STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) Grant Program Application & Itemized Budget

Instructions for Filing a Motion to Apply for a PEGPETIA Grant

Motion Deadline

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) oversees a program to award Public Educational and Governmental Programming Grants (PEG Grants) and Education Technology Investment Grants (ETI Grants) to eligible entities. See General Statutes § 16-331cc. **This PEGPETIA Grant Program Application must be filed as a motion in Docket No. 26-10-02 no later than noon on November 20, 2026.**

Program Funding Eligibility

PEG grant funding is intended to improve public, educational, and governmental access programming in Connecticut, and funds should be used for capital and equipment costs that aid the production or procurement of public, educational, and governmental programs. To ensure the funding is used appropriately, after completion of the project, PEG grant recipients must file a report of the project enabled by the grant funds.

ETI grant funding is intended to support education technology initiatives of boards of education and other education entities (public and private schools are eligible to apply). To ensure the funding is used appropriately, after completion of the project, ETI grant recipients must file a report of the project enabled by the grant funds.

Submission of Motion

Applicants must complete and file the Application with Itemized Budget electronically to PURA as a motion in Docket No. 26-10-02, at https://portal.ct.gov/pura/about/filing-and-forms/make-an-electronic-filing. Applicants who have not previously registered must first register for an account.

Motions must include an Application and Itemized Budget for the projects to be funded by the grant. Quotes, invoices, or similar documentation must be submitted for each item to be purchased with grant funds.

The motion will be assigned a unique motion number after it is filed. The allowable electronic filing size is 20 MB. If the motion's attachments (Application with Itemized Budget plus other attachments) exceed the allowable limit, the motion may include only the completed Application with Itemized Budget, and the remaining attachments must be filed as supplemental filings to the same motion. Subsequent supplements must also be filed as supplemental filings under the assigned motion number.

Questions regarding the electronic filing of the motion and supplements should be directed to Docket Control at PURA.ExecutiveSecretary.gov or (860) 827-2836.

Docket No. 26-10-02 Suffield Public School District

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Suffield Public School District
2. Mailing Address: 350 Mountain Road, Suffield CT, 06078
3. Employer Identification Number: _____
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Rebecca Osleger, IT Director

   Mailing Address: 350 Mountain Road, Suffield CT, 06078

   Phone Number: 860 668 3333

   Email Address: rosleger@suffield.org
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: _____

   Mailing Address: _____

   Phone Number: _____

   Email Address: _____
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

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

   Name: Matt Dunbar

   Mailing Address: 350 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078

   Phone Number: 860-668-3800

   Email Address: mdunbar@suffield.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 26,751.93

   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.: _____

☐ 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	1/26/2026	5/18/2026	5/18/2026
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted

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).

This project will modernize the student news and media production studio at McAlister Intermediate School, creating a broadcast-capable learning environment that supports student education, district communications, and community engagement throughout the Town of Suffield.

The proposed capital investment includes professional studio lighting designed to evenly illuminate two student news anchors, two UHD 4K camcorders with tripods, and a teleprompter monitor to support clear, confident, and professional on-camera delivery. The project also includes a dedicated desktop workstation equipped for high-definition video production and non-linear editing, dual 27-inch IPS monitors, and a wireless keyboard and mouse combination. Together, these improvements will replace aging equipment and establish a modern, integrated student broadcasting environment.

The educational impact extends beyond the physical studio. Students will gain hands-on experience in broadcast journalism, scriptwriting, public speaking, camera operation, lighting design, video editing, and digital storytelling. These opportunities support digital literacy, communication, collaboration, creativity, and career exploration in media production and technology.

The investment will also enhance programming and communication throughout Suffield Public Schools and the broader community. The upgraded studio will support the production of high-quality student news broadcasts, coverage of school events, student achievement features, educational programming, and informational segments highlighting district and community initiatives. These productions can be distributed through school and district communication platforms, with opportunities for programming to be shared through local public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels, expanding access to school-related information for Suffield residents.

