

NORTH CAROLINA FILM & ENTERTAINMENT GRANT

North Carolina transitioned to a grant/rebate program in January 2015. The North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant offers a rebate for up to 25% on productions' qualified in-state expenses and purchases. In June 2017, North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant funds were made recurring. Sunset date was eliminated October 2017.

Per Project Cap

- \$5 million for feature-length films
- \$9 million for television series per season
- \$250,000 for commercials

Minimum Spend

- \$5 million for feature-length films
- \$1 million per episode for television series
- \$250,000 for commercials

Qualified Labor

First \$1 million of each resident and nonresident qualify.

Loan Out Withholding

4%

Qualifying Expenses

- Goods
- Services
- Compensation & Wages
- Fringes
- Per Diems
- Living Expenses & Stipends

Audit

North Carolina-licensed independent certified public accountant to perform audit at cost to the production

Qualifying Productions

- Feature Films
- Direct-to-Video
- Episodic Television Series
- Movies of the Week
- Television Mini-Series
- Reality Television
- Commercials
- Documentaries
- Animation Productions
- Webisodes

Screen Credit

Acknowledgement of both North Carolina Film Office and the regional film office responsible for the geographic area where filming of the production occurred.

Annual Cap

\$34 million* for 2017-18 fiscal year
\$31 million in recurring funds for 2018-19 fiscal year (*\$15M allocation + \$19M rollover)

Sunset Date

None (as of 10/9/17 via S 582 from SL 2017-212).

Application Process

Step 1: Complete the North Carolina Film Office's Intent to Film form.

Step 2: Complete North Carolina Department of Commerce Film and Entertainment grant application.

Important Links

Grant guidelines can be reviewed at https://www.filmnc.com/uploads/NCFilmGrantGuidelines_Rev031517.pdf

Complete NC Film Office's Intent to Film form at <http://www.filmnc.com/intent-to-film>

Complete NC Department of Commerce and Film and Entertainment grant at <http://www.nccommerce.com/film/incentives/film-entertainment-grant-application>

Enacted Bill S 744 (SL 2014-100) - establishing legislation - <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/Senate/HTML/S744v9.html>
H 97 (SL 2015-241) - modification to establishing legislation - <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2015/Bills/House/HTML/H97v9.html>

SOUTH CAROLINA FILM INCENTIVES

Employee Wage Rebate

A qualified production is eligible for a wage rebate up to:

- 25% for wages of residents
- 20% for wages of nonresidents

Requirements

Rebates for each qualified person:

- Wages must be subject to South Carolina withholding taxes.
- Wages must be less than **\$1 million per person** for each project.

Supplier Rebate

Up to 30% of qualifying goods and services purchased, rented or leased by the production company from a South Carolina supplier.

Wage and Supplier Rebates

To receive the wage and supplier rebates, a qualified production must spend \$1 million in South Carolina.

Tax Breaks

Pay no state sales/use and accommodations tax. You may also qualify for a 6 to 8.5% sales tax exemption on all purchases, rentals and leases. This is an exemption at the point of purchase. (Requires a \$250,000 spend)

Location Fees

No location fees are charged for state properties. (Requires a \$250,000 spend)

Cash Rebates

South Carolina's incentive is a cash rebate. Rebate checks are cut within 30 days of the production's final audit.

Eligible Productions

Features, TV pilots, TV series and loan out companies involved in the production are eligible; the production company must be approved to be eligible for the South Carolina Incentives.

Important Links

The South Carolina Motion Picture Act Policies and Procedures can be found at filmnc.com/incentives/policies