



Telecommunications Commission Meeting Agenda

November 19, 2025
3:30 PM

City Hall

City Council Chambers
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Vancouver, WA 98685

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2025, meeting.
3. **Community Communications**

To provide public testimony, please see instructions below.
4. **Old Business**

Legal Briefing Regarding Commission Role

 - a. Legal Briefing Regarding Commission Role
5. **New Business**
 - a. Report from the PEG Committee on PEG Capital Support and Funding Recommendations
 - b. TV ETC Update
 - c. Clark/Vancouver Television Update
 - d. Review and Adopt Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2026

Communications

7. Next Meeting Date

Telecommunications Commission

Members

Douglas Green- *Vice Chair*
Robert Hinds
Bruce Maas
Chad Nygard
Jason Bert
Christopher Gibson
Cemal Richards
Small City- Vacant

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The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Adjournment

Community Forum Instructions

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SUMMARY MINUTES

CITY/COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Wednesday, May 7, 2025

VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
415 W 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington

APPROVED AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER – 3:30 p.m.

A. Introduction of New Commissioners

Green announced that the Commission welcomes new Commission members Jason Burt, Gerald Gaule, Chris Gibson and Cemal Richards. All Commission members introduced themselves.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: Burt, Gaule, Gibson, Green, Hinds, Maas, Nygard, Richards

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Archer, Demmon, Driskell, Peck

C. Approval of Minutes for December 4, 2024

Hinds requested that the minutes be amended to indicate that he regretted not asking more questions about the discrepancies he saw in the Cable Office budget numbers presented in the Cable Office Workplan and to more fully explain the reason behind the discrepancies.

Hinds explained that the discrepancy happened because a portion of salaries and benefit expenses had been erroneously charged to the City and County programming budgets and that's why there was a dramatic increase to the Cable Office budget. He also stated he had a conversation with the City finance department and understood that

the error was a one-time issue due to the manual moving of information from one information system to another.

Minutes approved as amended.

D. Review and Approval of Agenda for May 7, 2025

No changes.

E. Election of Officers

The Commission nominated Green for Chair and Maas for Vice Chair and both were unanimously elected.

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

No communications taken.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. TV ETC 2024 Annual Report

Demmon reminded the Commission that after the new cable franchise was adopted last July, the Commission made the decision to re-designate PEG providers every three years instead of every year as was done previously and to have the providers present annual reports on their activities.

Zander Hayes, TV ETC Program Coordinator, introduced himself. He informed the Commission that TV ETC, a consortium of Clark County school districts and Educational Service District 112, has been the educational access provider since 1979. He stated that it is their goal to support hands-on-learning in and out of the classroom, to support those teachers and district staff providing instruction, and provide equipment to students that contribute to the content on the educational channels.

He said that TV ETC is made up of six member districts with the principal member districts of Battle Ground, Evergreen and Vancouver receiving money from the PEG Grant Fund and providing the content that airs on the educational channels.

Hayes reported that the school districts combined to produce over two dozen live football and basketball games, nine volleyball games, as well as soccer, wrestling and pre-recorded coverage of the state basketball tournament. He added that they will also be covering the two-day Greater Saint Helens League track and field championship live.

Hayes shared that TV ETC members also produced 40 school concerts and showcased the works of creative student filmmaking, and that members will be broadcasting 19 district graduation ceremonies this year. He added that by the end of the school year, over 400 hours of programming will have been produced with an estimated 180 to 200 hours of live programming.

Gibson ask how the best the Commission can support the work of TV ETC.

Hayes responded that the Commission could continue to support TV ETC by awarding the PEG Grant funds that have been integral to building some of the best school video production programs.

Green wanted to know how many students are involved in the video production programs.

Hayes responded that across the districts there are over 1,400 students that are involved in the programs. He said that the number of students involved in producing the extracurricular programming fluctuates. He added that other student programs in the districts are highlighted through the video production programs.

Green wanted to know how the video production teachers are engaging their students and getting them involved.

Hayes responded that he could only speak to what he's observed since he's not in the classrooms. He said that teachers really emphasize hands-on learning and foster students' interests in journalism, creative film production and sports coverage.

Green asked if students involved in the video production program go on have careers in journalism or video production.

