Location Scouts and Inbounds Program

Program Guidelines

About the program

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Key information

— *Funding amount:* Up to $3,000
— *Applications:* Open, rolling
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Program objectives

The objectives of the location scouts and inbounds program include:

— To market NSW as Australia's premier screen production destination
— To increase the State's market share of film and television production by attracting potential projects to film in NSW
— To familiarise practitioners with NSW locations for their projects
— To provide an opportunity to connect local and international practitioners with local technical and creative talent, studio and post-production and visual effects facilities for their projects and to support new and sustainable partnerships between organisations of international significance and local practitioners and facilities.

Eligibility

Who can apply

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Applicants to other Screen NSW programs are eligible to apply to this program.

Eligible projects

Eligible projects are feature films, tele-movies, mini-series, TV series or reality programs.

The program is open to projects prior to commencement of pre-production and prior to or during financing.

For international inbound visits, Screen NSW generally works with AusFilm to facilitate a suitable itinerary, however, enquiries can also be made direct to the Screen NSW Destination Attraction team.

Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

— The proposed project is genuinely 'footloose' that is, is not already locked into production in NSW
— The proposed project is likely to create a significant economic benefit for the State in jobs and skills development and boost the profile of NSW worldwide
— Demonstration of a proposed significant spend in NSW
— Track record of the applicant and partners
— The availability of funds
— Alignment with Screen NSW organisational priorities.

Assessment process

Applications for location inbounds and scouting assistance will be considered on a rolling basis at any time during the year.

Assessments will be made by a member of the Screen NSW Destination Attraction team and be considered by the Senior Manager Destination Attraction.

Applicants will be notified of a decision generally three weeks from receipt of the application and provided with any follow up information.

If successful, the applicant must enter into and abide by the terms of an agreement with us, which will include the funding's deliverables and acquittal requirements.

Start your application

Prior to applying applicants can discuss their application with the Destination Attraction team (screenattraction@create.nsw.gov.au).

Applications are made via the SmartyGrants portal.

Apply here

Support and contact

Screen Destination Attraction team
screenattraction@create.nsw.gov.au

FAQ and Resources

Additional Support

Screen NSW also provides production support through liaison with other State Government agencies and local government in line with the NSW Local Government Filming Protocol – 'Film Friendly'.

Through our location photo database Reel Scout, Screen NSW can prepare location packages for specific projects.

It is our policy that all information provided by applicants for this program is dealt with in strict confidence in accordance with the Screen NSW Privacy Policy.