

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education
Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) Grant Program**


PEGPETIA

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Application

PEGPETIA

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| 8. AMOUNT REQUESTED (\$) | \$120,173.50 |
| 9. NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL | Dr. William Collins, Superintendent of Schools |
| 10. SIGNATURE AND DATE* |  6/26/13 |

*Under the penalty of law, I affirm that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my belief and understanding and that any errors of omissions will be timely corrected and resubmitted to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA or Authority).

Description and estimated cost associated with the PEGPETIA Grant Request:

1 Describe fully the activity or project that the PEGPETIA Grant will cover

The PEGPETIA Grant request is for a Discover Video digital media/video distribution system for the Newington Schools in Newington, CT. The system will allow the Newington Schools to deliver live and stored education media, enhance curriculum delivery, professional development for staff, expand connections to the community, improve communications between Newington School's students, faculty and parents as well as enhance security.

The system provides for the distribution of live video from any location to classrooms, large TV monitors, LCD projectors connected interactive whiteboards, PCs, Macs, and wireless mobile devices including iPads, iPhones and Android devices. The system will be used to deliver live broadcasts of the local education TV channel, news broadcasts from our TV studio(s), morning announcements, and live events such as graduations, sports, plays, concerts, and special speakers.

DEVOS will also provide the school the ability to distribute recorded educational video content. Any event, model lesson, professional development or training session, sport, etc. can be recorded and delivered on-demand to students, teachers, classrooms, video monitors, and wireless devices. Students, teachers, and administrators will be able to create multimedia content using the Discover Video Multimedia Encoder (DVME). It can record video, audio, and PC/Mac screens to a high quality digital file which can be placed onto the DEVOS for distribution.

DEVOS also includes several other key features. First, it has a priority alert function built in which allows school administration and/or security to send emergency information in the form of live video, stored video, audio, or text simultaneously to all classrooms and displays in common areas. In addition, DEVOS will deliver high quality video, slideshow presentations, text to large TV monitors in the schools with live or recorded content.

Examples include but are not limited to school and curriculum-related videos, guest speaker content, public service announcements, anti-bullying messages, safety information, school sports schedules, lunch menus, school concerts and other school events. Such content will be created within our school district and via partnerships with Newington's community entities such as the Newington Police and Fire Departments and Newington's community television.

DEVOS can be used as an aggregator of educational content located outside the school on websites such as YouTube and iTunes. The DEVOS administrator will be able to designate various outside videos for in school learning and allow teachers and students to access these through the DEVOS portal (many schools block YouTube videos but the DEVOS can filter the content and bypass the block for specific content like Khan Academy). The DEVOS system will allow us to "curate" outside content by stripping out so-called related video and preexisting content.

The Discover Video video delivery solution will allow us to maximize our network infrastructure and the investment that we have made in computers, iPads, tablets, interactive whiteboards, projectors and other network connected devices. In addition, the system allows for delivery of video across our wired and wireless network. In the event that we desire to stream, capture, and deliver when we are off the Newington network, a cellular network can be leveraged.

Key Components and Key Features List:

DEVOS Storm Rack Server 16 - Media Server

- a Provides teachers with the powerful capability of focusing content in a ‘channel’ for each class or for subject matter that they are responsible for.
- b Distributes live video to classroom PCs, Macs, interactive whiteboards, and mobile devices (iPad, iPhones, and Androids)
- c Stores and delivers recorded video to classrooms (all devices)
- d Sends Priority Alert video, audio, text to classrooms for emergency notification
- e Delivers live and recorded video to monitors/displays – used for delivering information to students in high traffic areas (cafeterias, lobbies, media centers)
- f Makes news and educational broadcasts available with the school from local TV, cable, and public Internet
- g Curates outside content from YouTube and iTunes for use inside the school for learning/education
- h Eliminates the need for old DVD players and VCRs – all educational content can be digitized and accessible anytime
- i Digitized assets can be tagged with a variety of key words allowing for easier search and thus higher usage.
- j Teachers can bookmark any asset once digitized providing for smoother integration into curriculum delivery.
- k Works on most school wired and wireless IP networks – no new cabling required
- l Can push or pull a live video stream to and from ARCUS. This allows parents, homebound students, residents in the community, or family members located in other parts of the country to view live events (i.e. graduation, the school play, and sporting events) as long as they are connected to the public internet.

