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 Stratford Public Schools

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Stratford Public Schools
2. Mailing Address: 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615
3. Employer Identification Number: 061442457
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Joanna Najarian-Garb

   Mailing Address: 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615

   Phone Number: 203-380-6749

   Email Address: najarian-garbj@stratk12.org
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Matt Rivers

   Mailing Address: 55 Fotch Street, Stratford, CT 06615

   Phone Number: 203-381-6962

   Email Address: riversm@stratk12.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: Heather Borges

   Mailing Address: 1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615

   Phone Number: 203-385-4225

   Email Address: borgesh@stratk12.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 248,526.00

   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: _____

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		04/24/2026	04/24/2026
23-10-02	☐ Yes ☑ No			
22-10-02	☐ Yes ☑ No			
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	08/24/2022	02/06/2023	02/06/2023

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).

The Stratford Public Schools (SPS) proposed to purchase and install 60 new Smartboards. This will include 25 at Chapel Elementary School, 13 at Wilcoxson Elementary School, 11 at Eli Whitney Elementary School, 9 at Lordship Elementary School, and 2 at Franklin Elementary School. SPS has been upgrading and standardizing Smartboards in elementary and secondary classrooms as funding has allowed over a number of years. These 60 classrooms have been identified as need new Smartboards; at this time, all other classrooms have been updated.

The equipment investment aligns with goals of integrating technology thoughtfully and appropriately into the curricula for all public school teachers through an infrastructure upgrade that provides equitable access across all Stratford Public Schools. The equipment investment also aligns with teaching digital literacy through the integration of technical skills with creativity, analytical thinking and collaboration.

Standardization: The older Smartboards do not have the same features as the new ones. Doing the upgrades to the new style will allow for equal instructional resources across all classrooms. This will also allow teachers who travel across schools and/or classrooms to have access to consistent technology across the curriculum.

Maintenance: Due to the age of the current Smartboards slated to be replaced, there is a constant need for repairs. Some are no longer usable entirely due to their age making the resource unavailable for instruction.

Usage: Given that some of the Smartboards are at end of life and not functioning properly, they are no longer being used. This means that some teachers do not have access to a Smartboard because the one in their classroom no longer works. Having the new Smartboards will increase the meaningful integration of technology into the curriculum through the usage of this tool. Having the new Smartboards will allow students across the district to have access to the same technology resources and learning opportunities.

Integration of Technology Into the Curriculum, Move Effective Teaching Practices, and Improved Student Learning Experience: The new Smartboards have better touch sensitivity and writing tools. They also have a built-in computer interface on the board itself which allows for pulling up resources straight from the Smartboards. The new interface will minimize teachers having to interrupt their teaching to move from the Smartboard to the computer. Teachers using the new Smartboards also have the ability to keep private information such as daily attendance on their desktops while using their Smartboards solely for instruction. The new Smartboards have multi-touch capabilities which allow multiple students to interact with the Smartboard fostering collaborative work.

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

The affected school system is the Stratford Public Schools which serves the town of Stratford, Connecticut. Stratford Public Schools serves approximately 6200 students per year. Chapel, Eli Whitney, Franklin, Lordship, and Wilcoxson serve approximately 1545 students per year.

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

1545 students per year across the 5 elementary schools mentioned in the application.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

Upgrading Smartboard is part of a mutli-year project. Below is the implementation schedule for the grant-funded portion at Chapel, Eli Whitney, Franklin, Lordship, and Wilcoxson. The expected completion date is the start of the 2027-2028 school year.

A. Order Smartboards within a month of receiving the grant award.
B. Summer 2027: Install Smartboards from June 14, 2027 to August 23, 2027 starting with the schools with the most Smartboards. The approximate amount of time for each school is listed below.
    1. Chapel: 25 Smartboard-3 weeks
    2. Wilcoxson: 13 Smartboards-2 weeks
    3. Eli Whitney: 11 Smartboards-2 weeks
    4. Lordship: 9 Smartboards-1.5 weeks
    5. Franklin: 2 Smartboards-1 day
C. August 2027: Provide teacher training in the use of the new Smartboards
D. September 2027: Classes begin with the new Smartboards

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

Stratford Public Schools will evaluate this project using process and outcomes measures.
Process Measures
--Smartboards installed, testing, and functioning
--Teachers who receive Smartboards complete training
--Smartboards are in use starting in September 2027
Outcome Measures
--The percentage of teachers regularly using Smartboards will increase by 50% among the teachers who receive Smartboards.
--Per a survey of teachers who receive Smartboards, at least 85% will be satisfied with the new Smartboards
--SPS will document lower costs of maintenance/repair for the Smartboards in the 5 elementary schools listed in this project.

