

Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report

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Minister's Message



There is more to Yukon than meets the eye.

For one, Yukon is home to a vibrant and exciting film industry that includes talented filmmakers and skilled crews.

Yukon has played both a leading role and a backdrop for many film productions, including major Hollywood pictures, documentaries, commercials and live animation series.

While its reputation may have been built on its beautiful locations and snowy, winter scenery, Yukon is gaining popularity around the world for its fresh, unique vistas and ample summer sunlight that allows for long shooting days.

Yet, Yukon's talents go well beyond its looks. If you listen closely, you will hear the sounds of Yukon's dynamic and growing music industry.

From respected veteran musicians to budding youth bands, Yukon has an abundance of musical performers competing on the national and international stage.

Yukon's sound recording industry has award-winning and platinum recording artists and musicians and artists from across Canada come to take advantage of Yukon's excellent recording facilities.

The Government of Yukon is proud to support the development of economically stable, sustainable and competitive film and sound recording industries for the benefit of Yukon and its residents.

Through the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Programs, coordinated by the Yukon Film and Sound Commission, we support film and sound productions that provide opportunities for employment and experience to Yukoners while encouraging sustainable growth within these two industry sectors.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, \$729,706 in funding was approved and awarded under the programs to support a variety of film and sound projects which are outlined in this annual report.

Since 2003, over \$6.12 million has been awarded to 350 film and sound-related projects and initiatives.

As we look back on the last decade, the Government of Yukon is proud of the achievements that have been facilitated within the film and sound industries.

We recognize and applaud the outstanding achievements of the creators, producers, professional crew and technicians that comprise our film and sound production industry in Yukon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Currie Dixon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Currie Dixon
Minister
Department of Economic Development
Government of Yukon

Yukon Film Location Incentive

Total Approved Amounts 2013/14
\$504,299.85

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

Yukon Spend Rebate - Television programs, television movies (Movies of the Week), documentaries and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of below-the-line Yukon spend, provided criteria are met.

Training Rebate - Productions (not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training (techniques and equipment) for eligible Yukon labour.

Travel Rebate - Productions (including commercials) are eligible for a 50 per cent rebate on travel costs, subject to a percentage and dollar maximum, depending on the production type.

In 2013/14, 4 applications were received.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status
Sunstone Productions Inc.	Project Gold	\$ 8,000.00	Complete
Klondike (2) Productions Inc.	Yukon Gold Season 2 Training	\$ 17,275.00	Complete
Lucky Dog Films, LLC	Yukon Doc (working title)	\$ 79,024.85	Complete
Raw TV Limited	Gold Rush Season 4	\$ 400,000.00	Complete



Yukon Film Development Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2013/14
\$54,290.00**

Under the Film Development Fund, up to 50 per cent of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of \$35,000, or 33 per cent of total project expenses (whichever is the lesser), is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional \$10,000 is available to an applicant if the broadcaster or distributor requires more senior personnel, not available in Yukon, to be attached to the project.

In 2013/14, 3 applications were received.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status
Max Fraser Video Productions	Nantuck Resurrection - A Question Of Justice	\$ 4,290.00	Complete
Mackenzie Delta Films Inc.	Yukon Folks	\$ 5,000.00	Complete
White Hole Film Productions Inc.	Yukon Goldie	\$45,000.00	Active



Yukon Film Production Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2013/14
\$11,347.08**

Under the Film Production Fund, up to \$500,000 per project is available to Yukon corporations with significant financial and creative control over a film project, to assist with the costs of producing the film in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license or a distribution arrangement. Requests for amounts over the maximum of \$500,000 are subject to Management Board approval.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30 per cent of Yukon expenditures, or 30 per cent of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30 per cent of Yukon expenditures, or 20 per cent of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

In 2013/14, 1 applications were received.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status
Red Snapper Films Limited	JJ Van Bibber Documentary	\$11,347.08	Active



Yukon Film Training Initiative

Total Approved Amounts 2013/14
\$63,110.61

Under the Film Training Initiative, up to \$3,000 per person per year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in the film industry. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent course work or work experience). Yukon film industry organizations are also eligible for funding to support local film workshops.

