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: Global Peace Education Network (GPEN)
2. Mailing Address: 3 Taliar Ridge Road, Guilford, CT 06437
3. Employer Identification Number: 88-2593427
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: David Weinberg

   Mailing Address: 3 Taliar Ridge Road, Guilford, CT 06437

   Phone Number: +1.214.282.3924

   Email Address: david@globalpeaceeducation.com
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: David Weinberg

   Mailing Address: 3 Taliar Ridge Road, Guilford, CT 06437

   Phone Number: +1.214.282.3924

   Email Address: david@globalpeaceeducation.com
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $$76,323.06

   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: Global Peace Education Network

10. Which of the following describes your organization?

☐ Connecticut State Agency

☐ Municipality

☑ Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Provide Secretary of the State No.: 2566929

☐ 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			
23-10-02	☐ Yes ☑ No			
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).

GPEN respectfully requests $$76,323.06 to strengthen Connecticut ’ s capacity to deliver accessible, high-quality peace education to communities locally and around the world.
Founded in 2021, GPEN is a U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit that connects educators, advocates, institutions, and communities through lifelong learning and continuing education in peacemaking strategies. Many of GPEN ’ s volunteers are professionals who live and work in Connecticut, and the organization ’ s work is grounded in the expertise and commitment of this volunteer community.
GPEN maintains online access to a searchable archive of instructional peacemaking content, provides weekly news updates on its website, and produces several online educational events each year, combining live, interactive programming on Zoom with prerecorded video and on-demand access through YouTube. Its annual conference showcases peace education initiatives from around the world. Events are offered in English, French, and Spanish, helping make this programming accessible to a broader public. The requested investment will provide the dependable technology needed to produce and expand video and digital content, workshops and conferences. Of the total request, $14,416.12 will support hardware, including lighting, backdrops, and video-editing computers. The remaining $61,906.94 will support two years of essential software and services: video-editing and event-registration tools, Zoom for interactive events, Envato ’ s royalty-free content, and translation software for multilingual programming.
This would be GPEN ’ s first major capital grant. To date, much of its programming has relied on equipment and software owned by individual volunteers. While that generosity has helped GPEN establish its work, relying on volunteers ’ personal resources makes continuity and growth difficult as people ’ s availability changes. Funding organization-owned equipment and software will give GPEN a stable production foundation, reduce dependence on individual volunteers ’ resources, and allow its

13. Identify the affected geographical area(s) and/or school system(s) that will benefit from the investment or initiative:
GPEN is a global organization registered in Bridgeport, CT. Our programs are available free of charge, to educators of all ages, skill levels and geography. Our Board and faculty have ties to both Southern and Western State University and the CT Bar association. GPEN content is shared regularly with Guilford public access television, hometown of the Executive Director of GPEN.

14. State the number of subscribers served or students impacted:
GPEN has 10,967 YouTube subscribers with an estimated global network reach exceeding 300,000. According to analytics 88% of viewership is from non-subscribers.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Implementation of this project will be immediate. Hardware will be ordered and deployed to designated production volunteers within 6 weeks of receiving funding. Software will be available to volunteers within days of receiving funding. Our milestones will be the workshops and annual conference we produce along with the statistics of those who both register to attend the live, interactive events and watch the On-Demand replay.

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

GPEN will continue to produce weekly news updates on its websites, grow its YouTube channel (youtube.com/@globalpeaceeducation) with additional video content, searchable from its website, one annual conference, and 2-3 workshops per year using this technology. Additionally, stable access to technology will allow us to pursue accreditation for offering continuing education credits to peace educators. We solicit feedback from all participants of the live events and our advisory council guides us to new opportunities and needs as they arrise.

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

Both the GPEN Board and Advisory Council are comprised of peace educators, education administrators, civic leaders, diplomats and legal experts who have devoted their lives and even careers to peace education. The GPEN volunteer base is a growing network of technical and production professionals dedicated to using their skills and knowledge to grow and improve the technical quality of programs we offer. We can provide a more detailed synopsis of our team upon request. Together, we work to build interactive, dynamic peace education content and deliver it here in Connecticut and worldwide.

IV. Budget Information

18. Partner organization(s) or other funding sources (if applicable):
Our partner organizations can be found at https://globalpeaceeducation.com/about/partners. Our partners help develop and promote GPEN educational intitiatives around the globe. Most of the support received is in volunteer service hours and in-kind promotional services. This grant will give us the capital funding we need to secure stable technology for continuing our work with our partners.

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, David Weinberg, 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.

_____ November 12, 2026

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

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.

Note: Software may be categorized as equipment.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Global Peace Education Network (GPEN)
2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) Grant Program App

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
Brevo	$1,392.00	2 years for 1 user	24	3 per mont	✔	Equipment
Adobe Suite	$4,198.80	2 years for 5 users	120	34.99	✔	Equipment
Airtable Business	$3,240.00	2 years for 3 users	72	45	✔	Equipment
Notta	800.16	2 years for 2 users	48	16.67	✔	Equipment
Enchant	960	2 years for 2 users	48	20	✔	Equipment
DeepL	420	2 users for 2 years	4	105	✔	Equipment
DonorDock	$12,000.00	For 2 years	24	500	✔	Equipment
Computer Monitor	1398	BHPhotovideo.com	2	699	✔	Equipment
Envato	12096	2 years for 3 users	72	168	✔	Equipment
Green Screen	399.80	BHPhotovideo.com	2	199.90	✔	Equipment
Ring Light	475.80	BHPhotovideo.com	4	118.95	✔	Equipment
Thunderbolt Wire	318	Apple.com	2	159	✔	Equipment
oom 500 Participant accou	2400	Zoom.com	4	600	✔	Equipment
MacBook Pro 16"	11164.62	apple.com	2	5582.31	✔	Equipment
Calddigit Docking Hub	659.90	apple.com	2	329.95	✔	Equipment
Microsoft Office	399.98	For 2 years	2	199.99	✔	Equipment
ChatGPT	$12,000.00	AI Support for research and production - 2 years for 5 seats	120	100		
Claude	$12,000.00	AI Support for research and production - 2 years for 5 seats	120	100		
Total Amount:	$76,323.0					

Expense	Amount	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Bid/ Estimate Attached	Type of Cost
Total Amount:	$76,323.0					

Signature of Authorized Representative

I, _____, 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.

David Weinberg

_____ November 12, 2(

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