Docket No. 26-10-02 Nutmeg Public Access Television, Inc.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Nutmeg Public Access Television, Inc.
2. Mailing Address: 9 Eastview Drive, Farmington, CT 06032
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-1306922
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Joanie Wedler

   Mailing Address: 9 Eastview Drive, Farmington, CT 06032

   Phone Number: 860-321-7405

   Email Address: jwedler@nutmegtv.com
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Chris Bennett

   Mailing Address: 9 Eastview Drive, Farmington, CT 06032

   Phone Number: 860-321-7405

   Email Address: cbennett@nutmegtv.com
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

   Note: The authorized representative will not be on the service list unless also listed as a contact person, above.

   Name: Joanie Wedler

   Mailing Address: 9 Eastview Drive, Farmington, CT 06032

   Phone Number: 860-321-7405

   Email Address: jwedler@nutmegtv.com
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

   ☑ PEG Grant (capital and equipment for producing/procuring programming)

   ☐ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 183,632.82

   Note: The "Amount Requested" will autocalculate upon completion of the Itemized Budget, below.

II. Applicant Eligibility

9. Organization Type (check one):

PEG (Programming)

☐ Local community antenna television and video advisory council

☐ State-wide video advisory council

☐ Public, educational and governmental programmer

☑ Public, educational and governmental studio operator

ETI (Educational Technology Initiative)

☐ Board of Education

☐ Public library

☐ Other education entity: _____

10. Which of the following describes your organization?

☐ Connecticut State Agency

☐ Municipality

☑ Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Provide Secretary of the State No.: 0252641

☐ Other (e.g., LLC or corporation). Provide Secretary of the State No.: _____

11. For each of the PEGPETIA Grant cycles below, indicate whether your organization received a grant and submitted all required compliance filings:

Docket No.	Grant Received?	Date of Compliance Filing		
		Order No. 2	Order No. 3	Order No. 4
24-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	12/02/2025	12/02/2025	12/02/2025
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	12/13/2024	12/13/2024	12/13/2024
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	12/22/2023	01/16/2024	01/16/2024
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	09/29/2022	02/02/2023	02/02/2023

Note: If you have received a grant in any of the dockets listed above, you must submit any outstanding compliance filings prior to submitting this application.

III. Investment or Initiative Eligibility

12. Provide a description of proposed capital and equipment investment or education technology initiative. State expected enhancements to PEG programming or education technology. If applicable, state why similar equipment is not available from the local community access studio (PEG only).

Nutmeg TV maintains an extensive roadmap for equipment upgrades to ensure it broadcasts uninterrupted 24/7/365 and maintains a broadcast quality PEG access studio and field equipment for over 200,000+ residents. We operate 9 total channel feeds in both SD and HD including distributions for Public, Education and Government TV channels requiring a higher grade of enterprise level equipment.

Current challenges this Grant will rectify:
1. Our current Master Control video playback server has reached end of life and will no longer be supported. An upgrade at this time is critical. It was requested in 24-10-02 but the grant total awarded did not cover the cost of the server. We are requesting for this critical component again to maintain service for all of the channels.

2. Our Studio Camera Pedestals are over 15 years old. Each unit is now well past end of life with current units sitting stationary in our studio. Only staff can operate the pedestals now as they are far too damaged from over a decade of public use. These are a necessity as they are used by multiple times each day to record each show.

3. Our Studio Video Server is the heart of all studio operations and records each studio show that has ever been recorded at our facility for well over a decade. The server is starting to show its age in operations as we use it multiple times each day to record dozens of shows each month. This also is a critical upgrade.

4. Nutmeg TV operates both Education and Government channels for 8 cities and towns in Area 16. Towns use our equipment each week to record town meetings for the E and G channels. We are requesting multiple camera upgrades to keep up with the demand. As an example, the Town of Plainville is now recording all Land Use meetings with Nutmeg TV equipment in an effort to enhance transparency and inform the public. They, as well as our other education and government institutions have elected to utilize Nutmeg TV's free PEG resources to reach the community.