In 2013/14, 8 applications were received.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status
Krentzman, Tova	Wilderness First Responder Training	\$ 424.98	Complete
Mueller, Fritz	Banff Centre Adventure Filmmakers Workshop	\$ 502.50	Complete
Bishop, Joseph	Wilderness First Responder Training	\$ 523.13	Complete
Mueller, Fritz	RED Camera Intensive Training	\$ 3,000.00	Withdrawn
Belik, Vivian	Ryerson's Documentary Media Studies	\$ 3,000.00	Active
Northern Film and Video Industry Association	Film Training 2013/14	\$ 10,000.00	Complete
Klondike Institute of Arts and Culture	Dawson City International Short Film Festival Workshops 2014	\$ 12,660.00	Active
Yukon Film Society	Media Industry Forum 2014	\$ 33,000.00	Complete

Yukon Filmmakers Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2013/14
\$40,000.00**

Under the Filmmakers Fund, up to \$8,000 per applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers in the film industry. There are two intakes per year: June 1 and December 1.

In 2013/14, 21 applications were received.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status
Belik, Vivian	Portrait of a Town Without Poverty	\$ 2,260.00	Complete
Sokolowski, Daniel	EH to ZED	\$ 3,260.00	Complete
Mueller, Fritz	Development of "Love Under The Lights"	\$ 4,300.00	Active
Nah Ho Productions Inc	FortyMile Caribou and the Memory Trap	\$ 6,500.00	Complete
Fata Morgana Films	Winter Wildlife in the Boreal Forest	\$ 7,680.00	Active
Red Snapper Films Limited	A Not So Typical Immigrant's Story	\$ 8,000.00	Active
Miss Sauer Productions	The Hunt - Part 3 of Northern Gothic: A Trilogy	\$ 8,000.00	Active

Yukon Sound Recording Program

**Total Approved Amounts 2013/14
\$56,658.75**

The Yukon Sound Recording Program supports the Yukon sound recording industry by providing financial assistance for demo and full length sound recording projects. There are two intakes per year: May 1 and November 1.

There are two components to the Sound Recording Program:

- Professional Demo Recording of up to \$2,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of two tracks or five minutes.
- Professional Sound Recording of up to \$5,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of six tracks or 20 minutes.

In 2013/14, 32 applications were received.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status
Walker, Jordy	Sauna Music	\$ 2,000.00	Complete
Haddock, Megan	Small Town	\$ 2,000.00	Complete
Brooks, Michael	Best Car Ride Ever	\$ 2,000.00	Complete
Al-Sarraj, Ansam (Noosa)	Demo Sound Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Active
Blair, Colby	Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Active
Fritzen, Fawn	Professional Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Complete
Nasager, Drea	Professional Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Complete
Ness, Claire	Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Active
Schmidt, Yule	Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Active
Buckaroo Music	Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Complete
Brass Knuckle Music	Demo Recording	\$ 2,000.00	Active
Old Time Machine Music Productions	Old Time Machine	\$ 4,658.75	Complete
Haustein, Holger	Little Lilly Mammoth Hair	\$ 5,000.00	Complete
Headless Owl Records	The Cost Of Doing Business	\$ 5,000.00	Active
Sarah MacDougall Music	Baby, It's Only Rock N' Roll	\$ 5,000.00	Active
Walker, Jordy	Professional Sound Recording	\$ 5,000.00	Active
Old Cabin Music Productions	Sound Recording	\$ 5,000.00	Active
Berezan, Brenda	Sound Recording	\$ 5,000.00	Active

Statistical Summary

2013/14

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**Total Film & Sound Incentive Funds
Approved 13/14**

\$729,706.29





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