



Colorado Film Incentive Frequently Asked Questions

Does Colorado offer production incentives?

Yes! Colorado offers a 10% cash refund on in state spending on approved projects.

How much do I have to spend in order to qualify for the incentive program?

In order to encourage local production companies to apply for the incentive Colorado based companies can qualify by spending \$100,000. while out-of-state production companies must spend at least \$250,000.

De we have to hire Colorado residents to qualify?

Yes. At least 25% of the total work force on the project must be Colorado residents. This includes producers, directors, actors, crew, extras and others involved in the production.

What types of production are covered by the incentive?

Qualifying types of productions include: Feature film (both studio and independent), documentaries, industrials, television series, television pilots, television commercials, music videos, video games & new media projects.

How much is available?

It depends on other projects in the pipeline. For more information on funds remaining in the program contact Kevin Shand, Director of the Office of Film, Television & Media at 303.592.4065.

What do we need to do to become part of the program?

To begin the process you must complete the "Statement of Intent to Film" application. You can download a copy of the "Statement of Intent to Film" on the web site or you can contact the film office and a copy can be e-mailed to you. Once your application has been reviewed you will be notified by the office as to it's status. If your application meets the criteria you will receive a notice of "Conditional Approval". Once the "Conditional Approval" has been issued you will be required to sign a contract with the State of Colorado in order for the incentive to be in effect.

How long after we finish production do we get our money?

Production companies must file a "Proof of Performance" application within 90 days of completing production on an approved project. The "Proof of Performance" needs to be reviewed by the Film Office. Any questions about expenses will be discussed between the Film Office and the production company. Once all issues are resolved a recommendation will be made to Creative Industries Council before a check can be cut. Once all necessary approvals have been received a check will be issued within 30 days.

Are pass-through expenditures accepted in Colorado?

No. Colorado does not accept pass-through expenditures. In order to qualify for the rebate the expenditure must be with a Colorado business and must take place in Colorado.

Qualified Vehicle Expenditure Policy

Rentals and leases of vehicles registered and licensed in the state of Colorado are eligible expenditures, if the rental is directly related to the project. The purchase of a vehicle for short-term use of a member of the film crew or cast while the project is filming in Colorado is not a qualified expenditure.

Can I count any expenses for days shot in another state?

No. The purpose of the program is to encourage the use of Colorado as a site for the production of motion pictures, documentaries, television series, commercials, music videos and video game development. Only expenses that meet the "qualified local expenditure" definition are eligible for reimbursement under the program.

How do I get more information about the program?

There is detailed information on the web site, or you can call Kevin Shand at 303.592. He can also be reached at kevin.shand@state.co.us.