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 Grove School

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Grove School
2. Mailing Address: 175 Copse Rd, Madison CT 06443
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-0775142
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Darren McIntyre

   Mailing Address: 175 Copse Rd, Madison CT 06443

   Phone Number: 203-245-2778

   Email Address: Darren@groveschool.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: Darren McIntyre

   Mailing Address: 175 Copse Rd, Madison CT 06443

   Phone Number: 203-245-2778

   Email Address: Darren@groveschool.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $159,733.00

   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: Special Education Boarding School

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.: 0009818635

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	11/14/25	NA	11/14/25
23-10-02	◉ Yes ☐ No	11/05/24	na	11/05/24
22-10-02	◉ Yes ☐ No	10/06/23	na	11/14/23
21-10-13	◉ Yes ☐ No	9/15/22	na	5/12/23

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).

Our proposed capital investment focuses on modernizing Grove School's technology infrastructure to enhance instructional delivery, administrative efficiency, network performance, and cybersecurity. The grant will support the purchase of 60 laptops providing faculty and staff with reliable, high-performance computers for educational and administrative responsibilities. Additionally, we plan to significantly upgrade our campus network infrastructure by installing 35 enterprise-grade UniFi network switches, including high-speed aggregation switches, to improve connectivity, increase network capacity, and support the growing number of connected devices throughout our campus. Two enterprise-class security gateways will further strengthen our network by providing advanced threat detection, intrusion prevention, and improved traffic management. Together, these investments will establish a more reliable, secure, and scalable technology environment that supports modern educational applications, digital learning resources, communication systems, and the evolving technological needs of our students and staff.

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

Our school is located in the town of Madison, but it serves a large portion of families and school districts throughout the state and Northeast region. We offer special education services to students who have emotional disabilities.

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

130

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

August 2027: Purchase and configuration of 60 Laptops
December 2027: Purchase and installation of Network Switches
February 2027: Purchase and installatino of Wi-Fi Access Points

16. Identify objective performance measures that can be used to evaluate the success or

The effectiveness of this investment will be evaluated through measurable improvements in technology reliability, network performance, cybersecurity, and instructional efficiency. Additionally, feedback from faculty and staff will help determine whether the improvements have reduced technological disruptions and enhanced their ability to deliver educational services effectively

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

Our school employs approximately 130 full time and part time staff. It continues to be a highly recognized educational facility for the population we serve. Special Education Directors and therapists from around the country rely on our services to help students who cannot easily manage school without significant support. We conduct a lot of video conferencing meetings with professionals throughout the year, host in-service programs on campus for staff and parents, provide internships experiences for teachers and therapists from various colleges, and we provide a full range of classes for students 12 months of the year.

Our campus network infrastructure has become vital for daily operations and instructional delivery, and there is a growing need for us to provide our internet services in more areas and at a faster and more reliable transmission rate. We also need to improve our redundancy in critical areas of our technology infrastructure. Our IT Department is led by Darren McIntyre who has worked at the school for 28 years.

IV. Budget Information

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

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, Darren McIntyre, 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.

Darren McIntyre _____ 11/19/26

(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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2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
   PEGPETIA Grant Program
3. Docket Name: _____

II. Budget Template

Expense	Amount	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Bid/ Estimate Attached	Type of Cost
Lenovo Thinkbook laptops	$67,500.00	Thinkbook 15.6; i7-1255U; 16GB RAM; 1TB SSD; Win 11 Pro	60	$1,125	✓	Equipment
UniFi 48-port switches	$30,840.00	Layer 3 PoE+++; 10 GbE RJ45; 25G SFP28	8	$3,855	✓	Equipment
UniFi 24-port switches	$41,295.00	Layer 3 PoE+++; 10 GbE RJ45; 25G SFP28	15	$2,753	✓	Equipment
UniFi Pro Max 16-port switches	$4,390.00	Layer 3; 2.5 GbE; PoE++; 180W total PoE	10	$439	✓	Equipment
UniFi Campus Aggregation	$7,998.00	1.8 Tbps high-density 100G/25G L3 switch; MC-LAG	2	$3,999	✓	Equipment
Enterprise 100 Gbps Cloud Gateway	$7,710.00	100 Gbps gateway; 79 Gbps IDS/IPS; IPsec tunnels	2	$3,855	✓	Equipment
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