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: BLENDED LEARNING ACADEMY FOR S.T.E.M STUDY (BLASS) ROBOTICS Inc.
2. Mailing Address: 78 Mercer Avenue, East Hartford, CT 06118
3. Employer Identification Number: 39-4944257
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☑ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Dr. Oluwakayode Adebowale

   Mailing Address: 78 Mercer Avenue, East Hartford, CT 06118

   Phone Number: 203-895-1095

   Email Address: blass@blendedlearningcenter.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.

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7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 11,999.80

   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: Nonprofit youth robotics and STEM education provider

10. Which of the following describes your organization?

☐ Connecticut State Agency

☐ Municipality

☑ Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Provide Secretary of the State No.: 3255860

☐ 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).

We request $11,999.80 for 20 shared Windows laptops to expand student access to coding, digital literacy and robotics learning in Hartford County. Students will use the devices to write and test code, document engineering work, research designs and complete digital projects. Devices will remain BLASS Robotics assets and rotate through supervised school and community sessions. This project advances digital learning and computing competency. It supports new activity during June 2027 to May 2028, after grant award, rather than reimbursement of completed work. Final sites, technology permissions and participant enrollment will be confirmed before deployment.

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

Hartford County, Connecticut, with priority to Hartford students and BLASS Robotics school and community programs. MLK Jr. Middle School in Hartford is a documented program location; participation as a deployment site remains subject to school approval. No unconfirmed partner is represented as committed.

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

Proposed target: 50-100 distinct elementary, middle and high school students during the project year, served by 20 shared devices. This is a planning target, not a verified enrollment count. Enrollment and unique student reach will be recorded without double-counting repeat attendance.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

June-July 2027: confirm award terms, tax treatment, current quotes, host permissions and device compatibility; procure after authorization. August 2027: inventory, configure and test devices, establish secure storage and provide orientation. September 2027-April 2028: supervised instruction and monthly usage tracking. By April 30, 2028: complete project evaluation and reconcile purchases. May 2028: complete the project and file required compliance by the date PURA specifies.

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

Proposed measures: inventory and acceptance-test 100% of purchased devices; serve 50-100 unique students; document at least two completed coding or engineering artifacts per participating student; target 75% of students completing both assessments to improve on a short computing-skills rubric. Record attendance, device-use sessions, operability and repairs monthly. Report denominators and missing assessments. Collect student reflections, mentor observations and family feedback, and retain receipts and an expenditure ledger for compliance.

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

BLASS Robotics, founded in 2023, is a Connecticut 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing school and community robotics and STEM education. We supported five FIRST Robotics teams during the 2024-25 season. Our 2026 annual impact report documents robot construction and digital guide use at MLK Jr. Middle School on October 5, 2026. The proposed laptops address limited access to computing tools for coding and engineering.

IV. Budget Information

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

BLASS Robotics will be the applicant, grant recipient and equipment owner. The annual report identifies historical support from Hartford Public Schools, ReadyCT, Greater Glastonbury FTC Organization, RTX and other community organizations. Historical support does not constitute a new commitment to this project. No cash match or other grant is assumed. Host permissions, donated staff time and storage arrangements must be confirmed before launch. No BLSC service fee is included.

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: Saved Dell vendor listing attached as embedded HTML and summarized in Appendix A. Price verified October 21, 2026. Tax exemption and final delivered cost to be confirmed before purchase.

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: No separately charged non-equipment costs (0%). Budget assumes tax-exempt equipment purchase and free shipping. If tax applies, use the scalable taxable alternative in Appendix A; no salaries, stipends or service agreements are requested.

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, Dr. Oluwakayode Adebowale, 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.

Oluwakayode Adebowale Digitally signed by Oluwakayode Adebowale Date: 2026.10.21 18:34:47 -04'00' October 21, 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.

Note: Software may be categorized as equipment.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: BLENDED LEARNING ACADEMY FOR S.T.E.M STUDY (BLASS) ROBOTICS Inc.
2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
   Annual Allocation of Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account
3. Docket Name: _____

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
Student laptops	11999.80	Dell DC15250 / dc15250_so_6; 8 GB RAM; 512 GB SSD; Windows 11 Home.	20	599.99	✔	Equipment
Total Amount:	$ 11,999.80					

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Oluwakayode Adebowale Digitally signed by Oluwakayode Adebowale Date: 2026.10.21 18:40:04 -04'00'

(Signature)

October 21, 2026

(Date)

Appendix A - Budget evidence and application notes

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Request: 20 shared student laptops x $599.99 = $11,999.80. Separately charged non-equipment expenses: $0 (0%). No cash match is required or assumed.

Vendor evidence: Dell USA product listing, retrieved October 21, 2026. The complete saved vendor HTML is embedded in this PDF as Dell_vendor_listing_2026-10-21.html; open the PDF Attachments panel to view or save it. The following is an applicant-prepared summary, not a binding vendor quotation.

Dell model DC15250; configuration/offer dc15250_so_6. Listed price $599.99, with free shipping advertised. Configuration: Intel Core 3 100U; 8 GB DDR5 RAM; 512 GB SSD; Windows 11 Home; 15.6-inch non-touch FHD display. Bulk availability, tax treatment and any separately priced service charges are not established by the listing.

Vendor URL: https://www.dell.com/en-us/shop/laptop-computers/spd/dell15laptopdc15250/dc15250_so_6

Scalable alternatives (same educational scope):

20 laptops: $11,999.80; 15 laptops: $8,999.85; 10 laptops: $5,999.90. These assume documented purchase exemption and free delivery. If taxable, an alternative is 18 laptops at $10,799.82 plus estimated 6.35% tax of $685.79, total $11,485.61. Confirm tax treatment and cost classification before finalizing a taxable request. Reduce device quantity to stay within the award if delivered costs change.

Applicant record update

Legal applicant: BLENDED LEARNING ACADEMY FOR S.T.E.M STUDY (BLASS) ROBOTICS Inc.; EIN 39-4944257; Connecticut Business ID 3255860. The nonprofit status and legal identity already recorded in the application are retained. Applicant confirmed October 21 that the corporate annual report issue has been resolved. These are no longer listed as outstanding applicant confirmations.

Delivery and reporting

BLASS Robotics is the grant recipient and equipment owner. Hartford County students will use shared devices in supervised coding and robotics activities. Confirm host permissions, secure storage, charging, instructional staffing and software compatibility before deployment. Proposed implementation: June 2027-May 2028. Track unique participants, device inventory/use and student coding artifacts; retain receipts and proof of payment for compliance.

Execution and filing

Application and budget certifications remain for the authorized representative to sign and date. PEG-only acknowledgment is not applicable to this ETI request. This completed form has not been filed. File as a motion in Docket 26-10-02 by November 20, 2026, noon EST. Final purchasing arrangements must remain consistent with the award and grant cost rules.