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 City of Norwalk

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: City of Norwalk
2. Mailing Address: 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6011881
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Joyce Liu

   Mailing Address: 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851

   Phone Number: 203-854-7726

   Email Address: jliu@norwalkct.gov
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: AnneMaire Silva

   Mailing Address: 125 East Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851

   Phone Number: 203-854-7714

   Email Address: asilva@norwalkct.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: Rita T. Nigri, MPA

   Mailing Address: 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851

   Phone Number: 203-506-4159

   Email Address: RNigri@norwalkct.gov
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☐ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 13,850.00

   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	5/7/2026	5/7/2026	5/7/2026
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	1/2/2025
22-10-02	☐ Yes ☑ No	n/a	n/a	n/a
21-10-13	☐ Yes ☑ No	n/a	n/a	n/a

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 City of Norwalk proposes to purchase and install a wireless microphone system in the City Hall Concert Hall to support the recording and broadcast of public, educational, and governmental (PEG) programming. The system will provide reliable audio capture for speakers, panel discussions, presentations, and community events produced for public access.The investment is expected to improve audio clarity and consistency in recorded and livestreamed programs, reduce dependence on shared or portable microphones, and provide greater flexibility for multiple speakers. Improved sound quality will make programming easier for residents to follow and support the production of a broader range of community access content. Programs produced using the equipment will be made available to the local community access studio for distribution.

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

The investment will benefit the City of Norwalk, Connecticut, including residents in all neighborhoods who attend events at the City Hall Concert Hall or view public, educational, and governmental programming through community access television and online platforms. It will also benefit local schools, community organizations, and civic groups whose events and presentations are recorded or broadcast from the Concert Hall.

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

Council Hall meeting content is distributed to Altice subscribers and is also available through the City's YouTube channel, providing broader access for residents beyond the cable subscriber base. The actual subscriber count is pending confirmation from the local community access provider.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Implementation will begin following grant approval and receipt of funding, anticipated in June 2027. The proposed project has not been completed.

June–July 2027: Finalize equipment specifications, confirm vendor pricing, and complete procurement.

August–September 2027: Receive and install the wireless microphone system in the City Hall Concert Hall.

October 2027: Complete system configuration, testing, and staff training, and place the equipment into service for PEG programming.

October 2027–April 2028: Document programming supported by the equipment and compile receipts, paid invoices, and project results.

May 2028: Submit the required grant compliance report by PURA's established deadline.Estimated project completion: October 2027, subject to funding receipt and equipment availability.

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

The City will evaluate the investment using the following objective performance measures:

• Installation and acceptance: Complete installation, configuration, and testing by October 2027, with all microphones operating successfully through the recording and livestreaming system.
• Audio reliability: Track microphone failures, audio interruptions, and related support requests, comparing results before and after installation.
• Programming supported: Record the number of PEG programs produced using the equipment, including each program's title, subject, date, and duration.
• Distribution: Document programs made available to the local community access provider and posted to the City's YouTube channel.
• Audio quality: Review recordings for clear, intelligible speech and track programs requiring audio correction or experiencing unusable audio.
• Financial accountability: Complete the project within the approved budget and maintain receipts, paid invoices, and expenditure records for grant compliance.

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

The City of Norwalk is a municipal government serving Norwalk, Connecticut. The City produces and distributes public, educational, and governmental programming, including public meetings and community events, through community access television and the City's YouTube channel.The City's Information Technology Department has experience implementing and supporting audiovisual equipment, network infrastructure, meeting technology, and recording and livestreaming systems. IT will coordinate procurement, vendor installation, system integration, testing, and staff training for the proposed wireless microphone system in the City Hall Concert Hall.The City also has established purchasing and financial procedures to oversee project expenditures, maintain supporting documentation, and complete grant reporting requirements.

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, Rita T. Nigri, 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.

Rita T Nigri, MPA Digitally signed by Rita T Nigri, MPA Date: 2026.10.29 10:41:08 -04'00'

(Signature)

October 8, 2026

(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.

Note: Software may be categorized as equipment.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: City of Norwalk
2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: PEGPETIA

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
Wireless Microphone System	$ 5,200.00	Shure SLXD124PLUS/85M-G57 Combo Wireless Microphone System	4	1300	✔	Equipment
Docking Charger	$ 600.00	Shure SBC203 Docking Charger	4	150	✔	Equipment
Rechargeable Battery	$ 600.00	Shure SB903 Rechargeable Battery	8	75	✔	Equipment
Antenna Combiner	$ 750.00	Shure UA845 Antenna Combiner	1	750	✔	Equipment
Wall-Mount Antenna	$ 1,500.00	Shure UA864US Active Wall-Mount Antenna, White	2	750	✔	Equipment
Antenna Cable	$ 1,800.00	Shure UA8100 Antenna Cable, 100 feet	4	450	✔	Equipment
Signal Booster	$ 400.00	Shure UA834 In-Line Signal Booster	2	200	✔	Equipment
MISC Accessories	$ 500.00	Miscellaneous Accessories and Connectors	1	500	✔	Equipment
Installation	$ 2,500.00	Professional Installation	1	2500	✔	Installation
Total Amount:	$ 13,850.00					

Expense	Amount	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Bid/ Estimate Attached	Type of Cost
Total Amount:	$ 13,850.00					

Signature of Authorized Representative

I, Joyce Liu, am authorized to sign this itemized budget on behalf of the applicant organization. Under the penalty of law, by signing this document, 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 the application.

Joyce Liu Digitally signed by Joyce Liu Date: 2026.10.28 16:30:37 -04'00'

(Signature)

October 8, 2026

(Date)