Hayes responded that he didn't have first-hand knowledge of a student but is certain that it is happening.

Hayes shared a video highlighting programming produced by member districts.

Hinds said that in TV ETC's annual report there was a chart that showed income levels of people that responded to a survey. He wanted to know if that was per household or individual.

Hayes responded that it was per household.

Hinds said that there was also some information on value assessment of the programming on the PEG channels but that can be subjective. He asked if there was any framing as to what was meant by value.

Hayes responded that the information in the chart and TV ETC viewership was taken from the Ascertainment Report created by CBG Communications for the needs ascertainment study in preparation for cable franchise renewal negotiations. He said that this information is the closest they have to TV ETC viewership.

CVTV 2024 Annual Report

Demmon stated that CVTV is jointly operated by the City of Vancouver and Clark County as the government access provider. He said that CVTV covers a wide variety of government hearings and meetings including City and County Council meetings, planning commission hearings, and land use hearings.

Demmon said that CVTV produces short educational videos for Vancouver and Clark County to educate the community on a variety of issues related to local government. He added that CVTV also produces a monthly show, Clark County Close Up, that highlights work in county government.

Demmon added that CVTV also does fee-for-service work for outside agencies that include C-TRAN, Port of Vancouver and the Regional Transportation Council. He said that last year this generated \$54,000 in revenue to offset programming costs.

Demmon reported that last year CVTV produced 303 programs totaling 397 hours of original programming with 90 percent of that programming first airing live on the cable system.

Demmon thanked the Commission for the PEG Grant funding which supported upgrades to the video production booths at City Hall and the County Public Service Center and the Vancouver Community Library. He shared a video highlighting CVTV programming.

Demmon reminded the Commission that CVTV recently refreshed all the on-air graphics in preparation for CVTV website redesign, which he anticipates the new site will be up by the end of the third quarter. He said that he will highlight the new website at the Commission's November 19 meeting.

Demmon reported that across all city platforms – website, Facebook and YouTube – video views increased in 2024 compared to 2023. Website views increased by 32% with over 13,000 views; Facebook increased by 63% with over 37,000 views; and YouTube increased by 26% with over 116,000 views.

Green asked whether both CVTV and TV ETC programming are available to people that don't have cable television.

Demmon responded that people can view CVTV programming on the website and that TV ETC programming was also available on district websites. He added that CVTV continues to work on making programming available on multiple platforms and accessible to all viewers.

Green commented that we have a lot of new people moving into Clark County every year and want to make sure people are aware of this important resource.

Demmon responded that if people are interested in local government they will be able to find CVTV. He said that there are links on both the City and County's websites that link back to CVTV programming. He said that's why CVTV is using multiple platforms to make as many people aware of the programming.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Comcast

Samantha Ridderbusch, Comcast Director, Government & Regulatory Affairs for the Pacific Northwest region, introduced herself to the new Commission members.

Ridderbusch reported that in April the Comcast Pacific Northwest regional participated in volunteer projects across the region. She said that a total of 452 volunteers completed 17 projects that totaled over 1,800 hours in volunteer activities.

Ridderbusch shared information on Comcast's broadband access initiative called Lift Zones – spaces in the community where they

partner with organizations, using their spaces, to provide free internet access for students and families offering hundreds of hours of free educational and digital skills content. She said that they currently have three locations in Clark County partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington.

Ridderbusch also highlighted Comcast's Internet Essentials program which was launched in 2011. This program brings affordable high speed internet services to low-income families that qualify and closely aligns with federal guidelines for other low-income programs.

Ridderbusch stated that Comcast has three retail stores in Clark County which are available for customers to have face-to-face interactions with customer service representatives.

Ridderbusch provided an update on the project with Clark County to extend broadband to underserved areas of unincorporated parts of the county. The project area is just northeast of Battle Ground Lake and when completed we will provide services to over 500 new locations. She said that goal is to complete all the construction by December of 2025 and be able to have residents connect to services by as early as June 2026.

B. Commission

Maas thanked CVTV for their coverage of veterans' events such as the Memorial Day event and Veterans Day parade.