Nutmeg TV is a regional facility serving larger numbers of users than other facilities and produces over 500+ programs annually. It respectfully requests the full amount of $183,632.82 be awarded for these essential upgrades.

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13. Identify the affected geographical area(s) and/or school system(s) that will benefit from the investment or initiative:

Nutmeg TV serves 93,000 households in the cities and towns of Avon, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Farmington, New Britain and Plainville. Additionally, all of Nutmeg TV's Public, Education and Government content is available for viewing statewide on Frontier, as well as on our free streaming app and YouTube channel is available to anyone in CT and outside of CT.

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14. State the number of subscribers served or students impacted:

Over 235,000 residents in our franchise area. Whether a subscriber or not, any resident can use Nutmeg TV.

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15. List the schedule for implementation, including estimated dates for key milestones and completion.

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Equipment to be purchased after the receipt of funds with the targeted start date of June 2027 for initialization of all estimates. Nutmeg TV staff will do all of the installations throughout the summer and in a timely manner with the target completion date of October 2027. All target dates are subject to change based on receipt of the funds and if any equipment is on backorder or special order.

16. Identify objective performance measures that can be used to evaluate the success or effectiveness of the investment or initiative:

As PEG access is supported by cable subscribers and as cable subscribers have "cut the cord" Nutmeg TV has realized a 55% funding loss resulting in systematic reorganization measures for sustainability. New technology will require less staff time to be reallocated to where it should be used the most which is working with the public, educational institutions and government officials on increasing local programming and the quality of their programs. Scheduling thousands of hours of 24/7/365 public, education and government content will be made smoother using newer tools and the recordings in the studio will be more enhanced using the newer pedestals and upgraded recording and server playback devices.

17. Description of organization, including experience and competence related to the proposed project:

For over 35 years, Nutmeg TV has been a pillar of free speech, community expression, and public inclusion in local television. Nutmeg TV understands what CT residents desire from their PEG station in this digital-first era of content consumption. PURA's approval of this award will enhance the accessibility of Nutmeg TV content by providing multi-platform distribution, ensuring that all CT residents, regardless of their personal funding level, can access their channels, programming, and connect with their community.

Nutmeg TV has consistently demonstrated responsible use of grant rewards most recently in the 2024 globally recognized technology magazine AV Network's System Contractor News which stated, "Nutmeg TV Elevates Community Engagement" and "Nutmeg TV plays a pivotal role in fostering community engagement and communication by harnessing advanced production technologies."

Nutmeg TV thanks PURA for enhancing the grant application process. Nutmeg TV's annual filings consistently report the creation of approx. 500 individual programs annually with large numbers of users. A disparity exists with PEG stations servicing 4,000 residents and a regional facility serving 200,000+ residents, when PURA awards the same dollar amount across the field of applicants leaving regional facilities struggling to stretch funding to meet significantly greater usage and impact needs.

As the last few year's awards have been equally split, Nutmeg TV respectfully requests the full awarded amount to be awarded at $183,632.82.

IV. Budget Information

18. Partner organization(s) or other funding sources (if applicable):
N/A

19. Have you completed the PEGPETIA Itemized Budget form below (with an itemized budget for the investment or initiative)?

☑ Yes.

☐ No. Explain:

20. Have you provided supporting documentation for each item, such as copies of bids, estimates, and quotes?

☑ Yes.

☐ No. Explain:

21. Are the non-equipment costs for design and engineering, installation, training, and warranties/insurance less than 10% of the overall grant request?

Note: Software may be categorized as equipment. Other non-equipment expenses (such as salaries, service agreements, or stipends) are <u>not permitted</u> as part of the grant request.

☑ Yes.

☐ No. Explain:

V. PEG Grant CAP Acknowledgment

22. **For PEG Grant Applicants Only:** The Applicant understands that it must review and comply with the relevant community access provider operating rules and regulations, including the prohibition of the presentation of any advertising material designed to promote the sale of commercial products or services (including advertising by or on behalf of candidates for public office). The Applicant further acknowledges that no organization or company providing community access operations shall exercise editorial control over programming, except as to programming that is obscene and except as otherwise allowed by applicable state and federal law.

