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: Newtown Public Schools
2. Mailing Address: 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-6001643
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Judit DeStefano, Grants Manager

   Mailing Address: 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

   Phone Number: (203) 426-7600 x 7505

   Email Address: destefanoj@newtown.k12.ct.us
5. Additional Contact Person for Service List ***(optional)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Dennis Colclough, Director of Technology

   Mailing Address: 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

   Phone Number: (203) 426-6132

   Email Address: colcloughd@newtown.k12.ct.us
6. Authorized Representative ***(required)***

   Note: The authorized representative will not be on the service list unless also listed as a contact person, above.

   Name: Anne Uberti, Superintendent of Schools

   Mailing Address: 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

   Phone Number: (203) 426-7621

   Email Address: ubertia@newtown.k12.ct.us
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $$ 98,657.40

   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	4/24/25	11/5/25	11/5/25
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	10/1/24	10/1/24	10/1/24
22-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	9/12/23, 10/2/23	12/19/23	12/19/23
21-10-13	☑ Yes ☐ No	5/25/22	1/22/23	1/11/23

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).

This project seeks to provide state-of-the-art interactive media, touch-and-write, wireless-capable display boards for educational purposes in our elementary school buildings, outfitting Kindergarten and Specials classrooms across Newtown's four elementary schools. The current inventory of SMART Boards—which remain in many classrooms utilizing legacy equipment—is approximately 15 years old. These units are out of warranty, unreliable, and rely on obsolete parts that can no longer be replaced. Furthermore, these aging boards lack wireless connectivity and multi-touch capabilities. With the increased integration of student devices in the classroom and the wide range of interactive software tools now available to support instruction, teachers across our elementary schools require updated interactive display technology.

This project will add 28 ViewSonic 86" LCD interactive panels (complete with Wi-Fi adapters and wall mounts) in Kindergarten and Specials classrooms across our four elementary schools.

The new ViewSonic ViewBoard 86" LCD interactive panels include the following features:

Multi-Touch Collaboration: Immersive multi-touch screen technology allowing multiple students and teachers to write or draw simultaneously with fingers or styluses, increasing engagement and encouraging collaboration.

Cloud & Classroom Integration: Built-in ViewBoard annotation and whiteboarding software (myViewBoard), allowing lesson creations to be easily saved and shared directly to Google Classroom.

Wireless Casting: Wireless content-sharing capabilities (via ViewBoard Cast / AirSync) that allow students and teachers to seamlessly mirror and share content from their mobile devices and laptops.

Standalone Processing: Built-in multi-core processor enabling smooth multimedia playback and interactive lessons without requiring a dedicated PC connection.

Eye-Care Technology: Flicker-Free technology and a Blue Light Filter to reduce eye strain during extended viewing and instruction periods.

The installation cost for these wall-mounted units is not included in the proposal budget and will be covered by the district. Should the total request exceed available Educational Technology Initiative (ETI) funding caps, this project is fully scalable and can be adjusted proportionally on a per-unit basis to outfit a partial cohort of priority Kindergarten and Specials classrooms.

Following deployment, staff will provide feedback on the new technology through Technology Department surveys, which will help evaluate instructional impact and inform future interactive panel purchases across the district.

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

The Town of Newtown is located in Fairfield County in southwestern Connecticut. The Town of Newtown was founded in 1705, incorporated in 1711, and has a population of approximately 27,500. It has five neighborhoods, including Sandy Hook, Botsford, Dodgingtown, Hawleyville, and the Borough, and four elementary schools, including Sandy Hook School, Hawley School, Head O'Meadow School, and Middlegate School, along with Reed Intermediate School (grades 5-6), Newtown Middle School (grades 7-8) and Newtown High School (grades 9-12). The elementary schools will be affected by this project.

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

The four elementary schools in the district are Sandy Hook School, Hawley School, Head O'Meadow School, and Middlegate School. The enrolled student count of the four elementary schools combined is 1,383. All enrolled students participate in specials, so all will be served by this grant.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

The schedule for implementation of the project is based on a potential start date of April 1st. The schedule can be adjusted based on the approval of the grant request and receipt of funding:

Equipment confirmation with vendor and creation of purchase orders - 4/1/27-4/8/27
Equipment delivery - TBD by vendor, estimated 6 weeks from order or May 2027
Installation of equipment in schools - May/June 2027
Complete testing and technology staff training - 6/30/27
Roll out and training of school based staff - Summer 2027

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

The objectives of this project are to build foundational digital literacy, enhance early communication and collaboration, and increase active student engagement across Newtown's four elementary schools. By equipping Kindergarten and Specials classrooms (Art, Music, PE, and Library/Media) with modern multi-touch displays, teachers can easily differentiate instruction for visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners while promoting cross-building staff collaboration and shared lesson development.

The Technology Department and building administrators will evaluate the success of this investment using four objective measures: pre- and post-deployment staff surveys assessing instructional integration and technical reliability; district early literacy, numeracy, and Kindergarten readiness benchmarks alongside skill-based Specials rubrics; annual school climate surveys and classroom walkthrough observations tracking student engagement; and IT helpdesk ticket reductions and active software utilization across all 28 classrooms.

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

The Newtown Public Schools Technology Department works in support of the district's technology vision statement. Newtown Public Schools recognizes that technology is vital to prepare students for lifelong learning and workforce readiness.

The current Director of Technology is Dennis Colclough, who joined Newtown Public Schools in February 2021 after serving as Director of Technology of Groton Public Schools. The former Director of Technology, Carmella Amodeo, continues to support the district as a Technology Specialist. The Technology Department has successfully managed and completed multiple priority educational technology initiatives recently, including:
*Implementation of 1:1 devices for students in grades K-12.
*Rollout of School Messenger for mass notifications in the district. The system improves communication with families, elevating communication, including texting.
*Implementation of Clever for single sign on for educational applications, simplifying access for teachers and students.
*Currently implementing server and data consolidation, reduces network footprint and aids in cybersecurity and cost avoidance.

Newtown Public Schools has been using Smartboards for 15 years to create interactive learning environments and support classroom instruction. With a move to the use of ViewSonic panels for increased feature sets for front of the classroom usability, the district continues to make investments in IT that promotes effective teaching and learning.

IV. Budget Information

18. Partner organization(s) or other funding sources (if applicable):
Not 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, Anne Uberti, 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.

Anne Uberti

(Signature)

November 17, 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.

Note: Software may be categorized as equipment.

I. Applicant Information

1. Organization Name: Newtown 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
View Board	$ 95,732.00	Viewsonic ViewBoard 86" Interactive Display with WiFi Adapter	28	3419	✔	Equipment
Mount	$ 2,100.00	Viewsonic Wall Mount for Interactive Display	28	75	✔	Equipment
Shipping	$ 796.00	Shipping & Delivery	1	796	✔	Shipping
Warranty	$ 29.40	Viewsonic Interactive Display Extended Warranty for 86" Displays - Years 4 and 5	28	1.05	✔	Warranty
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