C. Staff

Demmon reported that the City and County Councils approved the increase in the amount of money set aside for use on repair and maintenance of equipment purchased with PEG funds – repair expenditures were increased from \$2,500 per piece to \$5,000 per piece and each PEG recipient cannot exceed \$25,000 in requests in a calendar year without additional approval from the PEG Subcommittee.

Demmon also reported that the City and County Councils also amended their municipal codes and charters to require a minimum of two Telecommunications Commission meeting instead of three.

Demmon reminded the Commission that PEG Grant applications will open on August 4 and close October 3. He said that staff will work

with Chair Green to appointment members to the PEG Committee to review the applications.

Green stated that he would like to explore other areas of interest that Commission could be working on to advise the City and County as there is this transition from traditional cable television to streaming services. He said that it's his understanding that the request would come from the City or County.

Demmon replied that since the Commission has an advisory role to the City and County, the request would come from them to expand the role of the Commission.

There was Commission discussion about approaching the City and County about expanding their advisory role into areas other than cable television. There was a consensus from the Commission that they would like to expand their role.

Demmon suggested that a possible meeting with the Chair and staff from the City and County Managers' offices could be set up to gauge their interest first before any other Commission action take place. He stated that last year when staff had discussions with the City and County about the future of the Commission, both legislative bodies agreed that the Commission needed to remain but there was no interest in expanding the advisory role.

There was Commission discussion on ways to let other jurisdictions know of the work the Commission does, such as attending their meetings.

Demmon reminded the Commission that they only serve unincorporated Clark County and other jurisdictions, such as Camas and Battle Ground, have their own cable franchises.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 19, 2025

VI. ADJOURNMENT – 4:43 p.m.

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE; A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE CITY/COUNTY CABLE TELEVISION OFFICE.

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Attachments:

1. TV ETC 2024 Annual Report
2. VTV 2024 Annual Report

Approved November 19, 2025
Date

Doug Green, Chair
City/County Telecommunications Commission

Memorandum from:

Vancouver Assistant City Attorney Cary Driskell; and
Clark County Deputy Prosecutor Stephen Archer.

A. BACKGROUND

The Vancouver Clark Telecommunications Commission (TCC) held the first of two annual meetings on May 7, 2025 to conduct its regular business pursuant to City and County Code provisions, which are substantively identical. This was the first meeting for several new TCC members. Prior to this meeting, City staff provided on-boarding training for the new members, which included Public Record Act and Open Public Meeting Act requirements as volunteers for the City/County.

Near the end of the public meeting, newly appointed Chair Doug Green expressed that he is interested in expanding the role of the TCC. City staff explained that the duties assigned to the TCC are established in City Code at VMC 5.19.320 and in the County Code at CCC 36.04A.220, discussed further below, and any change from those codified duties would need to be done by Council. Staff further advised that when both the County and City amended their respective cable-related Code provisions in late 2024-early 2025 to consider reducing the number of annual meetings from four to two, discussion was had with each elected body on whether there was any desire to expand the role of the TCC; both Councils said no.

Among the concerns expressed by Chair Green is the historical downward trend in cable television PEG revenues as the number of subscribers continues to decline, including the negative impact that loss of PEG funds would have on public, educational, and governmental television services in our community. Following these comments, additional Commissioners expressed similar concern, including some level of inquiry of whether the scope of the TCC's authority could be expanded to include broadband.

While the City and County greatly appreciate the desire by members of the TCC to try to maximize the benefit they bring to the region through their efforts, as discussed more fully below, the Commission does not have authority to consider and advise on non-cable related matters through local, state, and federal law.

B. TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The TCC's assigned duties are contained in Code provisions adopted by the Vancouver and Clark County Councils and are substantively identical. Vancouver's provision is as follows:

5.19.320 Telecommunication Commission - Duties and authority.

a. The duties of the commission shall be carried out, with the assistance of the director, city and county staff, in accordance with the procedures, standards, requirements, and policies of this ordinance. The commission shall have all authority to carry out such duties. Generally, such duties shall be:

1. To have the primary responsibility for the continuing administration of this ordinance, any franchise granted pursuant to this ordinance and the implementation of franchise compliance procedures;
2. To receive, investigate, review all applications and requests which may be made to the city for grant of new franchises, for franchise renewals, for franchise extensions and for other cable related matters, and in such connection, to hold public hearings thereon and to make written reports and recommendations to the city council;