DVME, DVME Rover, DVME Spirit encoders and Captiva (software or installed on laptop/desktop computer platforms)

- a Allows each teacher to create/record their own multimedia content from their laptop whether connected to the network or not – lessons, events, etc. Teachers can create a video/multimedia lesson on their PC/Mac and upload to the DEVOS server to be viewed by students in school and at home.
- b Allows teachers and students to deliver live video/audio/desktop to classrooms and TV monitors
- c Converts camera video tapes or DVDs into digital files for DEVOS distribution
- d Provides a mobile broadcast studio for students to use to deliver news programs, sporting events, plays, concerts, graduation

Soft Top Decoder

- a Receives live and recorded video from DEVOS and displays it on large monitors in cafeterias, entrances, media centers
- b Receives slideshow presentations and displays messages such as event schedule, lunch menu
- c Receives emergency video/audio/text and displays it on large monitors

ARCUS

- a Takes live streams from the DEVOS/DVME and sends them on the Internet for viewing on PCs, Macs, and mobile devices outside the school (parents, grandparents, home bound students)
- b Records and stores video so viewers outside the school – students, parents, etc. – can view on demand if they are unable to watch an event live.

DV Webcast Studio Kit

- a Contains all the accessories needed to cost effectively set up a room for streaming and/or webcasting. Includes a Camera, 4 Input Video Switcher, UHF Wireless Lavalier Microphone System, LED Dual LED Light Kit, a 5' x 7' Botero Background (Green screen), Fluid Head Video Tripod, Camera and Accessory Bag, Remote Control for PowerPoint, 12' RCA Cable, 15' HDMI Cable, 1/4 to RCA Adapter, and a HDMI Adapter.
- b Affords the students the opportunity to learn elements associated with a video broadcast.
- c Provides teachers an environment for creating professional development material including curriculum delivery.

2 Explain how the requested PEGPETIA Grant will enhance community access programming

The Discover Video Media Distribution system (DEVOS, DVME, STB, ARCUS) is simple to use and will provide many benefits to Newington Schools students, teachers, administrators, parents, extended family, and members of the community. Here is a list of these benefits:

- a Encourages active learning by enhancing the education process with multimedia. 21st Century students grow up with multimedia in their personal lives and excel in school when multimedia is part of the education process.
- b Allows teachers to create multimedia lessons and deliver them to students inside and outside the school on most wired or wireless devices. This trend is referred to as “Flipping the Classroom” or “Blended Learning” and has been proven to improve learning as evidenced by improved student grades. Newington Schools’ bring your own device guidelines allows the use of personal devices for educational purposes. This would enable students and staff to view content created from the PEGPETIA grant at their own pace for an individualized learning experience.
- c Pulls the community together by sharing key school events with all teachers, students, and families.

- d Improves teacher performance. DEVOS will be used to deliver teacher professional development programs that can be viewed by the teachers anytime, anywhere, on any device and are linked to the new teacher evaluation system being rolled out during the 2013-2014 school year.
- e Allows our school district to provide mandatory in-service training on bullying, blood borne pathogens and school safety in a more efficient and convenient format.
- f Saves costs by eliminating older worn out equipment such as DVD players, VCRs, or installed TV coax cable. (All education material is delivered digitally over wired and wireless IP networks and in certain cases, cellular networks.)
- g Allows our schools to deliver video morning announcements live or on-demand to all classrooms. Children and teachers pay more attention to the announcements and students learn to write copy, experience public speaking, and discover all the elements associated with broadcasting. As appropriate, we may extend the delivery to parents and the greater community via The Internet.
- h Works with the new interactive whiteboards, tablets, and iPads that the Newington Schools recently invested in for various members of the faculty. The video management system will allow the district to maximize the network infrastructure benefiting the teachers, students, and community alike.
- i PCs, Macs, iPads, or devices students bring to school (BYOD – Bring Your Own Device) can access video from the proposed system.
- j Allows the Newington Schools to safely curate external content from YouTube, iTunes, etc. Eliminates most commercials and so-called “related videos” which may be inappropriate or a distraction to viewer.
- k Allows our school to track the viewing of all media which may help track required assignment and/or the media that is most popular and beneficial to the school.
- l Parents, extended family, and members of the community can view concerts, sports, news programs, and other events live or on-demand while at home, office, or traveling on business.
- m All existing digital content will be converted and placed on a DEVOS server for use by teachers and students. We will not need to replace the current educational material, just convert it to be used by our teachers and students.