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

The mission of the Stratford Public Schools is to support the growth of the whole student through a challenging and inspiring education, within a safe and inclusive environment. The Stratford Public Schools (SPS) serve approximately 6200 students across 1 preschool, 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools, and 1 alternative instructional program. Per 2025-2026 data on Edsight Public, 51.5% of SPS students qualify for free/reduced lunch. 20.5% qualify as students with disabilities, and 11.8% of students are English Learners/Multilingual Learners. In March of 2022, SPS was identified as an Alliance district. Stratford is a coastal town with a population of 53,908 per Census estimates of July 2025.
To support the growth of the whole student as outlined in SPS's mission, SPS teachers and students have been using Smartboards for more than 13 years. When the technology is working, teachers regularly use this tool to provide clear visual information and to promote engagement through an interactive tool. Technology staff provide training as needed including during August and November professional development days and to small groups as well as one-to-one. Technology staff service Smartboards and make sure the software is updated. The Stratford Technology Budget includes funding for the maintenance of the Smartboards. Educators and technology staff have demonstrated their capacity to use this tool throughout the over 13 years of usage.

IV. Budget Information

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

Stratford Public Schools has no partners in this request. District technology staff will install software, provide training for teachers via professional development, and include Smartboard maintenance/repair costs in the district budget.

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, Heather Borges, 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)* 11/17/26

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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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1. Organization Name: Stratford Public Schools
2. Docket Number: 26-10-02
3. Docket Name: Annual Allocation of 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
Smartboard	$ 185,700.00	SMART Interactive Display with iQ	60	$3,095 each	✓	Equipment
Whiteboard Mount	$ 18,000.00	Peerless Over Whiteboard Mount	60	$300/each	✓	Equipment
Cable/Wall Plate	$ 10,500.00	25' HDMI Cable & Active USB Cable/Wall Plate Package	60	$175/each	✓	Equipment
Soundbar	$ 11,940.00	Hamilton Buhl Soundbar Package	60	$199/each	✓	Equipment
Installation	$ 22,386.00	Partial installation costs to fit grant requirements; true cost=$795 each	60	$373.10/each	✓	Installation
Total Amount:	$ 248,526.00					

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(Signature) 11/17/26 (Date)

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29335

DATE
October 20, 2026

EXPIRY DATE
December 19, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Stratford Public Schools - SMART Interactive Displays for Grant Preliminary Proposal Only

Scope Of Work

Preliminary quote for (60) Interactive Displays with 25ft Cable Packages, Soundbars, and Installation for various locations across the district. Special pricing below is based on qty of 60.

This quote is preliminary until a final walkthrough is completed and all needs agreed upon between RnB and Stratford. Wiremold, adaptors, surge protectors, etc. are not included on this quote but can be added for any rooms requested once a final quote is needed.

SMART MX 75" Interactive Display With iQ

Includes 3YR Subscription to SMART Remote Management and FREE Software/Software Agnostic

Engagement elevated- Maximize student engagement, save teachers' time, and simplify IT management with the durable SMART Board® MX series interactive display.

EDLA-Certified by Google
4K Ultra HD, LED 50,000 Hours
Zero-Bonded Glass
iQ embedded computing on Android 13
Integrated Microphone Array & (2) 20W Speakers
(2) 65W USB-C
Multi-user Sign-In
Wi-Fi 6E and Hotspot
FREE Software and Software Agnostic



3,095.00
x 60
185,700.00

Peerless Over Whiteboard Mount

Fits interactive displays with VESA® mounting patterns up to 800 x 400mm.
Mounts over an existing marker board/chalkboard.



300.00
x 60
18,000.00

25' HDMI & Active USB Cable / Wall Plate Package

Package includes the below items:
1- 25' HDMI Cable
1- 25' Active USB Cable
1- 6' HDMI Connection Cable
1- 6' USB Connection Cable
1- Custom HDMI & USB Wall Plate



175.00
x 60
10,500.00

Hamilton Buhl Soundbar Package

Hamilton Buhl Soundbar
Flat Panel Mounting System (ACSBR1)
Power Cord Extension (53408)
PC Audio Cable (MPS-MPS-6ST)



199.00
x 60
11,940.00

Installation Services

Installation of above products by a licensed installer

INSTALLATION SERVICES >

795.00
x 60
47,700.00

Total **$273,840.00**

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We would like to thank you for giving RnB Enterprises, Inc the opportunity to quote you on the above-listed items. Our goal is to provide you with the products and information that help you succeed. Should you have any questions regarding this quote or any other A/V pricing needs, please feel free to contact me at (800) 998-8865 or email me at Katy@rnbenterprises.com

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