3. To receive, investigate, review all requests pursuant to VMC [5.19.110](#) which may be made to the city for a transfer of ownership or control of any franchise to provide cable service within the city, to hold public hearings thereon and to make written reports and recommendations to the city council;
4. To receive, investigate, review all requests pertaining to rate changes pursuant to VMC [5.19.340](#) which may be made to the city, to hold public hearings thereon and to make written reports and recommendations to the city council;
5. To receive, investigate and review proposed customer service standards for cable service within the city, to hold public hearings thereon and to make written reports and recommendations to the city council;
6. To evaluate, investigate, review and enforce compliance by grantees with this ordinance and any franchise agreement, and in such connection, to issue such notices and orders as are necessary in connection therewith in conformity with this ordinance;
7. To have primary responsibility for advising the city regarding public, educational and governmental access programming including the development of processes for the selection of designated access providers, and for evaluating their performance, for assigning and designating access channels, for allocating access funds and for making written reports and recommendations to city council thereon;
8. To encourage cooperation between Portland/Vancouver area cable television systems and to work with Clark County and other local franchising authorities in coordinating with any cable franchises they may grant;
9. To work with any and all grantees, designated access providers and the public to encourage maximum feasible use of access channels by institutions, groups, and individuals in the community;
10. To promulgate rules under which channel capacity designated to access use may be used by a grantee when it is not being used for access purposes;
11. To cooperate with grantees, designated access providers and promote the development and implementation of cable television services, including, but not limited to the following categories: local origination and access programming production; local educational uses, including those of and for libraries, museums, public and private colleges and universities; use of leased channels for business and other uses, and any other uses the commission, within its discretion, deems appropriate;
12. To promote, in cooperation with cable franchise grantees, designated access providers and others, local programming for the community;
13. To otherwise work with city council, the director, city staff, other governmental units, grantees, users, customers and the general public to provide continually improved cable service;
14. To establish rules and regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this ordinance and the provisions of any franchise granted pursuant hereto, in conformity with the terms and conditions thereof;

15. To advise the mayor and council on telecommunications strategic issues within the Vancouver/Clark County community and bi-state metropolitan area, and to facilitate collaborative community planning efforts regarding technology issues.

16. Such other duties as may be imposed by or inferred from this ordinance, any franchise, ordinance or council directive.

b. The commission may, with the approval of the mayor and city council, appoint one or more hearing examiners to conduct on the commission's behalf fact-finding, administrative or quasi-judicial hearings on regulatory aspects of this ordinance or of franchises granted pursuant to this ordinance. Such examiners shall be appointed solely with regard to their qualifications for the duties of their office and will have such training and experience as will qualify them to conduct such hearings.

Most of the provisions for TCC roles and responsibilities clearly refer to cable television related to the grant and administration of cable television franchises with third-party cable providers such as Comcast. Subsection 15 refers to advising the mayor and council "on telecommunications strategic issues within the Vancouver/Clark County community and bi-state metropolitan area, and to facilitate collaborative community planning efforts regarding technology issues."

Although subsection 15 appears on its face to expand the role beyond cable television-related topics, it must be read in the context of the purpose statement found in VMC 5.19.010, which refers only to roles associated with cable television and City franchises granted for the same. Based upon subsequent comments from City staff, this language in subsection 15 was added to the Code approximately 20 years ago when there was discussion about creating a "smart city" through fiber infrastructure by one of the providers. That initiative never got off the ground and was abandoned by the provider.

Additionally, as discussed below, local jurisdictions are very limited by state and federal law in their regulatory authority over broadband.

C. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON TCC ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the language of the County and City Codes specifying the role of the TCC, the Washington Legislature adopted RCW 35.99.040 in 2000, which limits what local jurisdictions (referred to as local franchising agencies, or LFAs) may adopt and enforce:

RCW 35.99.040 - Local regulations, ordinances—Limitations.

