

The list below constitutes frequently asked questions about the [Nonpublic School Health and Security \(NSHS\) Program](#). This page will be updated with frequently asked questions and answers on a continual basis. For program guidance, it's best to start by reviewing the [Grant Information Guide](#).

1. Question: How can our school receive funds?

Answer: You must complete an [invoice form](#) and attach supporting documentation. The items must align with the allowable use of funds, and the backup documentation should evidence the expense.

2. Question: We'd like to use these funds for the nurse's salary. How would this work?

Answer: We can reimburse the school for the hours they worked delivering health services to students (*not* for time off). When you invoice for their hours worked, please provide documentation to evidence the hours they worked (pay stubs, payroll summary, etc.) as well their hourly rate. If the pay stub does not provide the number of hours worked or hourly rate, please complete a time and effort log.

3. Question: Can we use these funds for a sports trainer?

Answer: It depends. Remember that these funds are to support nurses and other health professionals, not coaches. Schools should use funds for health professionals. When in doubt, send an email to grants.msde@maryland.gov with your question.

4. Question: Can we use these funds for CPR training for our staff? How about defibrillators?

Answer: Yes and yes.

5. Question: We'd like to add an exterior door, for safety. Can we use these funds to remove a section of a wall?

Answer: No, funds cannot be used for construction.

6. Question: What about additional outdoor lighting?

Answer: It depends. Funds can't be used for capital improvements (increasing the wattage, expanding or improving existing electric systems, etc.) Send us an email at grants.msde@maryland.gov with the specifics of the request.

7. Question: Can we use these funds to install a chain link fence?

Answer: No, this would be considered a capital improvement and is not an allowable expense.

8. Question: Can we use these funds to upgrade our electric wiring to accommodate a video monitoring system?

Answer: No, this would be considered a capital improvement and is not an allowable expense.

9. Question: What about licensed counselors? Could it cover educational testing by a psychiatrist? What about vision and hearing screening?

Answer: Yes. These services are allowable. When invoicing, remember that you must attach supporting documentation to substantiate the expenses.

10. Question: What about for hearing and vision screening?

Answer: Yes, funds can be used for school-wide hearing and vision screening.

11. Question: Can funds be used to purchase overdose-reversing medication, such as Naloxone?

Answer: Yes, however any nonpublic schools that are reimbursed for this medication must also follow the guidance for public schools in [Education Article §7-426](#), including the completion and submission of the [Report of Naloxone Administration form](#). This completed form must be emailed to grants.msde@maryland.gov if the medication is administered.

12. Question: Are there any reports to close-out the grant?

Answer: Yes, [a final report](#) will be due by July 31, 2025. Here is some info to complete it:

- The Recipient Grant # is your school's NOGA number (250xxxx)
- The grant period is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
- For question #4, schools won't have a balance to remit to MSDE
- For question #5, a final AFR is not required
- For question #6, a grant evaluation is not required