

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Washington Filmworks (WF) is the private non-profit organization that manages the state film and the production incentive programs. WF's mission is to create economic development opportunities by building and enhancing the competitiveness, profile and sustainability of Washington State's film industry.

WF offers funding assistance for qualified in-state expenditures of up to 30% for motion pictures and episodic series with less than six episodes and up to 35% for episodic series with at least six episodes.

WF offers funding assistance for qualified in-state expenditures of up to 15% for commercials. Commercial applicants who have not worked in Washington State previously and who are using a Washington based production company are eligible for a one-time return of 25%.

In order to qualify for funding assistance, the production company must meet the following in-state spending thresholds:

- \$500,000 Motion Pictures
- \$300,000 Episodic Series (per episode)
- \$150,000 Commercials

Some non-resident labor may qualify for a return of up to 15% if the production meets all eligibility criteria as detailed in the full Guidelines and Criteria, including but not limited to, utilizing at least an 85% Washington resident labor force.

WF requires that all productions receiving funding assistance make industry standard payments for health insurance and retirement benefits for all positions typically covered by a collective bargain agreement.

The Board of Directors of WF may allocate up to \$350,000 annually to support Washington resident filmmakers and filmmakers using new forms of production and emerging technologies. This funding is allocated through the Filmworks Innovation Lab. For further information about eligibility requirements please refer to the Filmworks Innovation Lab Guidelines and Criteria.

Financial contributions to WF raised by the tax credit mechanism in 2ESSB 5539 are currently capped at \$3.5 million per calendar year.

For a full list of requirements and eligibility, please review WF's Guidelines and Criteria available on our website www.WashingtonFilmworks.org.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES

A few more reasons why filming in Washington makes sense (and dollars):

- State sales and use tax off rental equipment, services, and vehicles.
- Hotel/motel tax exemption on 30-day stay
- Seattle Permit \$25/day including city-owned property