Docket No. 26-10-02 Watertown Board of Education

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Watertown Board of Education
2. Mailing Address: 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6001505
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Michael Dalton

   Mailing Address: 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795

   Phone Number: 860-945-5097

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

   Name: Marie Kashuba

   Mailing Address: 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795

   Phone Number: 860-945-4804

   Email Address: kashubama@watertownps.org
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

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

   Name: Lisa Fekete

   Mailing Address: 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown, CT 06795

   Phone Number: 860-945-4801

   Email Address: feketeli@watertownps.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 165,080.00

   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:

		Date of Compliance Filing		
Docket No.	**Grant Received?**	**Order No. 2**	**Order No. 3**	**Order No. 4**
24-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	12/16/2025	12/16/2025	12/16/2025
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	11/15/2024	11/15/2024	11/15/2024
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	12/19/2023	12/19/2023	02/22/2024
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	11/29/2022	11/29/2022	05/12/2023

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).

We seek to continue our effort to replace our aging and obsolete classroom Smart Boards with digital panels or laser projectors at our High School and Middle School. We have selected the BENQ RM7505 and the Epson Brightlink 760Wi models and received pricing quotes. Our current Smart Boards and bulb projectors are failing at an unsustainable rate due to age. It is difficult and expensive to locate replacement parts, and the ensuing downtime is having a significant negative impact on classroom learning throughout our district.

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

Watertown, CT
Oakville, CT

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

2600

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Project Start Date: 07/15/2027

Installation Period: 15-18 panels per week from 07/15/2027- 08/20/2027

Initial Staff Training: 08/29/2027

User Experience Survey: 09/30/2027

Follow-Up Staff Training: 10/16/2027

Quarterly Panel Usage Data Reports and Student Achievement Data Review: 10/30/2027; 01/27/2028; 03/16/2028; 06/01/2028

Quarterly Leanring App Review:
10/30/2027; 01/27/2028; 03/16/2028; 06/01/2028

Final User Experience Survey:
06/01/2028

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

We will be reviewing quarterly usage reports that will indicate what resources teachers are using on the panels in the classroom and time spent on each. At the same time. we will review student achievement data to look for trends and impact on learning.
We will also be conducting two surveys of teacher experiences. The initial survey will take place on 09/30/2027, and the end of year survey will be 06/01/2028.
We will use the survey results to refine the learning apps we maintain on the panels.
As we are looking for these panels to encourage classroom innovation, one question on the final survey will be open ended and ask:
"Please describe any new or experimental student performance tasks that you employed as a result of having access to your BENQ Panel or your Epson laser projector"?

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

We are the public school district for the communities of Watertown and Oakville, CT. Our IT Department has been working with BENQ panels for two years now and we are qualified to assist staff with all manner of training and support operations. We have an equal level of experience with laser projection systems.

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, Lisa Fekete, 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 16, 2026

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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
Classroom Digital Panel	$ 116,450.00	BENQ RM7505	50	$2329.00	✔	Equipmnt
Classroom Laser Proj	$ 47,340.00	Epson Brightlink 760Wi	30	$1578.00	✔	Equipmnt
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