

Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Minister's message



I am pleased to present the 2017-18 Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report.

Yukon is home to entertaining musicians, accomplished film producers and highly skilled crews. We are very fortunate to have talent that can capture the culture and history of the territory and tell our stories to the world from Yukon's perspective.

Our film and sound industries are currently experiencing strong growth. Investment in Yukon film productions is increasing, and there is heightened interest in the territory as a location for filming. Film producers worldwide are looking to work on co-productions with Yukon counterparts.

We have a sound industry with world-class recording facilities and platinum award-winning recording artists. Yukon's music industry is growing and offers a variety of artists, from veteran touring musicians to youth bands.

The Government of Yukon is proud to support the film and sound industries as part of our commitment to achieve a diverse, growing economy.

The Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program, administered by Economic Development, supports industry professionals to create projects that maximize Yukon employment opportunities, pursue dynamic local careers, and contribute to building the local economy.

During the 2017-18 fiscal year, over \$1.2 million in funding was approved in support of 39 film and sound projects. These projects resulted in over \$4,737,000 of direct Yukon spend.

In addition, the Enterprise Trade Fund for the film and sound industries provided more than \$115,000 to 26 projects to allow Yukon businesses to bring their products to market.

This report highlights the excellent work undertaken by Yukon's media professionals over the last year and I would like to congratulate everyone on their outstanding contributions to the industry.

Sincerely,

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

Ranj Pillai
Minister of Economic Development
Government of Yukon

Yukon Film Location Incentive

Total approved amounts 2017-18 \$635,440

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

Yukon Spend Rebate: Television programs, television movies (movies of the week), documentaries and feature films are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of below-the-line Yukon spend, provided criteria are met.

Training Rebate: Productions 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 are eligible for a 50 per cent rebate on travel costs, subject to a percentage and dollar maximum, depending on the production type. Commercials are eligible for this rebate.

There were four complete applications to the Film Location Incentive Program in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project information	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Lucky Dog Films, LLC	Dr. Oakley: Yukon Vet, Season 4	15,000	Complete
Northern Town Films Inc.	Homecoming Song	10,990	In production
Raw TV Limited	Gold Rush Season 8	600,000	Complete
Sagafish Media Inc.	Journey to Adaka—Digital Media Component	9,450	In production

Yukon Film Development Fund

**Total approved amounts 2017-18
\$56,850**

Under the Yukon 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 less, is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant should 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 be attached to the project.

There were three complete applications to the Yukon Film Development Fund in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project information	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Hootalinqua Motion Pictures Inc.	Finding Joe Boyle	27,600	In development
Sagafish Media Inc.	Voices Across the Water	10,500	Complete
Sagafish Media Inc.	Voices Across the Water Phase 2 Development	18,750	Complete



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Yukon Film Production Fund

Total approved amounts 2017-18 \$488,842

Under the Yukon 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 for a minimum of 10% of the production budget. 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 less.

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 less.

There were eight complete applications to the Yukon Film Production Fund in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project information	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
536326 Yukon Inc.	L'Enseignement des Ancetres	50,316	In production
Bear Road Films Inc.	The Bear Road	138,648	In production
Bee Good Films Inc.	How to Bee	3,552	In production
Drift Productions Inc.	First We Eat - TV Component	40,815	In production
Drift Productions Inc.	First We Eat - Digital Media Component	36,468	In production
Esprit des Ours Film Inc.	L'Esprit des Ours (Bear Spirit)	47,355	In production
Sovereign Soil Film Inc.	Sovereign Soil	156,088	In production
White Hole Film Productions Inc.	A.R.C.H.I.E. 2	15,600	Complete

Yukon Film Training Initiative

Total approved amounts 2017-18
\$11,480

Under the Yukon Film Training Initiative, up to \$3,000 per person per fiscal year is available to Yukon residents for training in 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.

There were five complete applications to the Yukon Film Training Initiative in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project information	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Jessica Hall	Colour Grading Mentorship	1,500	Complete
Kirsten Madsen	National Screen Institute Totally Television Training	750	Complete
Kelly Milner	National Screen Institute Totally Television Training	750	Complete
Screen Production Yukon Association	Pitch Development Workshop	3,400	Complete
Dawson City Arts Society	Dawson City International Short Film Festival 2018 Lead up Workshops	5,080	Awaiting final reporting



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Yukon Filmmakers Fund

Total approved amounts 2017-18
\$42,225

Under the Yukon 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.

There were nine complete applications to the Yukon Filmmakers Fund in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project name	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Aud Fischer	Exploring Baby Mice: Care & Development	7,500	In production
Christopher Healy	The Winter Folk	6,675	In production
Heidi J Loos	Hands Don't Lie	6,900	Complete
Heidi Slat	Busting Out of the Cultural Closet	6,650	Withdrawn after approval
Lulu Keating	No Accident (Working Title)	4,000	In production
Simon D'Amours	Simon D'Amours	7,500	In production
Traolach O'Murchu	Old Crow, Deetru Kavihdik	3,000	Complete

Enterprise Trade Fund for film and sound industries

**Total approved amounts 2017-18
\$115,536**

The purpose of the Enterprise Trade Fund for Film and Sound Industries is to stimulate Yukon business activity through market expansion and business development. Eligible projects under the fund open up new markets or significantly expand existing markets, particularly export markets.