(1) A city or town shall not adopt or enforce regulations or ordinances specifically relating to use of the right-of-way by a service provider that:

(a) Impose requirements that regulate the services or business operations of the service provider, except where otherwise authorized in state or federal law;

(b) Conflict with federal or state laws, rules, or regulations that specifically apply to the design, construction, and operation of facilities or with federal or state worker safety or public safety laws, rules, or regulations;

(c) Regulate the services provided based upon the content or kind of signals that are carried or are capable of being carried over the facilities, except where otherwise authorized in state or federal law; or

(d) Unreasonably deny the use of the right-of-way by a service provider for installing, maintaining, repairing, or removing facilities for telecommunications services or cable television services.

(2) Nothing in this chapter, including but not limited to the provisions of subsection (1)(d) of this section, limits the authority of a city or town to regulate the placement of facilities through its local zoning or police power, if the regulations do not otherwise:

(a) Prohibit the placement of all wireless or of all wireline facilities within the city or town;

(b) Prohibit the placement of all wireless or of all wireline facilities within city or town rights-of-way, unless the city or town is less than five square miles in size and has no commercial areas, in which case the city or town may make available land other than city or town rights-of-way for the placement of wireless facilities; or

(c) Violate section 253 of the telecommunications act of 1996, P.L. 104-104 (110 Stat. 56).

(3) This section does not amend, limit, repeal, or otherwise modify the authority of cities or towns to regulate cable television services pursuant to federal law.

In 2019 the Federal Communications Commission adopted its Third Order and Report in which the FCC issued interpretation and rule-making regarding the 1984 Federal Cable Act (the Act). In doing so, the FCC concluded that LFAs do not have the authority to regulate broadband Internet access, as shown in the following portions of the Third Order and Report:

“Because the Commission has determined that broadband Internet access service is an “information service” under (the Act) we likewise find that (the Act) precludes LFAs from regulating broadband Internet access provided via the cable systems of incumbent cable operators that are not common carriers.

...

“...LFAs may not lawfully impose fees for the provision of information services (such as broadband Internet access) via a franchised cable system or require a franchise (or other authorization) for the provision of information services via such cable system. We also clarify that LFAs and other state and local governmental units cannot impose additional requirements on mixed-use ‘cable systems’ in a manner inconsistent with this Order and the Act under the pretense that they are merely regulating facilities and equipment rather than information services.”

Page 41, Finding 74.

“As discussed above, Congress in the 1984 Cable Act intended to preserve the status quo with respect to federal, state, and local jurisdiction over non-cable services, which lends further support to our conclusion that LFAs may not use their cable franchising authority to regulate information services provided over a cable system. Because information services that are interstate historically have fallen outside the lawful regulatory purview of state and local authorities, including LFAs, construing (the Act) to bring those services within the scope of permissible LFA authority under (the Act) would be fundamentally at odds with Congressional intent.”

Page 42-43, Finding 76.

Given this background, it would be neither legal nor appropriate for the City or County to attempt to regulate the content or provision of information services over broadband. As an extension of this conclusion, it would not be appropriate for the County and City to revise the roles and responsibilities of the TCC to include any kind of oversight or other authority over entities the jurisdictions cannot regulate.

Resources:

Vancouver Municipal Code – [Ch. 5.19 Cable Television | Vancouver Municipal Code](#)

Clark County Code - [Clark County Code](#)

MRSC - [MRSC - Telecommunications Regulation](#)

RCW - [Chapter 35.99 RCW: TELECOMMUNICATIONS, CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE—USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY](#)

Federal Cable Act – [47 USC CHAPTER 5, SUBCHAPTER V-A: CABLE COMMUNICATIONS](#)

FCC 2019 Third Report and Order - [Microsoft Word - FCC-19-80A1](#)

TO: CITY/COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FROM: PEG COMMITTEE
Bruce Maas, Chair
Chris Gibson
Cemal Richards

DATE: November 19, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendations for the 2026 PEG Capital Support Grants

Purpose of the PEG Capital Grant Program:

The purpose of the PEG Capital Support Fund, established under the 1997 cable franchise agreement and renewed in the 2024 cable franchise agreement, is to promote the use and availability of local programming by providing capital support for equipment and facilities for use by the public, education, and local government for the benefit of Vancouver/Clark County cable television subscribers. Comcast collects a “PEG fee” 1% of gross revenues which is remitted to the City and County to support this purpose.

