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 Colchester Public Schools

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Colchester Public Schools
2. Mailing Address: 127 Norwich Ave Suite 202 Colchester, CT 06415
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6001598
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Barbara

   Mailing Address: 127 Norwich Ave Suite 202 Colchester, CT 06415

   Phone Number: 860-460-3727

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

   Name: Alyssa Butova

   Mailing Address: 127 Norwich Ave Suite 202 Colchester, CT 06415

   Phone Number:

   Email Address: abutova@colchesterct.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: Barbara Johnson

   Mailing Address: 127 Norwich Ave Suite 202 Colchester, CT 06415

   Phone Number: 860-460-3727

   Email Address: bajohnson@colchesterct.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☐ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $ 13,585.00 $11,246.94

   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		10/30/2025	10/30/2025
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	09/26/2024	09/26/2024	06/26/2024
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	10/13/2023	01/10/2024	2/21/2024
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).

Colchester public schools are looking to expand their robotics and STEM offerings to young students by utilizing the Lego Education Science and Computer Science/AI learning kits.
We are looking to help all learners explore coding and AI through playful, hands-on experiences that build problem-solving, creativity and collaboration.
Students are able to connect to science concepts through hands-on modeling, simulation and sense-making. Additionally students unlock meaningful computer science and AI learning with hands-on collaboration in organized, but easy to navigate lessons.
This program provides the confidence and skills needed to thrive in an ever-changing world, encouraging them to create positive change in the world around them.

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

The entire Colchester Public Schools learning community

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

2100 students

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

2-1-27 Purchase of Lego Education kits
4-1-27 Schedule Professional Learning for teachers
5-1-27 Begin implementation of the program at all schools through the Library
6-15-27 Reflect and feedback to adjust and fully implement program during the 27-28 school year

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

Lessons taught
Staff feedback
Student feedback
Observational data around stamina during student problem solving units

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

The Colchester Board of Education is a seven-member elected Board. Members serve staggered four- year terms. As required by Connecticut state law and the Town Charter, the Board of Education oversees the operation of all public elementary and secondary schools in Colchester.
The Board establishes policies and procedures designed to further the District's mission, as stated in the District's Strategic Plan: "Colchester Public Schools are committed to establishing and maintaining strong parent-community' school partnerships to provide a safe, engaging, and effective learning environment to meet the unique needs of individual students. These partnerships are dedicated to promoting student wellbeing and the highest level of academic excellence measured by established performance standards and real-world applications. We commit to to comprehensive system of support to ensure the success of each and every student".
Although the Board's oversight authority is broad, the Board delegates the administration and day-to-day operation of the District to the Superintendent and the other members of the administrative team. Working together, the Board, Administrators, and the community at large are fully engaged in the task of providing a quality education to Colchester's young citizens and ensuring that all have the tools for a lifetime of success.
We have implemented numerous technology-focused projects in the past and have the resources at hand to implement the technology items included in this grant for use within the district.
The Colchester Public Schools embarked on a revision of its technology plan in the fall of 2016 to convert to a more digital learning and working environment. A 50-person stakeholder group composed of students, parents, community members, faculty, and staff developed the vision for technology use. This plan has been revised in 2024.

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, Barbara Johnson, 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.

Barbara Johnson
(Signature)

October 26, 2026
(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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I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Colchester Public Schools
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
k-2 Science Classroom	$ 1,999.00	Science Classroom Bundle K-2 5009019	1	1999	✓	Equipment
6-8 Vex AIM Classroom	$ 1,199.99	Science Classroom Bundle 6-8 5009021	3	3599.97	✓	Equipment
k-2 Computer Science Classroom	$ 2,289.00	Computer Science & AI Classroom Bundle K-2 5010027	1	2249	✓	Equipment
3-5 Computer Science Classroom	$ 2,799.00	Computer Science & AI Classroom Bundle 3-5 5010028	1	2799	✓	Equipment
6-8 Vex AIM Classroom Warranty	$ 199.99	Computer Science & AI Classroom Bundle 68 5010029	3	599.97	✓	Equipment
Total Amount:	$ 11,246.94					

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