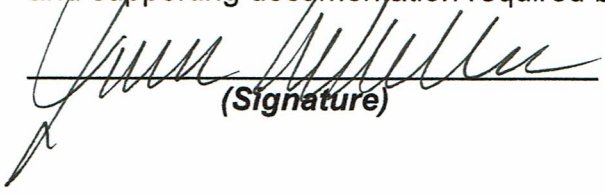
☑ Yes.

☐ No.

VI. Signature of Authorized Representative

I, Joanie Wedler, am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the applicant organization. Under the penalty of law, by signing this application, I affirm that the information provided to the Authority is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that any errors of omissions will be timely corrected and resubmitted.

I understand that grant funding may be denied due to failure to provide the information and supporting documentation required by this Application.



(Signature)

November 17, 2026

(Date)

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PEGPETIA ITEMIZED BUDGET

Instructions

Required Information

You must provide this itemized budget for the capital and equipment investment or education technology initiative proposed in your application. For each expense, you must provide the following information:

(1) Name of expense

(2) Total amount of expense (unit cost x quantity)

(3) Brief description

(4) Quantity requested

(5) Unit price

(6) A copy of a bid, estimate, or similar documentation; and

(7) Type of cost (equipment, design, engineering, installation, training, warranty, insurance, other)

For each expense listed, you must attach a copy of the bid, estimate, or similar documentation.

Note: The Authority cannot accept links to online vendors as documentation of expenses. You may, however, attach saved or printed copies of equipment listed for sale with online vendors as documentation.

Types of Costs

Non-equipment costs (such as design, engineering, installation, training, warranties, or insurance) must be reasonable and should be limited to less than 10% of the overall grant. Other non-equipment expenses (such as salaries, service agreements, or stipends) are not permitted as part of the grant request.

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2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

II. Budget Template

Expense	Amount	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Bid/ Estimate Attached	Type of Cost
(Example) Studio Camera	$ 1,400.00	(Example) Make, Model No. XYZ123, Qty 4, Unit Price $350	4	$350/each	✓	Equipment
(Example) Camera Install	$ 175.00	(Example) Installation of all cameras, connection to existing studio setup, and training personnel	1	$175	✓	Installation
AQ Video Server Gen4	$ 25,125.00	2 Port Server for Studio Shows	1	$25,125	✔	Equipmen
Broadcast Pix Onix Pro	$ 7,520.00	Video Switcher Panel for Studio Control Room	1	$7,520	✔	Equipmen
Vinten Osprey Lite Ped	$ 47,951.25	Studio Pedestal for PTZ Cameras	5	$9,590.25	✔	Equipmen
CueTime Pro Timer	$ 1,650.00	Studio Timer and Confidence Monitor Talkback	1	$1,650	✔	Equipmen
Prompter People Talent	$ 1,250.00	Teleprompter Talent Monitor	1	$1,250	✔	Equipmen
Blackmagic Hyperdeck	$ 2,125.00	Video Recorder for Studio Shows	1	$2,125	✔	Equipmen
Samsung SSD 1TB	$ 699.98	SSD for Blackmagic Hyperdeck Recorder	2	$349.99	✔	Equipmen
Sandisk 512GB SD Card	$ 687.72	SD Card Backups for Hyperdeck Recorder	2	$343.86	✔	Equipmen
Panasonic HC-X2100 Cam	$ 7,043.97	Camera for EDU & GOV Meeting Recordings	3	$2,347.99	✔	Equipmen
Sandisk 128GB SD Card	$ 519.90	SD Card for EDU & GOV Meeting Recordings	10	$51.99	✔	Equipmen
Telvue B2000 Hypercaster	$ 68,994.00	Master Control Video Playback Server and Support	1	$68,994	✔	Equipmen
BlackMagic Smartview	$ 6,116.00	Master Control Channel Confidence Monitor	4	$1,529	✔	Equipmen
BlackMagic SmartScope	$ 5,060.00	Master Control Channel Scope and Audio Confidence Monit	4	$1,265	✔	Equipmen
BlackMagic Videohub 40	$ 8,890.00	Master Control and Studio Control Video Router	2	$4,445	✔	Equipmen
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