3 Identify the geographical area(s) and/or school system(s) that are expected to benefit from the PEGPETIA grant

Newington Schools is located in Hartford County, Connecticut bordering the cities of Wethersfield, West Hartford, New Britain, and Berlin. Discover Video Media Distribution will provide the infrastructure to help facilitate professional development needed for this process and allow teachers to create engaging curricula that can be distributed across all schools in the district. Engaged students make for strong schools. Strong schools result in a stable community. The Discover Video Media Distribution will benefit the students and teachers in Newington Schools as well as the entire Newington community.

4 Provide the total number of subscribers/students that are expected to receive benefit from the requested PEGPETIA Grant

The town of Newington has a population of 30,562. The Newington Schools is comprised of 4,721 students, approximately 490 teachers, and 5 schools. Discover Video Media Distribution makes asynchronous communication, professional development and engaging curricula available to all stakeholders in the Newington educational community.

5 Compliance with Docket No. 07-10-11, Section B,C, & D

This project addresses all of the DPUC criteria listed in Sections B, C and D in the decision in Docket No. 07-10-11, which established the administrative guidelines for the PEGPETIA Grant.

Section B – The requested PEGPETIA funds will be used to increase the quantity, quality, and variety of educational programming in the Newington Schools. The combination of the DEVOS server, DVME encoders, ARCUS streaming, and DV Webcast Studio Kit will allow the school to create and distribute new programs such as morning newscasts, department lectures/instructional videos, sports, concerts, etc. The technology is simple to use which will encourage a large number of students and faculty to create high quality educational content and allow them to share it with a wide audience including students, faculty, administrators, parents, friends and the community.

Section C – The requested PEGPETIA funds will be solely used for creating and distributing school content. There will be no advertising, commercial content, or political advertising generated or used with the proposed media distribution system.

The equipment vendor(s) are committed to providing initial and ongoing on-site training and technical support. The system will be administered by the district’s IT department. Currently, the Newington Schools has classroom teachers, resource staff and IT department members that are fully qualified to create multimedia content that will be used for educational purposes. These staff members will also provide training to students and teachers on the system so that new programs can be created and distributed throughout the school and community via the Discover Video system.

Section D – This is our first application for PEGPETIA funds. We will not submit another application for 2 consecutive quarters and until the first application has been acted upon by the DPUC.

6 Provide the total estimated cost of implementing the project or undertaking the activity associated with the requested PEGPETIA Grant

The total cost associated with this submittal is:

\$120,173.50

7 Provide a complete budget for the PEGPETIA Grant request

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| Capital Equipment | \$111,582.50 |
| Installation and Training | Included |

Maintenance \$6,671.00
 Internet Streaming Service \$1,920.00

8 If applicable, indicate any additional funds from other sources that will be used to supplement the PEGPETIA Grant sought in this Application

The solution funded via this PEGPETIA Grant request will work across the existing Newington Schools network infrastructure that has been invested in over a number of years. This grant will allow Newington to acquire the necessary hardware and equipment to deliver a video management solution along a copy of DVME for a portion of our administrative and instructional staff. DVME is a multi-faceted software encoder that will provide teachers the ability to create flipped classroom lessons and roll out blended learning. Additionally DVME will allow administrators to create similarly styled professional development materials for all staff. Newington schools have a distributed wireless infrastructure for its growing fleet of mobile and personal devices. Additionally, all classrooms have ceiling-mounted LCD projectors in all K-12 classrooms which can be used to display video from the DEVOS system.

