A. §5).



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**STATE OF VERMONT
 FINANCE & MANAGEMENT GRANT REVIEW FORM**

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|---|--|--------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------|--|
| Grant Summary: | | | | | | These funds, otherwise known as GEER-EANS, will be used to provide services or assistance to VT's approved and recognized non-profit independent schools to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19. | | | | | |
| Date: | | | | | | 3/18/2021 | | | | | |
| Department: | | | | | | Agency of Education | | | | | |
| Legal Title of Grant: | | | | | | Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Program under the Coronavirus Reponse and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA Act) | | | | | |
| Federal Catalog #: | | | | | | 84.425R | | | | | |
| Grant/Donor Name and Address: | | | | | | U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C. | | | | | |
| Grant Period: | | From: | | 3/13/2020 | | To: | | 9/30/2023 | | | |
| Grant/Donation | | | | | | \$4,284,369 | | | | | |
| | | SFY 1 | | SFY 2 | | SFY 3 | | Total | | Comments | |
| Grant Amount: | | \$200,000 | | \$3,584,369 | | \$500,000 | | \$4,284,369 | | | |
| Position Information: | | | | # Positions | | Explanation/Comments | | | | | |
| | | | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Additional Comments: | | | | The U.S. Department of Education awarded Vermont its EANS funding on 2/23/2021. The MOA has not yet been awarded (confirmed by U.S. DOE). AOE will release the application for these funds next Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in order to comply with the grant specifications. Therefore, expedited review is requested. | | | | | | | |
| Department of Finance & Management | | | | | | Adam Greshin | | Digitally signed by Adam Greshin Date: 2021.03.18 18:04:21 -0400 | | (Initial) | |
| Secretary of Administration | | | | | | Kristin Clouser | | Digitally signed by Kristin Clouser Date: 2021.03.30 10:53:48 -0400 | | (Initial) | |
| Sent To Joint Fiscal Office | | | | | | Ariel Murphy | | Digitally signed by Ariel Murphy Date: 2021.04.02 17:54:14 -0400 | | Date | |



MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee
THRU: Department of Finance & Management
FROM: Kathy Flanagan, Deputy CFO, Agency of Education
SUBJECT: Expedited AA-1 Approval Request – GEER EANS
DATE: March 15, 2021

Attached please find AA-1 for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

We are submitting this document for an expedited review. Unfortunately, we have not yet received the actual federal award from USDOE.

The purpose of the GEER EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible independent schools to address educational disruptions caused by COVID-19. By creating a separate reservation of funds for this purpose, Congress reiterated the need for independent schools to be able to participate in emergency education relief programs by establishing a separate program under GEER, rather than relying on the equitable services requirements that typically apply to elementary and secondary formula grant programs (such as in ESSER).

To receive services or assistance, an eligible independent school must submit an application to the AOE. Applications will be made available to eligible independent schools no later than 30 days after the state's Certification and Agreement to the US Department of Education is approved. The AOE will release this application on March 24, 2021. Further details regarding the program can be found in the [GEER EANS Program Overview](#).

Total funds available to Vermont: \$4,284,369

Total funds available for Vermont's eligible independent schools: \$4,084,000

Period of Performance: March 13, 2020- September 30, 2023

An expedited review of this federal funding will allow the Agency to advertise a grant application process that meets the federal requirement of "no later than 30 days after the State's Certification and Agreement to the US Department of Education is approved."

If you require additional information regarding this request, please feel free to contact me – or contact Jill Briggs-Campbell, at Jill.BriggsCampbell@vermont.gov.

Thank you.



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EANS Awards

The below table of EANS grant awards will be updated on a weekly basis.

***Certification and Agreement information will be coming soon.*

| State | Date of Award | Award Amount* | Certification and Agreement** |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama | 2/22/2021 | \$45,502,043 | PDF (3 MB) |
| Alaska | 1/14/2021 | \$5,367,703 | PDF (2.2 MB) |
| Arizona | 1/15/2021 | \$54,413,531 | PDF (4.2 MB) |
| Arkansas | 2/12/2021 | \$22,872,412 | PDF (2.8 MB) |
| California | 3/1/2021 | \$187,475,843 | PDF (746 KB) |
| Colorado | 2/12/2021 | \$28,433,931 | PDF (545 KB) |
| Connecticut | 2/4/2021 | \$15,831,765 | PDF (884 KB) |
| Delaware | 2/8/2021 | \$4,965,788 | PDF (716 KB) |
| District of Columbia | 2/8/2021 | \$5,312,618 | PDF (350 KB) |
| Florida | 1/15/2021 | \$212,978,041 | PDF (1.5 MB) |
| Georgia | 2/23/2021 | \$79,175,146 | PDF (952 KB) |
| Hawaii | 2/22/2021 | \$9,815,286 | PDF (7 MB) |
| Idaho | 2/11/2021 | \$19,581,608 | PDF (2.3 MB) |
| Illinois | 2/11/2021 | \$84,489,804 | PDF (614 KB) |
| Indiana | 2/24/2021 | \$81,656,000 | PDF (753 KB) |
| Iowa | 2/9/2021 | \$26,271,345 | PDF (87 KB) |
| Kansas | 3/1/2021 | \$26,667,139 | PDF (2 MB) |
| Kentucky | 2/25/2021 | \$40,817,799 | PDF (2 MB) |
| Louisiana | 2/25/2021 | \$55,566,230 | PDF (5 MB) |
| Maine | 3/1/2021 | \$12,751,099 | PDF (10 MB) |
| Maryland | 1/21/2021 | \$35,878,533 | PDF (6.4 MB) |
| Massachusetts | 2/22/2021 | \$24,255,048 | PDF (5 MB) |
| Michigan | 2/22/2021 | \$86,776,841 | PDF (207 KB) |
| Minnesota | 3/1/2021 | \$41,907,253 | PDF (375 KB) |