There were 26 complete applications to the Enterprise Trade Fund for Film and Sound Industries in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project name	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Film industries			
Bee Good Films Inc.	Bee Good Films Inc. at Hot Docs 2018	3,200	In progress
Hootalinqua Motion Pictures Inc.	Attend Berlinale Film Festival and European Film Market 2018	2,469	In progress
Red Snapper Films Limited	Hot Docs Industry 2017	2,000	Complete
Sagafish Media Inc.	Hot Docs Industry 2017	2,000	Complete
Sagafish Media Inc.	Below Zero Forum at Tromso International Film Festival	2,868	Complete
Sagafish Media Inc.	Sagafish Media Inc. at European Film Market	4,000	In progress
Shot In The Dark Film Productions Inc.	Shot in the Dark Productions at European Film Market	3,155	In progress
Shot In The Dark Film Productions Inc.	Banff World Media Festival 2017	2,000	In progress

Name of applicant	Project name	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Sound industries			
Debbie Peters O/A Magnum Opus Management	Breakout West Edmonton 2017	1,640	Complete
Declan O'Donovan O/A O'Donovan Music Productions	"Broken Sky" Spring Tour of Germany and UK	5,000	Complete
Declan O'Donovan O/A O'Donovan Music Productions	"Broken Sky" - Summer Tour BC	5,000	Complete
Declan O'Donovan O/A O'Donovan Music Productions	Breakout West Edmonton 2017	3,000	Complete
Diyet Van Lieshout O/A Van Lieshout Music Services	Manitoba Showcase October 2017	2,000	Complete
Etienne Girard O/A Major Funk and The Employment	Hot Off The Floor CD Summer Tour and Breakout West 2017	8,000	Complete
Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music	Buckaroo Music at Manitoba Arts Network Showcase	1,861	Complete
Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music	Germany April 2018	5,000	In progress
Graeme & Jody Peters O/A Speed Control Music	Winter Tour October 2017	5,000	Complete
Kim Beggs O/A Out Of A Paperbag Productions	Said Little Sparrow Marketing	18,000	In progress
MusicYukon	Reeperbahn 2017 Delegation	18,000	Complete
Nicole Edwards Music	Genre Bender Album Marketing Strategy	2,000	In progress
Calla Paleczny O/A Calla Kinglit	Breakout West Edmonton 2017	3,000	Complete
Claire Ness O/A Raven Loon Productions	Breakout West Edmonton 2017	3,000	Complete
Ryan McNally O/A Blacksmith Productions	Breakout West Edmonton 2017	1,730	Complete
Ryan McNally O/A Blacksmith Productions	Ryan McNally Folk Music Ontario & Tour	5,000	Complete
Paris Pick O/A Ukes Of Hazard Music	Mine to Creep Tour	5,000	Complete
Matthew Lien O/A Whispering Willows Records Inc.	Polarstern Music Library - M Lien	1,612	In progress



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Yukon Sound Recording Program

Total approved amounts 2017-18 \$30,850

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 twenty minutes.

There were 16 complete applications to the Yukon Sound Recording Program in 2017-18.

Name of applicant	Project name	Approved amount	Project status as of March 31, 2018
Andrew Laviolette	Snow Tires - Demo	1,850	Complete
Brigitte Desjardins	Brigitte & Ryan - Demo	2,000	In progress
Etienne Girard	Major Funk and the Employment - Demo	2,000	In progress
Karen Furlong	Karen Furlong - Demo	2,000	In progress
Ken Searcy	Winter Trio - Full Length	5,000	In progress
Lucie Desaulniers	Les Themes de la Vie: Lucie D & the Immortals - Demo	2,000	In progress
Olivier de Colombel	Album pour les enfants du Yukon - Demo	2,000	In progress
Paris Pick	Feelin' Love - Demo	2,000	In progress
Rob Dickson O/A Rob Dickson Music Yukon	Rob Dickson – Full Length	5,000	In progress
Ryan West	The Lucky Ones (Self-Titled Album) - Full Length	5,000	In progress
Steve Caram	Chess Board - Demo	2,000	In progress

2017-18 Yukon Media Development program fund summary

Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program

Yukon Film Location Incentive	\$635,440
Yukon Film Development Fund	56,850
Yukon Film Production Fund	488,842
Yukon Film Training Initiative	11,480
Yukon Filmmakers Fund	42,225
Yukon Sound Recording Program	30,850
Total Film & Sound Incentive Program approvals	\$1,265,687

Enterprise Trade Fund

Enterprise Trade Fund – film industries	\$21,691.50
Enterprise Trade Fund – sound industries	93,844.50
Total Enterprise Trade Fund approvals	\$115,536

NGO funding

Screen Production Yukon Association	\$50,000
MusicYukon	50,000
Yukon Film Society	30,000
Total NGO funding approvals 2017/18	\$130,000

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