9 List of Vendors, equipment/services, and cost of items

This is a district wide rollout and the chart below reflects an equipment list that maps to the prioritization of each use case that the Discover Video system will be used for across our five (5) schools.

| Vendor | Product Code | Qty | Total Price | Priority |
|----------------|--|-----|---------------------|----------|
| Discover Video | DVME Rover | 2 | \$5,990.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DVME Rover - Maintenance - 1 Year | 2 | \$599.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DVME Spirit 3 | 3 | \$13,485.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DVME Spirit 3 - Maintenance - 1 Year | 3 | \$1,348.50 | High |
| Discover Video | DVME QTY 50-99 | 25 | \$7,375.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DVME QTY 50-99 - Maintenance - 1 Year | 25 | \$737.50 | High |
| Discover Video | CAPTIVA - HD+SD | 2 | \$3,190.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DEVOS - Storm Rack Server 16 | 1 | \$24,995.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DEVOS Storm Rack Server 16 - Maintenance - 1 Year | 1 | \$2,499.50 | High |
| Discover Video | ARCUS Annual Streaming Service Business 1200GB-100GB | 1 | \$1,920.00 | High |
| Discover Video | Hauppauge - USB Live 2 | 2 | \$140.00 | High |
| Discover Video | Logitech BCC950 HD Web Camera | 25 | \$6,248.75 | High |
| Discover Video | DV Webcast Studio Kit | 5 | \$19,975.00 | High |
| Discover Video | DVME Rover | 1 | \$2,995.00 | Med |
| Discover Video | DVME Rover - Maintenance - 1 Year | 1 | \$299.50 | Med |
| Discover Video | DVME Spirit 3 | 1 | \$4,495.00 | Med |
| Discover Video | DVME Spirit 3 - Maintenance - 1 Year | 1 | \$449.50 | Med |
| Discover Video | CAPTIVA - HD+SD | 1 | \$1,595.00 | Med |
| Discover Video | DVME QTY 50-99 | 25 | \$7,375.00 | Low |
| Discover Video | DVME QTY 50-99 - Maintenance - 1 Year | 25 | \$737.50 | Low |
| Discover Video | Logitech BCC950 HD Web Camera | 25 | \$6,248.75 | Low |
| Discover Video | DV Soft Top Box Compact PC HDMI | 5 | \$7,475.00 | Low |
| Total | | | \$120,173.50 | |

10 Provide copies of all bids, estimates, prices, and supporting material

See Appendix A

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12 Describe the experience of the Applicant in PEG-related activities, video production activities and grant administration, as applicable, include relevant reference(s).

The Newington Schools currently has classroom teachers, resource staff and IT department members who are fully qualified to create multimedia content that will be used for educational purposes. These staff members will also provide training to students and teachers on the system so that new programs can be created and distributed throughout the school and community.

Professional development programs are continuously being developed by The Department of Human Capital Development that allow us to model and deliver content to individual teachers that demonstrates best teaching practices to improve teacher pedagogy and student learning. This new platform will allow us to more effectively deliver this video content on-demand and allow more teachers to share content with other teachers as part of their own Professional Learning Community (PLC).

Teachers throughout the district are already creating teacher and student video content to incorporate into their “flipped classroom” model. We are continuously looking for ways for the teacher to gain more control over management of the digital content without IT involvement. The implementation of this system will allow us to more easily manage this process and allow us to provide greater access to video capabilities consistently throughout the district.

13 Describe the Applicant’s expectation to achieve from the successful implementation and completion of the project

The new Media Distribution System goals are as follows:

- a Create a daily announcements broadcast that will be streamed live to classrooms and recorded for on-demand viewing. Students will learn all aspects of news production which they can use in college and careers.
- b Deliver key events live throughout the school and on the Internet for students, parents, and friends to view.
- c Have teachers create multimedia school lessons that will be used in classrooms and at home for students to view and learn from.
- d Distribute important school information such as daily events, bus schedules, lunch menus, daily broadcasts, etc. to TV monitors in high traffic areas (cafeterias, entrances, media centers).
- e Deliver high quality professional development to teachers on demand where and when the teacher chooses.

