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 Cromwell Belden Public Library

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Cromwell Belden Public Library
2. Mailing Address: 39 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6001978
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Kristy Crisler

   Mailing Address: 39 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

   Phone Number: 860-632-3460

   Email Address: kcrisler@cromwellct.gov
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Gordon Kent

   Mailing Address: 39 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

   Phone Number: 860-632-3460

   Email Address: gkent@cromwellct.gov
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

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

   Name: Kara Canney

   Mailing Address: 39 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

   Phone Number: 860-632-3460

   Email Address: kcanney@cromwellct.gov
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 3,522.50

   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			
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).

Our library already has a Non-Traditional Collection filled with items that circulate well (full of items like Giant Connect Four, metal detectors, wifi hotspots, etc). Because our community has come to expect such offerings from us, each time we've added to the collection it has seen success. Through this grant, we'd like to add telescopes, keyboards, a microphone, and vehicle diagnostic scanners to this collection, in turn making them available to our community. We are strategic in what is added to this collection; we consider what could serve a variety of demographics, what may be financially out of reach for our patrons, and what community members have requested in the past. All items must also support the mission of the Cromwell Belden Public Library, which is to provide a free place to discover, create, enjoy, share and inspire lifelong learning.
After extensive research, we believe that telescopes will be a popular item because this type of item is not regularly accessible to many of our patrons, and we have plans for educational programs we will build out around these. The keyboards are intended to erase the barrier to access music education and continuing education. The microphone can be for anyone interested in podcasting, music, or audio/video production, and the vehicle diagnostic scanners are a useful tool that are designed to help our patrons troubleshoot simple vehicle maintenance themselves, or perhaps walk into their local auto body shop better informed.

The 3D printer will allow us to expand upon our already thriving 3D printing services. We printed 37 outside projects for patrons in 2025 and hosted 4 educational programs teaching the public about the process and opportunity that come with this technology. Our existing Bambu 3D printer is much loved by the public we serve but requires near-daily ongoing maintenance, supervision, and repair by staff, simply because it is aging technology. A new 3D printer will allow us to keep up with community demand while delivering a superior product that requires less staff supervision. We have also seen an increase in interest in the procedure of 3D printing. Staff have offered 3D printing workshops for children and teens in the past, which have been received well; with a new printer we would like to expand these programs to include programs targeted at adults.

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

Cromwell, Connecticut and the surrounding area (many of our heavy users live in Middletown).

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

14,388 in Cromwell proper; we also serve a substantial portion of Middletown's population due to their proximity to our library.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Summer 2027: "Disbursement of awards." Purchase equipment, begin writing procedures for use. Plan marketing campaign. Plan fall programs featuring telescopes.

Fall 2027: Announce arrival of new equipment to public. Market telescopes more heavily on front end (due to weather and predicted astronomical events), with a shift to all other equipment as the weather turns cold and our patrons check out more items for indoor use. Implement fall astronomy programs. Reach out to local music teachers- who likely best know of students who could benefit from library keyboards and microphone- informing them of this new resource. Plan 3D printing programs for adults for winter.

Winter 2028: Analyze usage statistics of new equipment and adjust marketing/promotion accordingly. Implement adult 3D printing education programs. Plan spring programs, promotions, and displays for under-performing items (if any).

May 2028: Data for first months of usage and program attendance analyzed.

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

The telescopes, keyboards, microphone, and automotive scanners will be entered into our Non-Traditional Collection and as such will be subject to the same rigorous collection management policy we use for all other circulating items. Staff scrutinize circulation statistics monthly, and non-traditional items are evaluated on an object-by-object basis. We expect to see these items checked out by community members a minimum of once per month, and if they fail to do so have procedures in place that allow us to highlight these items (planning a program around the item, upping our social media marketing, performing in-house demonstrations during periods of high foot traffic). In an attempt to keep up with technology and community demand, the addition of an updated 3D printer will allow us to increase our services and programming associated with these machines. Because this is an already popular service, we would like see usage increase by 1.5 times within six months of setup of the new printer. Because the service was used for 37 prints in 2025, we'd like to see 23 projects printed within 6 months, and we would likewise increase our education programs focusing on 3D printing by 1.5 times.

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

We are a small public library that saw over 66,000 visits in 2025. We launched our Non-Traditional Collection (aka Library of Things) in 2021 and have spent the past five years learning and fine-tuning what to offer, how to offer it, and what is of best use to our community. We have become adept at identifying items that will serve our community well, and we know how to rally when an item doesn't meet immediate success. We currently have an even 100 items in our Non-Traditional Collection; these circulated 466 times in 2025. We have created educational programming featuring specific items in this collection, such as the pizza oven in a cooking class, and also use these items at outreach events. Bringing items like a backyard movie kit and spikeball game to our local outdoor community fair has helped us to spread the word that the library is a local resource that is designed to serve our neighbors- often in unexpected ways!

IV. Budget Information

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

Potential budget shortfalls for this project will be funded by the Friends of the Cromwell Belden Public Library, up to $500.

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: The three warranty services listed amount to 353.91, which is roughly 10% of the overall grant request, not less than 10%.

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, Kristy Crisler, 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.

Kristy Crisler Digitally signed by Kristy Crisler Date: 2026.11.17 11:55:49 -05'00' November 17, 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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1. Organization Name: Cromwell Belden Public Library
2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: Annual Allocation of Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account Pursuan

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
Telescope	$ 1,109.85	Apertura Library Telescope	3	369.95/each		Equipment
Telescope Service Kit	$ 59.90	Telescope Library Service Kit	2	29.95/each		Equipment
Telescope Protection Plan	$ 209.97	Telescope Extended Protection Plan (3 years)	3	69.99/each		Warranty Service
Mini 25-Key Keyboard	$ 387.00	Akai Professional MPK Mini Play MK3 25-Key Keyboard	3	129.00/each		Equipment
Mini Keyboard Protection Plan	$ 107.97	36 Month Pro Coverage on Akai	3	35.99/each		Warranty Service
Mini Keyboard Case	$ 77.97	LTGEM Case for Akai MK3 Keyboard	3	25.99/each		Equipment
61-Key Keyboard	$ 209.97	Rockjam RJ361 61-Key Keyboard for Beginners	3	69.99/each		Equipment
61-Key Keyboard Protection Plan	$ 35.97	ASURION 4-Year Protection Plan on 61-Key Keyboard	3	11.99/each		Warranty Service
61-Key Keyboard Case	$ 89.97	AKOZLIN 61-Key Keyboard Case Piano Bag	3	29.99/each		Equipment
USB Microphone	$ 104.97	Zeal Sound Podcast Microphone USB	3	34.99/each		Equipment
3D Printer	$ 789.00	BambuLabX2D Combo AMS+Printer	1	789.00		Equipment
Vehicle Diagnostic Reader	$ 139.98	ANCEL AD530 OBD2 Scanner	2	69.99/each		Equipment
Vehicle & Battery Diagnostic Reader	$ 199.98	ANCEL AD530 Pro 2 in 1 OBD2 Scanner+12V Battery Tester	2	99.99/each		Equipment
Total Amount:	$ 3,522.50					

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November 17, 2026

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