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 Public Library of New London

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Public Library of New London
2. Mailing Address: 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-0662170
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Madhu Gupta

   Mailing Address: 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320

   Phone Number: 860-447-1411

   Email Address: mgupta@plnl.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: Madhu Gupta

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   Phone Number: 860-447-1411

   Email Address: mgupta@plnl.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 15,460.00

   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.: 1117104

☐ 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	10/07/2025		10/07/2025
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	11/22/2024		11/22/2024
22-10-02	☐ Yes ☐ No			
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 Public Library of New London is seeking grant funding to replace two self-checkout stations that have become increasingly unreliable due to their age and heavy daily use. These stations are an essential part of the library's service delivery, providing patrons with a convenient, accessible, and efficient way to check out library materials independently. Due to years of frequent use by patrons of all ages, both stations have experienced increasing wear and tear, resulting in recurring malfunctions and ongoing repair needs. At times, one or both stations become nonfunctional, disrupting service and limiting patrons' ability to use this popular technology. The Public Library of New London is a member of the LION Consortium of Libraries. The LION Consortium's IT team has assessed the equipment and recommended that both stations be replaced, as continued repairs are no longer a sustainable solution.

Replacing these stations will ensure reliable access to self-service technology for the entire community. Children, teens, adults, and older patrons regularly use the stations to check out books and other library materials. Self-checkout encourages independence and technology use, improves the patron experience, and helps keep library services moving efficiently, particularly during busy periods. It also allows staff to devote more time to reference assistance, educational programming, reader services, and direct engagement with the public.

This proposed capital investment will strengthen the library's education technology infrastructure by providing reliable replacement equipment that supports equitable access to library resources. Without replacement, continued equipment failures could leave the library with limited or no functioning self-checkout stations, reducing access to a highly valued service and placing additional demands on staff.

Grant funding to replace both aging, heavily used stations will help the Public Library of New London maintain modern and dependable library services, support patrons of all ages in accessing educational materials, and ensure that self-service technology remains available to meet the community's needs for years to come.

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

This investment will benefit the diverse community of New London, CT, which has approximately 28,000 residents. About 35.5% of residents are Hispanic or Latino, 14.2% are Black, 16.6% are under age 18, and 18.1% were born outside the United States. Approximately 21.6% of residents live in poverty.

Many families rely on the public library for free access to books, educational materials, wifi, and technology. Replacing the two aging self-checkout stations will help ensure that children, students, adults, and seniors can continue accessing these important resources reliably and independently.

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

The investment will directly benefit the approximately 28,000 residents of New London, CT, and surrounding communities who use the Library. 100,682 visits to the library were reported last year and1,166 library-sponsored programs were hosted and attended by 13,824 people.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Implementation is expected to be completed within 60 days of receiving the grant funding.

Ordering Week 1: LION Consortium will order the two replacement self-checkout stations.
Delivery Week 3: The stations will be shipped to and received by the Public Library of New London.
Installation Week 4 & 5: A LION technician will install and set up the stations once they arrive.
Testing and Staff Training Week 6 & 7 : The stations will be tested to ensure they function properly, and staff will receive training.
Completion week 8: Within 60 days of receiving the grant funds, both self-checkout stations are expected to be fully operational and available for public use.

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

The success of this investment will be measured by:
Patron use: Monitoring self-checkout usage to ensure patrons of all ages, including children, students, and college students, continue to have convenient access to library materials.
Equipment reliability and Community satisfaction: improved checkout experience and reduce frustration caused by equipment failures.
Improved staff service: Evaluating how reduced time spent troubleshooting checkout stations allows staff to assist patrons with research, locate educational resources, provide technology help, and support library programs.

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

The Public Library of New London is an important community hub, providing access to information, technology, educational resources, and essential services for residents of all ages. Last year, the library reported 100,682 visits and hosted 1,166 library-sponsored programs attended by 13,824 people.

The library is committed to ensuring equitable access to technology and information. A Digital Navigator assists patrons with technology needs and helps them access digital resources and services. The library also circulates Wi-Fi hotspots to help bridge the digital divide and is participating this year in the LaptopConnect program in partnership with the Connecticut State Library and DEEP.

In addition to its educational and technology services, the library serves as a warming and cooling center during periods of extreme weather, providing a safe and welcoming space for the community.

Replacing the two self-checkout stations will support the library's ongoing commitment to reliable, accessible service. With its experience serving a high volume of visitors and providing technology-based resources and community programs, the library is well positioned to implement this project successfully and ensure that patrons can continue accessing library materials efficiently and independently.

IV. Budget Information

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

The LION Consortium will serve as the library's technology partner for this project. LION will order and provide technical support for installation and setup. PEGPETIA grant funding is being requested to cover the cost of replacing both stations.

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. A quote has been attached for your consideration.

☐ 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, Madhu Gupta, 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.

Madhu Gupta
(Signature)

October 23, 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.

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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
Countertop Self-Checkout Stations	$ 9,990.00	SSC-X25-CP-BK X25 Countertop - Portrait Display Black Unit	2	$4995/each	✓	Equipment
SSC-OS/RFID SW Bundle	$ 3,150.00	ONESTOP+RFID SELF SERVICE CIRCULATION SOFTWARE BUNDLE	2	$1575/each	✓	Equipment
ENVISIONWARE FLAT RATE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$ 1,350.00	Envisionware Flat Rate Professional Services	1	$1350	✓	Prof Service
Freight	$ 970.00			$970	✓	
Total Amount:	$ 15,460.00					

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