- f Deliver emergency announcements to classrooms via video/audio/text.
- g Distribute education cable TV channels to classrooms over IP network for enhanced instruction.
- h Enhance the learning process by providing students access to live and recorded multimedia educational material on wireless devices such as iPads, iPhones, etc.
- i Have teachers create professional development modules
- j Create grade-level and content area channels which will be linked to curriculum units
- k Fulfill the district's high priority goal of providing learner-centered instruction to all students while increasing communication, collaboration and efficiency, which includes high quality video resources.

The performance of this system will be measured in the following manner:

- a Student achievement. We expect that students will absorb more information and subsequently achieve higher grades in classes that utilize the Discover Video system.
- b Student engagement. We expect the students to be more enthused by participating in the multimedia learning environment. Allowing the students to use their own devices or devices provided by the district will increase morale and create excitement in the education process.
- c Lowering equipment maintenance costs. Currently the school is using aging DVD players and VCRs that are failing. By converting to a full digital system, DVD player and VCR maintenance will be eliminated.
- d Performance of homebound students. The school will monitor the performance of homebound students to see if their grades/morale increase. Key events and educational material will be made available to students not able to attend school for illness or other reasons.
- e Parental and community involvement. Parents and the community at large will be able to view key events from outside the school and therefore feel more in-tune with their children's activities and learning process. We will survey the parents to determine if the new Discover Video system has had a positive impact on the entire family.
- f Professional Development. By providing a tool for asynchronous consistent delivery, the district can accurately review the impact of Professional Development allowing for continuous measured improvement.

14 What steps will the Applicant take to ensure that the project's objectives are met?

We will monitor the progress of the media system in the following manner:

- a Ensuring that the system is fully functional 3 months after awarding the contract to the selected vendors. At that time, we will expect to be able to deliver school news programs, cable TV, and recorded educational content to classrooms, school TV monitors, and parents at home.

- b Ensure that key teachers in each department are trained on the system and are creating educational content within 3 months of implementation.
- c Ensuring all existing staff development video materials are available via this solution within 6 months

15 Provide the name and address of any partner organization. Include a letter or statement indicating that the partner has agreed to take part in this project.

It is our intention to develop partnerships with the following groups: Newington Police Department, Newington Fire Department and Newington's local public television station.

16 Explain the role of the partner organization in the project or activity.

- a Police Department - Work with students to create public service announcements and videos on topics including but not limited to: school safety, bullying, online safety etc.
- b Newington Fire Department – Deliver mandatory OSHA training videos and materials to staff regarding use of fire extinguishers and general fire safety. Record and re-use instructional materials for fire safety as presented to students across the various grade levels.
- c Local Public Access Television (NCTV) – coordinate and facilitate the creation and dissemination of original video content to the greater community of Newington including public meetings, athletic events, concerts and musical productions.

17 Provide any other information that the Applicant believes will exemplify the benefits of the project or activity.

Funding from the PEGPETIA grant will have a tremendous educational benefit to the students, teachers and families of the Newington Public School System and will strengthen the district's connection to the community at large.

General Instructions for PEGPETIA Grants

PEGPETIA Grant

Instructions

Applications must be complete and legible before considered for Grant approval.

- 1 The full legal name of the individual/organization requesting the Grant.
- 2 The mailing address of the individual/organization, including suite number, building number, floor. Also provide the city, state and zip code to the mailing address of the individual/organization. Include P.O. Box, if applicable.
- 3 The name and title of the primary individual to whom correspondence regarding this Grant application should be addressed.
- 4 The telephone number of the contact person listed in item 3.
- 5 The fax number of the contact person listed in item 3. If none, enter “none.”
- 6 The email address (e.g., john.doe@ct.gov), if none, enter “none.”
- 7 The 9 digit employer tax ID number.
- 8 The total dollar amount of the Grant requested.
- 9 The name and title of the individual who is authorized to sign this Application on behalf of the Applicant. This need not be the person listed in item 3.
- 10 The individual named in item 9 must sign the Application and date the Application.

Questions regarding this Application should be directed in writing to:

State of Connecticut
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Attn Executive Secretary
PEGPETIA Grant
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Calls to: Customer service PEGPETIA grant – Telecom & Licensing
(860) 827-1553

General Guidelines for PEGPETIA Grants

PEGPETIA Grant

Guidelines

1 What is the Purpose of the PEGPETIA Funds?

The Authority has complied with Section 33 of Public Act 07-253, An Act Concerning Certified Competitive Video Services (P.A. 07-253 or Act), now codified as § 16-331cc of the General Statutes of Connecticut (Conn. Gen. Stat.). The fund is intended to promote and improve public, educational and governmental (PEG) access programming in Connecticut. The Legislature's goal is to increase the quantity, quality and variety of educational programming currently being produced in Connecticut.

