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: Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC)
2. Mailing Address: 190 Gov Winthrop Blvd, New London, CT 06320
3. Employer Identification Number: 06-1473576
4. Contact Person for Service List ***(required)*** ☐ ***(check if new/updated)***

   Name: Erica Robb, Director of Finance

   Mailing Address: 190 Gov Winthrop Blvd, New London, CT 06320

   Phone Number: 860-447-1003 x123

   Email Address: erobb@isaacschool.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: Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, Executive Director

   Mailing Address: 190 Gov Winthrop Blvd, New London, CT 06320

   Phone Number: 860-447-1003

   Email Address: erobb@isaacschool.org
7. Purpose of Grant (check one):

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

   ☑ ETI Grant (educational technology initiative)
8. Amount Requested: $ $67,914

   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.: 0553842

☐ 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	n/a	10/21/25	10/21/25
23-10-02	☑ Yes ☐ No	10/1/24	n/a	10/1/24
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).

ISAAC's PEGPETIA grant request includes two components:

First: ISAAC is focused on enhancing and maintaining the hardware components necessary to sustain student learning and instructional supports at our school. The purchase of student Chromebooks to supplement and replace damaged and out-of-warranty equipment meets the State of Connecticut state-wide education technology goals.

Second: ISAAC seeks to upgrade and replace outdated equipment and technology in our computer lab. The computer lab is used by ISAAC students to develop their digital literacy skills as well as introduce them to commonly used softwares such as Word, Excel, and Adobe Creative Cloud. The curriculum also includes digital media arts components such as to photo editing, print-making, and animation. In addition, ISAAC recently added grades 4 and 5 to the existing grades 6-8. The computer lab allows us to introduce students to cutting-edge technology and develop basic computing skills earlier in their school careers.

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

ISAAC School is a public charter school located in urban New London, CT. Students come primarily from New London and from neighboring towns, which for the 2026-2027 school year include East Lyme, Griswold, Groton, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, Norwich, Old Lyme, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, and Waterford. We enjoy a diverse student body (56% Hispanic/19% White/16% Black or African American), and support approximately 80 students with special needs (IEP/504) and 40 English Language Learners.

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

ISAAC comprises 328 grade 4-8 students, drawn from districts throughout Southeastern Connecticut, and 62 staff.

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

Note: Completed projects are not eligible.

> Upon notification of the PEGPETIA award, we will promptly take steps to place orders for equipment.

> Setup of student devices (Chromebooks) will occur during the summer with deployment targeted for August 2027.

> Installation of computer lab equipment will be completed Summer 2027 in preparation for the 2027-2028 school year.

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

Evidence of successful implementation will be:
> Setup and deployment of student devices by Fall 2027.
> Setup and installation of computer lab equipment by Fall 2027.
> All equipment will be used by students and staff throughout the school year.
> Include items in our usual Fall and Spring surveys to obtain qualitative data about usage, satisfaction and suggested improvements. These surveys are completed by students, staff and families.

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

ISAAC is a free, public, grade 4-8 school option for 328 students in southeastern Connecticut. We are a CT public charter school founded by parents in 1997 to help reduce racial and economic isolation by bringing together students from more than a dozen surrounding communities. ISAAC strives to unite the requisite core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies, with learning opportunities in the Arts (music, visual arts, dance) and in Communication (computer- and performance-based courses).

ISAAC continues to prioritize the integration of technology to improve teaching and learning within our school. ISAAC's Director of Information Technology has a strong background in educational technology and an ability to quickly envision and install IT solutions to address current needs. In addition, ISAAC is fortunate to have a team of teachers and staff with skills necessary to support our plans for a robust technological environment, including a dedicated Digital Arts teacher.

ISAAC's Director of Finance has extensive experience in grant management, supporting high-dollar multi-district grants prior to joining ISAAC in addition to managing a steady stream of federal, state and private local grants for over a decade.

IV. Budget Information

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

n/a

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 not permitted 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, Dr. Nicholas J. Spera, 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.

Dr. Nicholas J. Spera Digitally signed by Dr. Nicholas J. Spera Date: 2026.11.04 16:22:22 -05'00'

(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
3. Docket Name: PEGPETIA

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
HP Chromebooks 11.6	$24,937	HP FORTIS G1m 11.6" CHROMEBOOK	100	249.37	✔	Equipment
Chrome Management License	$3,100	Google Chrome OS Management License/academic	100	31.00	✔	Other
Lenovo Desktop	$32,079	Lenovo ThinkCentre neo 50s Gen 6 Desktop (Computer Lab)	20	1,603.97	✔	Equipment
HP Monitor 27"	$4,963	HP Series 5 Pro 27 inch FHD Monitor (Computer Lab)	20	248.16	✔	Equipment
Seagate Hard Drive	$2,835	Seagate Barracuda ST2000DM008 SATA (Computer Lab)	20	141.74	✔	Equipment
Total Amount:	$67,914					

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(Signature) ***(Date)***