Grant Proposal Evaluation:

Grant proposals for the current round of funding were due by October 3, 2025. Seventeen proposals were received totaling \$564,350.12 in requests: three (3) from CVTV and fourteen (14) from TV ETC. There is \$650,000 available for PEG grants this year.

Grant applications were reviewed by the PEG Committee in concert with outside experts who reviewed the applications from a technical perspective. The PEG Committee had follow-up questions which were answered by email. They had a follow up meeting with CVTV for additional clarification on a proposal before deciding.

PEG Capital Grant Program: Recommended Projects for 2026

The Committee recommended all the grant requests but asked some general clarifying questions on several of the grant applications. The Committee questioned the choice of expensive tripods and view finders in two of the Vancouver Public School’s applications. TV Etc. explained that cheaper viewfinders are not easy to acquire and require the purchase of additional accessories and the tripods are heavily used and support the purchase of the more expensive brands. They also explained using ESD’s competitive bid process, the equipment cost will be less than the amount requested. The Committee requested that CVTV explain the purchase of an expensive terabyte upgrade on the editing server considering the small number of edited programs produced. CVTV explained that the upgrade servers will allow multiple staff to simultaneously use the system, more

storage for 4K footage and easier tagging of footage and search capabilities. In general, the Committee was very complimentary of the submissions.

With these grant awards, there is approximately \$85,549.88 remaining in the PEG fund for future grant distribution. The PEG Committee is recommending the following funding for approval by the Telecommunications Commission:

2026 PEG Grant Requests		
CVTV	Request	Approved Request
CVTV Editing Server Replacement	\$ 116,784.00	\$ 116,784.00
CVTV City Hall Council Chambers Broadcasting Lighting	\$ 42,893.00	\$ 42,893.00
CVTV Video Playback Equipment Upgrade	\$ 66,011.00	\$ 66,011.00
Total	\$ 225,688.00	\$ 225,688.00
TV ETC	Request	Approved Request
VPS Skyview TV Production Update	\$ 26,895.81	\$ 26,895.81
VPS Columbia River TV Production Update	\$ 34,745.46	\$ 34,745.46
VPS Fort Vancouver TV Production Update	\$ 10,437.03	\$ 10,437.03
VPS Hudson's Bay TV Production Update	\$ 16,341.65	\$ 16,341.65
VSP District VSAA TV Production Update	\$ 24,153.32	\$ 24,153.32
VPS District Video Field Production	\$ 15,880.50	\$ 15,880.50
VSP iTech TV Production Update	\$ 9,143.32	\$ 9,143.32
ESP Interview/Podcast Studio Set Expansion	\$ 48,532.57	\$ 48,532.57
ESP ASC Cameras & Production Updates	\$ 29,656.29	\$ 29,656.29
ESP Mountain View HS Production Updates	\$ 25,272.88	\$ 25,272.88
ESP Evergreen HS Production Updates	\$ 18,841.30	\$ 18,841.30
ESP Heritage HS Production Updates	\$ 27,976.93	\$ 27,976.93
Battle Ground Public School- Live Event Broadcasting	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
TV ETC Control Room Updates	\$ 25,785.06	\$ 25,785.06
Total	\$ 338,662.12	\$ 338,662.12
Total Grant Requests	\$ 564,350.12	\$ 564,350.12
Grant award total for 2026	\$ 650,000.00	
Remaining balance	\$ 85,649.88	

Applicant	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded
TV ETC	\$338,662.12	\$338,662.12
CVTV	\$225,688	\$225,688
Total PEG Access Capital Grant Funds	\$564,350.12	\$564,350.12

*PEG Grant Applications are available on file at the City/County Cable Television Office.

