

Frequently Asked Questions GNWT Film Funding

Q – Who is eligible to apply for funding?

A – Northwest Territories (NWT) residents or businesses engaged in film and media arts production are eligible for assistance. Applicants should demonstrate proficiency in the film and media arts sector.

Q – What ways can I demonstrate proficiency in the film and media arts sector?

A – A resume detailing education and/or professional experience and accomplishments in the film industry is the best way to demonstrate proficiency.

Q – Are non-NWT residents or companies eligible for funding through these programs?

A – Non-NWT residents or companies may form a partnership with an NWT co-producer. The resulting co-production could then be eligible for funding. The funding application must be submitted by the NWT resident or business, and the applicant must demonstrate that a percentage of production and budget will be spent on goods and services in the NWT. Please note that only one application can be submitted per production.

Q – Where do I apply?

A – Application forms and information about film funding is available online at www.nwtfilm.com or at your regional Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) office.

Q – What types of productions are/not eligible to receive funding?

A – The chart below provides examples of eligible/ineligible funding projects:

Eligible	Not Eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feature length films, including animation, documentary or docudrama, intended for release in commercial cinemas, DVD sales and rentals and download; • Television programming intended for commercial broadcast, DVD sales and rentals and download including dramas, sitcoms and youth animation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • news, current events or public affairs programming; • talk shows; • sports events or activities; • gala presentations or award shows; • projects that solicit funds; • pornography; • advertising and commercials; • digital media games.

This list is not exhaustive. Please contact the Film Commission office for further information on eligible costs.

Q – What costs are *not covered* under this funding?

A – Work that is contracted or purchased by a third party is not eligible for funding. In other words, if a party such as a government department, business or an association is paying you to produce a film for them, you are not eligible to receive funding.

Other costs that are not covered under this funding include:

- Costs incurred prior to receiving an official approval under this program;
- An applicant's internal costs not directly related to the project. For example, an applicant's normal, ongoing overhead costs such as office rent or monthly bank fees would not be considered eligible;
- Non-arms length transactions including payments made to you and/or your business partners, including immediate family members or related businesses.

Q – What documents should I include in my funding application?

A – In order to be considered for funding, applicants must submit the following:

- A completed SEED application,
- Project outline;
- Detailed budget (including supporting cost quotes);
- Professional resume.

Please contact your local ITI office for assistance in assembling your funding application.

Q – When can I expect a reply to my application?

A – Typically, a completed application package should be reviewed and processed within 5 business days. Please contact the Film Commission office if you have not had a reply within 10 business days.

Q – If I receive funding, how much time do I have to spend the money?

A – Projects or activities for which funds have been granted must be completed and the money spent by March 31 of the fiscal year.

Q – What are the reporting requirements?

A – Copies of invoices and receipts must be submitted to your regional Industry, Tourism and Investment office.

Q – Are there other potential funding sources that support film in the NWT?

A – There are several other resources to consult for funding or information on supporting film in the NWT:

- [Northern Film and Media Arts](http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/comm_programs.asp) - The Department of Education, Culture and Employment supports the production and dissemination of film, audio and digital media works by northern creators under the contributions program.
(http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/comm_programs.asp)
- [NWT Arts Council](http://www.pwnhc.ca/artscouncil/) – The Council provides recommendations to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment on financial awards for creative artistic projects in the visual, literary, media and performing arts, and on issues and policies associated with the arts and artists.
(<http://www.pwnhc.ca/artscouncil/>)
- [FundMyFilm.ca](http://www.fundmyfilm.ca/) is Canada's largest one stop directory for Film Funding Resources, Tax Credits, Film Festivals, Broadcasters, Distributors, Associations, Unions and Guilds.
(<http://www.fundmyfilm.ca/>)