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.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Amity Regional School District #5
2. Mailing Address: 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT. 06525
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6006186
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Jeremy Iverson, Teacher

   Mailing Address: 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT. 06525

   Phone Number: 203-397-4830 x3145

   Email Address: jeremy.iverson@amityregion5.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: Jennifer P. Byars, Superintendent of Schools

   Mailing Address: 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT. 06525

   Phone Number: (203) 397-4811

   Email Address: jennifer.byars@amityregion5.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $86,050.46

   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: Amity Regional High School

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.: 6579932-000

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	N/A	05/05/2026	05/05/2026
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	01/03/2025	01/03/2025	01/03/2025
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	02/16/2024	01/19/2024	01/19/2024
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	10/06/2022	01/10/2023	01/10/2023

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).

This proposed capital and equipment investment funds the acquisition of modern 4K production gear to replace aging field equipment and establish permanent multi-camera infrastructure in key school venues. Specifically, the grant will support the purchase of new large-form-factor 4K cameras, heavy-duty tripods, and protective transport bags to replace legacy units nearing their end-of-life capability, ensuring continued hardware reliability and full technical alignment with our existing 4K production medium. Additionally, the initiative includes new Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras that will be permanently installed within our middle school gymnasiums to provide dedicated, fixed-point video coverage in high-traffic event spaces.

Upgrading to new 4K field packages and permanent gymnasium PTZ systems will significantly enhance our hands-on educational technology offerings. Replacing end-of-life cameras eliminates the risk of hardware failure during critical broadcasts and guarantees consistent, broadcast-grade visual quality across all recorded programming. In the middle school gymnasiums, permanent PTZ installations will enable dynamic, multi-angle coverage of athletic events, student assemblies, concerts, and community gatherings. Crucially, this centralized PTZ architecture allows a single camera operator to remotely control multiple cameras from one position, maximizing production output with limited staffing while exposing students and media operators to modern, industry-standard broadcast workflows.

Similar equipment is not available for ongoing use from the local community access studio due to permanent installation requirements and scheduling constraints. Because the PTZ cameras must be permanently mounted and integrated into the middle school gymnasium infrastructure, relying on short-term equipment loans from a community access facility is not feasible. Furthermore, peak scheduling demands for school and community events frequently overlap with the community studio ' s own inventory needs, and maintaining dedicated 4K field packages ensures immediate equipment availability and seamless compatibility with our established post-production workflow.

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

The impacted school system consists of Amity Regional School District and it ' s local communities of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. There will be a direct impact on the students.

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

With a current enrollment of about 2100 students in the student population would be the main benefactor from proposed improvements.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Month 1: Procurement & Site Prep

"Purchase, receive, asset-tag, and bench-test the Panasonic AG-CX370 4K camcorders, tripods, transport bags, and PTZ camera systems.

"Conduct middle school gymnasium walkthroughs with IT and facilities staff to confirm camera mounting locations, network drops, and power requirements.

Month 2: Installation & Integration

"Mount PTZ cameras and complete low-voltage network and power cabling in the middle school gymnasiums.

"Configure IP routing, centralized control stations, standardized camera presets, and 4K production switcher integration.

Month 3: Training & Full Rollout

"Train student operators on Panasonic AG-CX370 field setup and single-operator, multi-camera PTZ control, followed by live test recordings.

"Deploy all new equipment for full-scale educational event coverage, surplus legacy cameras per district policy, and compile expenditure and programming metrics for grant

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

Students will produce multi-camera events recorded or livestreamed through the use of PTZ systems.

Students will demonstrate proficiency in hands-on skills assessments on the Panasonic AG-CX370 camcorders and PTZ systems.

Students will track events successfully with PTZ systems.

Students will utilize Panasonic camera systems routinely for ENG news gathering and event production.

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

Amity Regional High School ’s Visual and Performing Arts Department fosters an inclusive community that empowers students with the skills to become active, contributing citizens. Building on the foundational media literacy introduced at Amity Middle School Orange and Amity Middle School Bethany, high school Broadcast Journalism students produce a morning announcement show every other day featuring school news, sports highlights, weather, and civic commentary.

Outside the classroom, students also produce approximately one live event per month—ranging from sporting events, musical performances, and guest speakers to student presentations and Board of Education meetings. All content runs through the post-production workflow in the high school TV Studio before airing on the school ’s video server, YouTube, and the Amity Educational Access TV Channel serving Orange and Woodbridge.

IV. Budget Information

18. Partner organization(s) or other funding sources (if applicable):
Not applicable.

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, Jennifer P. Byars, 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 P. Byars Digitally signed by Jennifer P. Byars Date: 2026.11.18 09:00:05 -05'00' 11-18-2026

(Signature) ***(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: Amity Regional School District #5
2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: Annual Allocation of the Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account

Docket No.

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
Total Amount:						

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Total Amount:	86,050.46					

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Jennifer P. Byars Digitally signed by Jennifer P. Byars Date: 2026.11.18 09:30:04 -05'00' 11-18-2026

(Signature) ***(Date)***