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: Regional School District No. 8
2. Mailing Address: 85 Wall Street, Hebron, CT 06248
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6008260
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Denis Recchia

   Mailing Address: 85 Wall Street, Hebron, CT 06248

   Phone Number: 860-228-2115

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

   Name: Eva Gallupe

   Mailing Address: 85 Wall Street, Hebron, CT 06248

   Phone Number: 860-228-2115

   Email Address: eva.gallupe@rhamschools.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: Colin McNamara

   Mailing Address: 85 Wall Street, Hebron, CT 06248

   Phone Number: 860-228-2115

   Email Address: colin.mcnamara@rhamschools.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 208,834.50

   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.: N/A

☐ 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	9/27/2024	10/1/2024	10/1/2024
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	9/5/2023	2/1/2024	2/1/2024
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	Unlisted	1/25/23	1/25/23

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).

Regional School District #8 is seeking to modernize and increase our current wireless infrastructure. Our current system is outdated and does not provide the covereage necessary for modern educational devices on our campus. Current wireless technology is out of date and not up to current standards. It also is sparsely located throughout our building, causing devices to have no signal in necessary educational areas.

This project will allow us to provide greater coverage across our campus and fix our speed and congestion issues in areas already covered by devices. New access points and networking equipment will be installed across our campus by in house staff to improve and solidify our connections.

This project will also allow us to increase student and staff safety through the placement of more video cameras in areas that are currently unaccessable to us due to restrictions in our wireless network.

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

The towns of Hebron, Marlborough, Andover and Columbia's students will see increased reliability and performance from their educational network. Students will also see increased safety due to the ability to place additional video surveillance cameras around the campus in areas that cannot currently be reached.

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

This project will affect approximately 1,150 students and 250 staff members.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Installation and project installation will take place during the summer of 2027 once school has dismissed. Project will start in June 2027 and finish by August 2027. Equipment will be purchased as soon as funding is acquired and be ready to install for the end of the school year.

Installation will be completed by the start of the school year in August, 2027. Student and staff benefit will begin as soon as the project is completed.

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

The School district will see improved performance on their wireless network with expansion to new areas on our campus. New devices will be installed and new controller will be active and configured.

Classes and school functions will be able to take place outside and inside on District property utilizing the newly acquired resources.

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

Regional School District No. 8 is a regional school district located in Hebron, CT serving the students of Hebron, Marlborough, Andover and Columbia.

Regional School District No. 8 has successfully completed 3 previous PEGPETIA grant projects and is fully versed in meeting all requirements. District staff maintains the know how and ability to install large network products. District currently maintains their own wireless system and performs all repairs and installs. Current district technology director has accomplished 3 such projects and has over 25 years experience in adjacent items.

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: Budget filled out below

20. Have you provided supporting documentation for each item, such as copies of bids, estimates, and quotes?

☑ Yes.
☐ No. Explain: Yes, quote attached

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: Installation is less than 10% of the project cost

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.

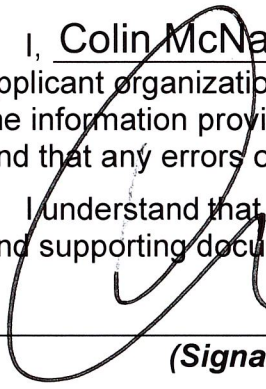
☐ Yes.

☐ No.

VI. Signature of Authorized Representative

I, Colin McNamara, 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)*** 11/16/26

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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: Regional School District No. 8
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
S4A25A	$ 144,912.60	HPE Aruba Networking AP-725 (US) Tri Radio 2x2 Wi-Fi 7 Internal Antennas Campus	196	739.35	✓	Equipment
S4K79A	$ 5,909.40	HPE Aruba Networking AP-MNT-U Campus Access Point Type U Universal Mount Bracke	196	30.15	✓	Equipment
R4W44A	$ 3,747.60	HPE Aruba Networking AP-565 (US) 802.11ax Dual 2x2 Radio Integrated Omni Antenn	4	936.90	✓	Equipment
JW053A	$ 286.20	HPE Aruba Networking AP-270-MNT-V2 Outdoor AP Short Arm Pole/Wall Mounting Brac	4	71.55	✓	Equipment
R4W49A	$ 1,873.80	HPE Aruba Networking AP-567 (US) 802.11ax Dual 2x2 Radio Integrated Directional	2	936.90	✓	Equipment
R6W11A	$ 177.30	HPE Aruba Networking AP-270-MNT-H3 Outdoor AP Hanging Dual- Tilt Pole/Wall Mount	2	88.65	✓	Equipment
R4H03A	$ 2,305.80	HPE Aruba Networking AP-518 (US) Dual Radio 4x4/2x2 Wi-Fi 6 6xRPSMA Connectors	2	1152.90	✓	Equipment
R3J18A	$ 37.80	HPE Aruba Networking AP-MNT-D Campus AP mount bracket kit (individual) type D:	2	18.90	✓	Equipment
JX988A	$ 873.90	HPE Aruba Networking ANT-4x4-5314 5.15-5.9GHz 14dBi Dual Pol MIMO Hi Gain Dir N	2	436.95	✓	Equipment
JW067A	$ 104.40	HPE Aruba Networking AFCSJMTM-00 Indoor AP RPSMAm to Nm 60cm Flexible Indoor Ra	8	13.05	✓	Equipment
Q9Y59AAE	$ 36,245.70	HPE Aruba Networking Central AP Foundation 3-year Subscription E- STU	206	175.95	✓	Equipment
ATL-INSTALL	$ 12,360.00	Installation and Programming	206	60	✓	Installation
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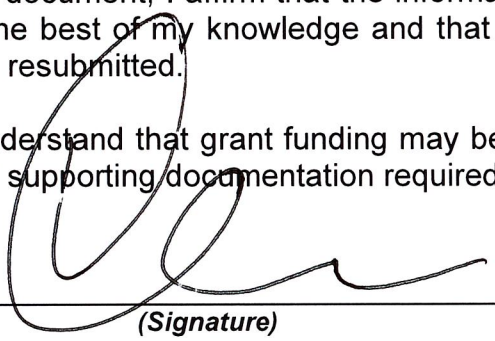

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