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|----------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Mississippi | 2/23/2021 | \$31,353,423 | PDE (2 MB) |
| Missouri | 3/1/2021 | \$67,550,224 | PDE (7 MB) |
| Montana | 2/24/2021 | \$12,816,385 | PDF (2 MB) |
| Nebraska | 1/19/2021 | \$17,272,129 | PDE (1.6 MB) |
| Nevada | 2/5/2021 | \$19,375,550 | PDE (4.6 MB) |
| New Hampshire | 2/25/2021 | \$7,069,209 | PDF (444 KB) |
| New Jersey | 2/22/2021 | \$68,749,847 | PDE (770 KB) |
| New Mexico | 2/9/2021 | \$17,282,330 | PDE (1.1 B) |
| New York | 3/1/2021 | \$250,113,323 | PDF (87 KB) |
| North Carolina | 2/25/2021 | \$84,824,393 | PDF (3 MB) |
| North Dakota | 3/1/2021 | \$3,998,745 | PDF (6 MB) |
| Ohio | 2/8/2021 | \$154,896,274 | PDE (1.8 MB) |
| Oklahoma | 1/21/2021 | \$30,986,191 | PDE (261 KB) |
| Oregon | 3/1/2021 | \$27,595,419 | PDF (768 KB) |
| Pennsylvania | 3/1/2021 | \$150,022,294 | PDE (350 KB) |
| Puerto Rico | | | |
| Rhode Island | 2/9/2021 | \$7,148,776 | PDE (2.6 MB) |
| South Carolina | 2/10/2021 | \$39,981,327 | PDE (2.6 MB) |
| South Dakota | 2/23/2021 | \$7,773,070 | PDE (6 MB) |
| Tennessee | 1/21/2021 | \$72,838,359 | PDF (2.2 MB) |
| Texas | 2/25/2021 | \$153,168,245 | PDE (7 MB) |
| Utah | 2/9/2021 | \$23,978,187 | PDE (1MB) |
| Vermont | 2/23/2021 | \$4,284,369 | PDE (2 MB) |
| Virginia | 3/1/2021 | \$46,618,019 | PDE (3 MB) |
| Washington | 2/5/2021 | \$46,263,028 | PDF (2.2 MB) |
| West Virginia | 2/3/2021 | \$9,052,260 | PDF (2.1 MB) |
| Wisconsin | 2/10/2021 | \$77,492,001 | PDF (1.2 MB) |
| Wyoming | 2/23/2021 | \$4,602,637 | PDE (4 MB) |

*GEER and EANS methodology and allocation table can be found [here](#).

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Elmquist, Candace

From: Flanagan, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Elmquist, Candace
Cc: Bouchey, Heather; BriggsCampbell, Jill; Bates, Bill
Subject: EANS Approved Application

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Hi Candace,

We just received the message below with a link to our approved Application for GEER EANS. I thought it might be helpful in a review of the AA-1. I expect we will receive an actual Award document soon.

Kathy Flanagan, Agency of Education – Deputy Chief Financial Officer
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Subject: FW: EANS Award

From: GEERF <GEERF@ed.gov>
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Cc: GEERF <GEERF@ed.gov>
Subject: EANS Award

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Good afternoon:

Thank you for your State's EANS application. The U.S. Department of Education awarded Vermont its EANS funding on 2/23/2021.

Below, please find a website with the States that have been awarded their EANS grants. You will find the State, date awarded, and amount awarded. The Certificate and Agreements will be published soon.

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/emergency-assistance-non-public-schools/eans-awards/>

The Department would like to offer our continuing assistance in the implementation of this grant award. Do not hesitate to contact the State's mailbox or the GEER mailbox if you have any questions.

Best,

Gaby

Gloria Gabriela Tanner (Gaby)

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