



FY17 Film Production Incentive Grant Program

The Film Production Incentive Program supports projects which create jobs and result in economic impact in the IRRRB service area.

Funding: IRRRB will reimburse twenty percent (20%) of submitted invoices from eligible expenditures located within the IRRRB service area.

Eligibility criteria:

1. To qualify for IRRRB reimbursement a project must:
 - a. Provide documentation of a fully funded production (IRRRB will not encumber funds until production is fully funded)
 - b. Begin production within the IRRRB service area within 90 days of project approval
 - c. Spend at least \$20,000 within the IRRRB service area
 - d. Be consistent with the purpose of Minnesota Statute Section 116U.26, Film Production Jobs Program
 - e. Include the IRRRB logo in onscreen credits, permit IRRRB to identify the production in its marketing and promotion, provide 2 – 3 production photos for use in IRRRB publications and website
2. Projects eligible for reimbursement are:
 - a. Feature films
 - b. Documentaries
 - c. Reality shows
 - d. National television programs
 - e. Music videos
 - f. Commercials
3. Expenses eligible for reimbursement are those for which there are receipts from a business located in the IRRRB service area:
 - a. Rental of studio, production office, equipment,
 - b. Sets, props, wardrobe including purchase of materials or rentals
 - c. Lodging
 - d. Food and catering (excludes alcohol)
 - e. Location expenses
 - f. Transportation (rentals and fuel)
 - g. Marketing and local premier
 - h. Other direct production costs (casting, etc.)
 - i. Personnel, talent and per diems of service area residents only (workdays only).
4. Categories of production not eligible include:
 - a. News, current events, public programming, or programs that include weather or market reports
 - b. Production with respect to a questionnaire or contest

- c. Finished product that solicits funds
 - d. Home shopping programming
 - e. Production for which the production company is required under United States Code Title 18, Section 2257, to maintain records with respect to a performer portrayed in a single-or-multi-media program
5. Expenses not eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to:
- a. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco
 - b. Purchases sourced outside service area
 - c. Expenses relating to parking tickets, moving violations, towing fees, etc.
 - d. Legal fees for development, marketing, business set-up
 - e. Damage due to accidents, loss or theft

Application checklist:

- 1. Project budget
- 2. Provide documentation of fully funded production
- 3. W-9
- 4. Letter of support from MN Film & TV
- 5. Script, storyboard, synopsis or treatment

Other information:

- Project information may be subject to Minnesota Data Practices Act
- Grant award funds are disbursed upon receipt of the Expenditure Report/Final Report and approval of invoices. Ten percent (10%) of the total grant award may be withheld and paid after certification that all film production activities have been completed.