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 VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2. Mailing Address: PO BOX 600, VERNON,CT 06066-0600
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6001677
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Paula Wetzel, Grant Manager

   Mailing Address: PO Box 600, Vernon, CT 06066-0600

   Phone Number: 860-896-4655

   Email Address: PWetzel@vernon-ct.gov
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Jennifer Hills-Papetti, Superintendent

   Mailing Address: PO Box 600, Vernon, CT 06066-0600

   Phone Number: 890-896-4659

   Email Address: JHills-Papetti@vernon-ct.gov
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

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

   Name: Jennifer Hills-Papetti

   Mailing Address: PO Box 600, Vernon, CT 06066-0600

   Phone Number: 860-896-4660

   Email Address: JHills-Papetti@vernon-ct.gov
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $$ 12,000.00

   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	11/14/2025	11/14/2025	11/14/2025
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	9/26/2024	10/01/2024	10/01/2024
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	12/06/2023	01/16/2024	01/16/2024
21-10-13	☐ Yes ☑ No			

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).

The PEGPETIA Grant request is to purchase much needed technology equipment for Vernon teaching staff and students in order to continue providing the high-quality education that exists in Vernon. This technology will greatly assist in achieving our goal to "Increase the achievement of every student through high quality curriculum, instruction and assessment."

Per Instructions "Applicants seeking funding for education technology initiatives should, in Part III, Section 1 of the Application, explain how the proposed project satisfies this interpretation and qualifies as an education technology initiative". We are providing the following explanation.

This PEGPETIA grant application meets the following education technology initiatives as defined in Chapter 61a of Title 4d of the CT General Statutes entitled "Education Technology" and articulated within 4d-80(c)(2): Ensuring competency in specific computing skills and the integration of technology into the curriculum for all public-school teachers.

Grant funds will be used to purchase (6) Newline LED Interactive multi-touch display devices on movable stands for use throughout the district.
It is part of Vernon's mission to move away from wall/ceiling mounted projector systems to these high-definition resolution devices that enhance the educational process. These devices allow for multiple users at the same time while experiencing high quality sound, 4K optics, touch technology, screencast ability, as well as remote access for IT dept to assist in troubleshooting.Teachers and students are experiencing a more engaging learning enviroment.

The employment of these devices fulfills part of the district mission statment to "increase the achievement of every student through high quality curriculum, instruction and assessment" as well as help produce a Good Communicator, one of the five pillars in our Vision of the Graduate.

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

Vernon Public Schools

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

3,246 students district wide use; also these Newlines are used during staff meetings, PTO meetings, and other community functions.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

We can adjust the following scheduled once funding is approved:

1. Equipment Purchase - Spring 2027
2. Equipment Delivery Complete by- Spring/Summer 2027
3. Equipment Installation Complete by - Fall/Winter 2027
4. Administration and Staff Training Complete - Fall -Winter 2027 and on going as needed.

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

The performance of Newline Interactive Display will be measured in the following manner:

a) Student Engagement By delivering clearer, more vibrant visuals that capture students' attention, we expect, and have seen, student engagement to increase.
b) These devices lend the educational environment to a more engaging, interactive one.
c) Students are using state-of-the art equipment, which leads to real world experiences that will used throughout their educational, and professional lives.
d) More positive outcomes from people using high quality equipment that works consistently and does not require a lot of set up time or troubleshooting.
e) Creating multi-sensory experiences for staff and students.
f) Reliability of equipment, ease of use and consistent performace contribute to more learning time and less "down time".

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

Vision Statement
The Vision of the Vernon Public Schools is that every graduate is a
Critical Thinker, Collaborator, Communicator, Resilient Individual, and Responsible Citizen.

Mission Statement
The Vernon Public Schools, in partnership with family and community, is committed to provide a quality education, with high expectations, in a safe environment where all students become independent learners and productive contributors to society.

To accomplish our vision and mission statement the Vernon Board of Education (VBOE) ensures it has a highly functioning IT department. The IT personnel have significant experience in the deployment of technology used to improve teaching and learning within the classroom. Because technology is ever evolving and changing, our IT department has varied and extensive experiences.

Along with a skilled IT department, is a skilled and informed teaching staff. Having the most recent technology is as important as being educated in how best to use it in the classroom.
In support of this ideal, we have developed an Educational Technology Plan (https://www.vernonpublicschools.org/uploaded/Technology/2019-2022_Technology_Plan.pdf) that is a living document that outlines our vision and the steps we are taking to ensure the staff is committed to engaging our students as active users of technology.

IV. Budget Information

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

We are also leveraging Alliance Grant funds to purchase Newlines for the district.

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: N/A

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, Jennifer Hills-Papetti, 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.

Jennifer Hills-Papetti
(Signature)

11/11/26
(Date)

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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
Newline Displays	$ 11,699.34	65" Q Ultra Series 4K UHD 4K Multi-Touch Display w/ USB Type-C, EDLA, & Android	6	$ 1,949.89	✔	Equipment
Mobile cart for Newline	$ 300.66	TRU-TOUCH Mobile stand for Multi-touch display	1	$ 300.66	✔	Equipment
Total Amount:	$ 12,000.00					

VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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J Hills Papetti
(Signature)

11/11/26
(Date)

Quote

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Bluum USA, Inc.
1771 Energy Park Drive
Suite 100
St Paul MN 55108
www.bluum.com

Bill To
Vernon Public Schools - NO PAPER
Vernon Public Schools
BOE- Accounts Payable
30 Park Street
Vernon CT 06066

Ship To
Technology Department
ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
70 LOVELAND HILL RD
VERNON CT 6066

Memo:
PEGPETIA GRANT

Expires	Sales Rep	Contract	Terms
11/28/2026	783 Michael Manos		Net 30

Qty	Item	MFG	Price	Ext. Price
6	**TT-6526QULT** 65" Q Ultra Series 4K UHD 4K Multi-Touch Display w/ USB Type-C, EDLA, & Android 16	Newline	$1,949.89	$11,699.34
1	**EPR8A50500-SQR** TRUTOUCH Mobile Stand ********** CUSTOMER REQUIRES A LIFT GATE **********	Newline	$300.66	$300.66
1	**EPR8ALGATE-000** Freight - Liftgate Required	Tierney	$0.00	$0.00

Subtotal	$12,000.00
Tax Total	$0.00
Shipping Cost	$0.00
Total	**$12,000.00**

Thank you,

Michael Manos

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Quote

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