By improving video resolution, lighting consistency, audio-visual presentation, and post-production capabilities, the project will significantly enhance the quality and accessibility of student-produced content. More importantly, it will establish a sustainable, student-centered media production resource that connects classroom learning with authentic communication opportunities and strengthens the relationship between Suffield's schools, families, and community.

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

The proposed investment will directly benefit McAlister Intermediate School, Suffield Public Schools, and the broader Town of Suffield, Connecticut. While the upgraded student news studio will be housed at McAlister Intermediate School, its educational and community impact will extend throughout the school district and surrounding community. The upgraded studio will also serve as a resource for district-wide communications and community engagement, supporting the production and distribution of student news broadcasts, school event coverage, educational programming, and informational segments highlighting activities and initiatives across Suffield Public Schools.

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

The proposed investment will directly impact approximately 418 students at McAlister Intermediate School. Additionally, the programming produced through the upgraded studio has the potential to reach approximately 2,100 students throughout Suffield Public Schools.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Finalize equipment specifications, complete purchasing approvals, and place orders following grant award notification.

March 2027: Receive and inventory equipment, including cameras, lighting, tripods, teleprompter, and video editing workstation.

March–April 2027: Install and configure studio equipment, establish camera and lighting positions, and set up video production and editing software.

April 2027: Conduct equipment testing, train staff and student news production teams, and integrate new technology into existing student broadcasting activities.

May 2027: Begin producing student news broadcasts and school-related programming using the upgraded studio.

June 2027: Complete project evaluation, confirm equipment functionality, and finalize grant reporting and documentation.

Anticipated Project Completion: June 2027.

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

Success will be measured by installation of all funded equipment by June 2027; direct participation of at least 50 students annually in news production, broadcasting, and video editing; production of at least 20 student-led broadcasts annually; and measurable improvements in video quality, lighting, and editing capabilities. The initiative will directly benefit 460 McAlister students while impacting all 2,100 students district-wide through student-produced programming, school event coverage, and educational content. Additional measures include student skill development and expanded community access through district communication platforms and PEG broadcasts.

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

Suffield Public Schools serves approximately 2,100 students across four schools and is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities through technology integration and hands-on learning. The district's Technology Department has extensive experience planning, purchasing, implementing, and supporting educational technology initiatives, including multimedia production, digital learning environments, and district-wide communications. McAlister Intermediate School has an established student news program run by our Media Specialist that provides students with experience in broadcasting, communication, and digital media. Building on this foundation, the district has the technical expertise, instructional staff, and infrastructure necessary to successfully implement, maintain, and sustain the upgraded studio while expanding educational programming and community engagement.

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, Matt Dunbar, 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) *(Date)* November 19, 2026

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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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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
LED Light Panels	$ 2,199.98	Ikan IB508-V2-2PT-KIT Bicolor LED Studio Light Kit	2	$1,099 .99		Equipment
Teleprompter Kit	$ 1,599.98	Ikan PT1200 Teleprompter Kit	2	$799.99		Equipment
Studio Camera	$ 6,398.00	Canon XA75 Camcorder	2	$3,199 .00		Equipment
Camera Tripod	$ 2,198.00	E-Image EI-GA780-KIT Aluminum Tripod Kit with Fluid Head and Dolly	2	$1,099 .00		Equipment
Microphones and Audio Mixer	$ 1,513.00	Rode RODECaster Pro II and PodMic 2 Person Podcast Kit	1	$1,513.00		Equipment
HD Video Switcher	$ 4,395.00	Blackmagic Design ATEM Television Studio HD8 2TB 8-channel HD Video Switcher	1	$4,395.00		Equipment
Surge Protector	$ 151.98	Furman SS-6B-PRO 6-outlet Pro Surge Suppressor Strip with EVS	2	$75.99		Equipment
Wireless Keyboard and Mouse	$ 99.99	Logitech Signature Slim Combo MK955 Wireless Keyboard and Mouse	1	$99.99		Equipment
Video Editing Displays	$ 2,697.00	Asus ProArt Display PA27UCGE Monitor - 27 inches	3	$899.00		Equipment
Video Editing Workstation	$ 5,499.00	Mac Studio Video Editing Workstation	1	$5,499.00		Equipment
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November 19, 2026

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