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 Southington Public Schools

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Southington Public Schools
2. Mailing Address: 200 North Main Street. Southington, CT 06489
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6001669
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Tyler Savage, Network Manager

   Mailing Address: 200 North Main Street. Southington, CT 06489

   Phone Number: 860-628-3200 x10360

   Email Address: TSAVAGE@southingtonschools.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: Frank Pepe, Assistant Superintendent

   Mailing Address: 200 North Main Street. Southington, CT 06489

   Phone Number: 860-628-3202

   Email Address: FPEPE@southingtonschools.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 86,550.00

   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	1/13/26	1/13/26	1/13/26
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	10/17/24	12/8/24	12/8/24
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	10/18/23	1/3/24	1/3/24
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	2/28/23	2/28/23	2/28/23

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 investment will purchase 30 ViewSonic® ViewBoard® Interactive 65" displays, including mounts, Wi-Fi module, wall plate with wires, and full installation. ent
These come with a 5-year extended warranty and unlimited training. The installation cost is included in the purchase price.

Featuring Ultra HD resolution, the ViewSonic ViewBoard delivers collaborative capabilities for 21st century boardrooms and classrooms. With 20-point simultaneous touch capabilities and pre-installed ViewSonic vBoard® annotation software, this interactive flat panel lets multiple users write or draw on the screen with their fingers and styluses. With a built-in quad-core processor, as well as versatile connectivity options, this display provides powerful computing for annotation and multimedia playback without the need for a PC.

This large capital equipment investment will have a substantial impact on a broad segment of students at ten schools across all grade levels in Southington. The district has already purchased 454 of these devices which have in some capacity been installed at 12 sites and this investment will allow them to be purchased for the remaining schools/classrooms in the district.

The ViewSonic devices purchased to-date have proved to be extremely easy to use and reliable. They are essentially touch TV's, the displays are bright and have a long lifetime.

There are many classrooms where students and teachers struggle with outdated projection technology. Some classes have projectors that are poorly lit forcing students to resort to learning in dark or dimmed classrooms.

When substitute teachers are in classrooms it's difficult to share lesson plans digitally. The ViewSonic boards help to alleviate these issues. They have the means to browse the internet and store lesson plans right on the device. The SPS team has created a replacement plan for boards going forward but this would help to bring our district to a level playing field.

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

The Southington Public Schools (SPS) provides public education to over 6,200 students, in grades pre-Kindergarten to grade 12, from Southington CT, a suburban town of approximately 43,780 residents. Students from neighboring towns also attend the SPS through the Choice and Ag-Sci programs.

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

This equipment will be installed within 30 classrooms within the Southington Public School district that serves approximately 600 students.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Spring 2027 Notification of grant award and grant contracting
Spring 2027 Contract with vendor and purchase equipment
July-August 2027 Installation of equipment

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

The objectives are to:
• Enable teachers to be more competent in their computing skills and the integration of technology into the curriculum, thus addressing educational technology goal (E).
• Install interactive smart boards in the 30 classrooms that have older or no projection technology to improve technology equity across each of the schools in the district.
• Make it easy for substitute teachers to enter a classroom and start being productive.

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

The SPS Board of Education provides computers, a computer network, including Internet access and an email system, as well as electronic devices such as cellular telephones and personal data assistants in order to enhance both the educational opportunities for the students and the business operations of the district.

The SPS Technology department staff of fourteen people manages the technology infrastructure at 12 schools and the central office; supports digital learning; and collects student data and ensures its privacy. They manage over 15,000 assets including Chromebooks, Laptops, Projectors, Touch Panels, AV Equipment and Servers, plus over 1,000 backend devices.

The department also broadcasts the Board of Education, Town Council and other public meetings.

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, Frank Pepe, 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.

Frank Pepe 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.

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I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Southington Public Schools
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
Interactive Flat Panel	$ 66,000.00	65in ViewBoard 4K Interactive Flat Panel with warranty	30	2200	✓	Equipmen
Mounting hardware	$ 11,250.00	Chief Over the Whiteboard Display Mount	30	375	✓	Equipmen
Cable	$ 3,000.00	Cable runs of no more than 25"	30	100	✓	Equipmen
Install	$ 6,300.00	Full install including taking down of old equipment	30	210	✓	Installatio
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