PEGPETIA funds will be made available to a wide variety of entities involved either directly or indirectly in community access-related activities. The Act also requires that 50% of PEGPETIA funds be made available to boards of education and other educational entities for educational technology initiatives.

2. What is the objective of the Grant?

The objective and goal of PEGPETIA Grants is to increase the quantity, quality and variety of community access productions made available to Competitive Video Service Providers (CVSP) and Community Antenna Television (CATV) subscribers by making capital grants available to a wide array of entities involved, directly or indirectly, in community access-related activities. Specific details of the objectives and goals of PEGPETIA can be found in the Authority's Decision, dated March 25, 2008, in Docket No. 07-10-11, Section B.

3. How does the grant payment process work?

Individuals/organizations must apply for a Grant online using the Authority's website or downloading the Application and mailing one original and one copy of the completed Application to:

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Attn: Executive Secretary
PEGPETIA Grant
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

The Authority will review the Applications and award PEGPETIA Grants based on the criteria outline in the March 26, 2008 Decision in Docket No. 07-10-11 DPUC Proceeding to Establish Administrative Guidelines for the Public, Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account Pursuant to Public Act 07-253.

Once an application is approved and a Decision is rendered, the applicant will have 30 days to submit an affidavit to attest to the terms of that funding Decision. Once a signed affidavit is filed, the Authority will direct that a check be issued. The Applicant will have 90 days thereafter to submit a proof of performance compliance filing. After making the expenditures, the Applicant must submit copies of receipts and proof of payments.

If the Applicant's request for a PEGPETIA Grant has been denied, individuals/organizations may submit a new grant application the following quarter. However, to allow for a variety of requests, Grant recipients will not be permitted to submit an Application in two consecutive quarters.

In the event that funds are exhausted during a particular quarter, the Authority will retain the remaining Applications until the following quarter and make its evaluation of those Applications at that time. The Authority reserves the right to modify grant awards which could conceivably include awarding large requests for funding over multiple years or delaying fund disbursement to match fund availability and/or preserve the 50/50 Act education finding mandate.

The Authority aspires to award as many effective grants as possible to the widest variety of applicants. The Authority supports the awarding of grants in amounts that are equal to or less than that requested by the Applicant.

4. How are grant applications evaluated?

Each Application for funding will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the criteria outlined in the Authority's March 25, 2008, Decision in Docket No. 07-10-11, Section B.

5. What are the current application deadlines?

Application Open Date: April 30, July 31, Oct 31, Jan 31

Applications received after these dates will be processed in the next quarter.

6. What information should be submitted with the grant application?

Individuals/organizations must submit a completed PEGPTIA Grant Application. The Application must be signed and include complete answers to all questions and copies of bids, estimates, prices, and other supporting information.

Applicants that apply for funding must comply with existing community access rules regarding the prohibitions on advertising, commercial content, political advertising and the exercise of editorial control as a condition of funding. In cases where PEGPETIA funds are awarded for equipment purchases, whether the request for funding is for new or replacement equipment, an upgrade and/or in addition to media or equipment already in place, the recipients of those funds will also be required to demonstrate that the users are qualified or will be qualified to operate the equipment.

7. When will individuals/organizations know about grant awards?

The Authority will notify all Applicants by mail of the grant amount awarded or if their requests for funding were denied.

8. What are the reporting requirements after receiving a grant?

Grant award recipients must acknowledge acceptance of the grant award. Individuals/organizations receiving awards must provide a summary of the impact of the grant funding to the Authority comply with the reporting requirements outlined in the Authority's Decision, in Docket No. 07-10-11, and any Orders contained in the Decisions awarding their respective Grants. The time frame for complying with these requirements will be stated in each Grant Award Decision. The Grant Award Decision may also include more reporting requirements, conditions or grant restrictions.