



# Regional Filming Fund Closure: Frequently Asked Questions

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## **Why did the Regional Filming Fund Close?**

Screen NSW has annual allocated funding available for the Regional Filming Fund (RFF).

This financial year to date there has been an increase in the number of applications accessing RFF and as a result of the fund being fully exhausted, Screen NSW has had to close the fund.

Furthermore, the Investment team is currently undertaking a review of the Program's guidelines to ensure it continues to deliver on its objectives of increasing economic activity in Regional NSW by encouraging NSW screen productions to film outside of metropolitan areas; and enabling Regional NSW to benefit from the growth of film and television production in the State.

## **When will Screen NSW stop accepting applications to the Regional Filming Fund?**

Effective immediately.

## **When will Screen NSW reopen the Regional Filming Fund?**

At this stage, the fund is closed until further notice. Any changes to this will be announced via our website, enews and social media channels.

## **What will happen to applications for the Regional Filming Fund that have commenced in the Screen NSW SmartyGrants portal but are not submitted?**

Unfortunately, due to the exhaustion of the fund's budget, the agency is unable to consider any further applications for the fund at this time.

### **Can I still access the Regional Filming Fund within an application to either the Production Finance Program or Made In NSW Funds?**

No, due to the exhaustion of the RFF budget, applications to this fund cannot be combined with a Production Finance or Made In NSW application. The eligibility requirement of both programs to be fully financed at the time of application (other than the contribution from Screen NSW, or contributions that are being considered concurrently by other similar State or Commonwealth agencies) remains in place so where RFF funding was being sought, this gap will need to be addressed.

### **What about projects which already have a signed RFF funding agreement for 25/26 FY with Screen NSW but have not yet received part or all of the applicable payments?**

Screen NSW will continue to honour any committed funding for existing approved RFF projects. The closure of RFF will have no impact on such projects.

### **Will there be a new program offsetting costs associated with shooting in regional areas of NSW for the remainder of 25/26 FY?**

No.

Regional NSW represents one of Screen NSW's Key Priority Areas, along with First Nations, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, LGBTQIA+, Western Sydney and people living with disability and this will continue to inform assessment criteria for the Investment-run Programs whereby meaningful on-screen representation, themes and narrative within the Key Priority Areas is assessed.

### **Will there be any changes to other Investment programs as a result of RFF closing?**

No. However, as flagged, applications to Production Finance or Made In NSW Programs for the remainder of 25/26 FY cannot apply simultaneously to the RFF and be factoring funds from RFF into finance plans.

### **Who can I contact to discuss RFF funding?**

To discuss this further, please email [investment@screen.nsw.gov.au](mailto:investment@screen.nsw.gov.au).