City/County Telecommunications Commission

RESOLUTION 2025 – 01

Regarding Recommendations to Award PEG Capital Support Funds to Designated Access Providers TV ETC and CVTV

Section 1. Findings

- 1.1 Under the terms of the cable television franchise agreements between the City of Vancouver (“City”), Clark County (“County”) and Comcast of Washington V, LLC (“Comcast”) adopted July 2024, funding is available to support Public Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) Access capital costs.
- 1.2 As stated in Section 9.9 “Support for Access Capital Costs” of the franchise, “During the term of this Agreement, Grantee (Comcast) shall provide 1% of gross revenues which is remitted to the City and County to support the purpose (the “Capital Contribution”) for Public, Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) Access capital.
- 1.3 The City/County Telecommunications Commission (“Commission”) is authorized under Section 5.19.300 of the Vancouver Municipal Code and under Clark County Code 36.12.160 to administer Ordinances and any Franchise granted pursuant to the implementation of Franchise compliance procedures.
- 1.4 The Commission’s authorized duties, pursuant to the codes mentioned in Section 1.3 of this Resolution, include “To have primary responsibility for advising the City and County regarding public, educational and governmental access programming including the development of processes for the selection of designated access providers, and for evaluating their performance, for assigning and designating access channels, for allocating access funds and for making written reports and recommendations to the City and County Councils.”
- 1.5 The Commission Chair appointed a subcommittee of the Commission to review applications from Designated Access Providers and present recommendations to the Commission, which if approved by the Commission, are forwarded to the Vancouver City Council and Clark County Council for review and action.
- 1.6 The Vancouver Educational Telecommunications Consortium (“TV ETC”), the Designated Access Provider for Education and Clark/Vancouver Television (“CVTV”), the Designated Access Provider for Government submitted applications to the Commission for PEG Capital Support Fund consideration.
- 1.7 Grant applications were reviewed by the PEG Committee in concert with outside experts who reviewed the applications from a technical perspective. The PEG Committee also met with each designated access provider to review the proposals.

- 1.8 The Committee presented their recommendations and findings to the Commission in the **Recommendations for the 2026 PEG Capital Support Grants** (Exhibit A) exhibit attached hereto. Estimated funds available for distribution in 2026 are approximately \$650,000. The Commission reviewed and approved the recommendations and findings of the PEG Committee as outlined in the report.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 2.

- 2.1 The Commission recommends, barring any substantial issues raised by the City and County governing boards, and upon signing the required PEG Capital Grant agreements, that TV ETC and CVTV be awarded PEG Capital Support Funds as follows:

Applicant	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded
TV ETC	\$338,662.12	\$338,662.12
CVTV	\$225,688	\$225,688
Total PEG Grant Funds	\$564,350.12	\$564,350.12

The City/County Telecommunications Commission, through this Resolution, adopts the findings and recommendations contained herein and as outlined in Exhibit A: **Recommendations for the 2026 PEG Capital Support Grants**

- 2.2 The Commission directs staff to forward this Resolution and finalized copies of the **Recommendations for the 2026 PEG Capital Support Grants** to the Vancouver City Council and the Clark County Council, as well as to the applicants.
- 2.3 The Commission recommends that the Vancouver City Council and Clark County Council award funds to TV ETC and CVTV as outlined in this Resolution.

Approved (Date): November 19, 2025

Doug Green, Chair, City/County Telecommunications Commission

EXHIBIT “A” - Recommendations for the 2026 PEG Capital Support Grants

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CABLE TELEVISION OFFICE

November 19, 2025

TO: Telecommunications Commission

FR: Kerry Peck
Administrative Assistant

RE: 2025 PEG Equipment Repair & Replacement Usage Report

In 2025 TV ETC used the PEG repair and replacement fund. They used a total of \$570.00 for the following items.

- Evergreen Public School requested a replacement of a tally light controller for \$540.00
- Vancouver Public School requested two replacement fans for one of their Black Magic Switchers for \$30

Preliminary 2026 Telecommunications Commission Timeline

March 2 (Mon.)	Notice to PEG Access Providers to Prepare Annual Reports
April 10 (Fri.)	PEG Access Provider Annual Report Deadline
May 6 (Wed.)	Commission Meeting – PEG Access Annual Reports and Election of Officers
August 3 (Mon.)	PEG Grant Applications emailed to designated access providers
October 2 (Fri.)	PEG Application Deadline
Oct. 5 - 30	PEG Task Force review of grants
Nov. 18 (Wed.)	Commission Meeting - PEG Grant Recommendations
December 7 (Mon.)	PEG Recommendation to City Council
December 8 (Tue.)	PEG Recommendation to Clark County Council
December 28 (Mon.)	PEG Agreements mailed to Access Providers