

Introduction

Washington Filmworks (WF) is the private non-profit organization that manages the Production Incentive Program (also referred to as the Motion Picture Competitiveness Program) as well as a variety of resources for the creative industries in Washington State. WF's mission is to create economic development opportunities by building and enhancing the competitiveness, profile and sustainability of Washington State's film industry.

What Is Available in the Production Incentive Program?

WF provides funding assistance to commercials filming in rural Washington as well as feature films and episodic series filmed anywhere in Washington State. The level of funding assistance is estimated based upon application materials and is actualized after production submits total in-state spend documentation during the completion package review process.

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

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

Level of Funding Assistance

Motion pictures + episodic series (less than six episodes)

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

Episodic series (six or more episodes)

- WF offers funding assistance for qualified in-state expenditures of up to 35% for episodic series with at least six episodes.

Commercials (rural filming only)

- WF offers funding assistance only for commercials filming in rural counties. The commercial must qualify for the enhanced incentive for filming in a rural community and would then be eligible for funding assistance for qualified in-state expenditures of up to 40%.

Enhanced Incentives

If a production meets the following spend thresholds of \$500,000 for motion pictures, \$300,000 per episode for episodic series, and \$150,000 for commercials, then the project may qualify for up to an additional 10% on qualified in-state expenditures if they film in a rural county and / or tell the story of a historically underrepresented community.

In the event that a qualified production is telling the story of a historically underrepresented community *and* filming in a rural county, WF will allow for a maximum of a 10% incentive enhancement on all qualified Washington production expenses.

Nonresident Labor

Some nonresident labor may qualify for incentive dollars if certain criteria are met. See the section titled *Nonresident Labor Eligibility Requirements* in the Production Incentive Program guidelines & criteria.

Local Filmmaker Initiatives

WF also manages several programs to support emerging Washington State above the line and below the line talent including the Emerge Program, Small Budget Production Initiative and the Media Mentorship Program. For more details visit [Washington Filmworks website](#).

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