

# **Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report**

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

## Minister's Message



As Minister for the Department of Economic Development, I am pleased to present the 2016/17 Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Programs Annual Report.

Our territory is home to vibrant media industries comprised of accomplished producers, highly skilled crews, and talented and entertaining musicians. With expanses of mountains, ample sunlight, and endless snowscapes, Yukon has proved to be a premier filming destination.

Our sound industry boasts world-class sound recording facilities and platinum recording artists. With everything from veteran touring musicians to youth bands, Yukon's music industry is diverse and growing.

The Government of Yukon, through the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Programs, now administered under the Yukon Media Development Unit, remains committed to working with Yukon media professionals in developing, producing and presenting projects that maximize Yukon employment opportunities, support dynamic local careers, and contribute to building and diversifying Yukon's economy.

To that end, the department recently made changes to the Yukon Film Development Fund and the Yukon Film Production Fund to allow these programs to fund digital media projects. These changes address an immediate need identified by industry stakeholders and ensure the programs keep pace with a changing industry.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, over \$1 million in funding was approved under these programs to support 43 film and sound projects.

Since the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Programs' inception in 2003, nearly \$9.5 million has been awarded to 439 film and sound-related projects and initiatives.

For the second year now, this report includes information on the Enterprise Trade Fund for the film and sound industries. In 2016/17, an additional \$64,000 was provided to 16 projects to assist Yukon businesses to expand their markets.

This report highlights the great work undertaken by Yukon's media professionals over the last year. I am proud to recognize Yukon musicians, media producers, professional crew, and technicians for their outstanding achievements.

Sincerely,

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

Ranj Pillai  
Minister  
Department of Economic Development  
Government of Yukon

## Yukon Film Location Incentive

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17**  
**\$751,721.65**

The Yukon Film Location Incentive encourages production companies 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 are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of “below-the-line” (direct production expenses) Yukon spend, provided criteria are met. Commercials are not eligible.

**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. Commercials are not eligible.

**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.

There were seven complete applications to the Film Location Incentive Program in 2016/17.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status at 03/31/2017
Lucky Dog Films, LLC	Lucky Dog - Dr. Oakley Yukon Vet Season 3	\$15,000.00	Complete
Raw TV Limited	Gold Rush Season 7	\$670,329.50	Complete
Remembrance Films Ltd.	Bond of Strangers - The Op Husky Digital Experience	\$17,187.50	In Production
The Capital Media Company Inc.	Castrol F8 Edge	\$4,000.00	Withdrawn
Sequoia Content Ltd.	BMW Commercial	\$6,000.00	Withdrawn
Drift Productions Inc.	First We Eat: Food Security North of 60	\$36,013.00	Withdrawn
90th Parallel Productions Inc.	Secrets from the Ice	\$3,191.65	Awaiting Final Reporting

## Yukon Film Development Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17**  
**\$62,468.00**

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 the lesser, 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, to be attached to the project.

There were four complete applications to the Yukon Film Development Fund in 2016/17.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status as of 03/31/17
Wolf House Productions Inc.	The Bear Road	\$35,000.00	Awaiting Final Reporting
Jackleg Films Inc.	Sovereign Soil	\$6,849.00	Complete
Permafrost Productions Yukon Inc.	Not for Profit	\$6,000.00	Complete
White Hole Film Productions Inc.	The Comic	\$14,619.00	Complete



## Yukon Film Production Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17**  
**\$59,429.00**

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 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.

There were two complete applications to the Yukon Film Production Fund in 2016/17.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status at 03/31/2017
Arctic Secrets Inc.	Arctic Secrets: Eps 6 - 8	\$16,482.00	In Production
535983 Yukon Inc.	Le Fievre de L'Or Yukonnais	\$42,947.00	Awaiting Final Reporting



## Yukon Film Training Initiative

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17**  
**\$45,239.25**

Under the Yukon Film Training Initiative, up to \$3,000 per person per fiscal 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.

There were five complete applications to the Yukon Film Training Initiative in 2016/17.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project Status at 03/31/2017
Earle, Teresa	Editor Mentorship with Jenn Strom	\$3,000.00	Complete
Mueller, Fritz	Cinematography Mentorship with Keith Partridge	\$2,000.00	Complete
Screen Production Yukon Association	Micro Workshop Series 2016/17	\$6,750.00	Complete
Yukon Film Society	Available Light Film Festival Industry Forum 2017	\$26,060.75	Complete
Dawson City Arts Society	2017 DCISFF Training and Workshops	\$7,428.50	Awaiting Final Reporting



## Yukon Filmmakers Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17**  
**\$39,550.00**

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 fourteen complete applications to the Yukon Filmmakers Fund in 2016/17.

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status as of 03/31/17
Shot In The Dark Film Productions Inc.	Thin Ice	\$4,500.00	In Production
World Wild Media	A Yukon Heart	\$6,000.00	Withdrawn
Mueller, Fritz	Winter Bird	\$4,500.00	In Production
Red Snapper Films Ltd.	Buck The Current	\$5,000.00	Withdrawn
Davis, Krista	I Buck, You Stack	\$5,550.00	In Production
Mark, Naomi	Wood Truck	\$4,200.00	In Production
Carruthers, Lee	Freedom Spoke	\$5,200.00	In Production
Drift Productions Inc.	First We Eat: Food Security North Of 60	\$4,600.00	In Production

## Yukon Sound Recording Program

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17  
\$47,000**

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.

There were twenty three complete applications to the Yukon Sound Recording Program in 2016/17.

Name Of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status as of 03/31/17
Brooks, Michael	Demo: "Madiba"	\$2,000.00	Complete
Slobogean, Amelia Rose	Demo: "Gettin' Too Serious"	\$1,500.00	Complete
Edwards, Nicole	Demo: "Chocolate And A Bubble Bath"	\$1,500.00	Complete
Hamilton, Patrick	Demo: "Soda Pony"	\$1,000.00	Complete
Machidon, Alex	Demo: "Love In Many Colours"	\$2,000.00	Withdrawn
Shorty, Dennis	Demo: "Sister Song"	\$2,000.00	Complete
Paleczny, Calla	Sound: "God River Waltz" and "Wandering Man"	\$5,000.00	In Production
Lewis, Lara	Sound: "Rain" and "Making Me High"	\$5,000.00	In Production
Graeme & Jody Peters O/A Speed Control Music	Sound: "This Time" and "Decepto"	\$5,000.00	Complete
McDade, Kathleen	Demo: "Misty"	\$2,000.00	In Production
Pritchard, Tom (On Behalf Of Kitten Puppy)	Demo: "Substitute Preacher"	\$2,000.00	In Production
Penner, Mark	Demo: "God, Sky, And Mountain"	\$2,000.00	In Production
Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music	Sound: "Road Paint"	\$5,000.00	In Production
Maynard, K. Scott	Demo: "Common Ground"	\$2,000.00	In Production
Weise, Dieter	Demo: "Troubadour's Son"	\$2,000.00	In Production
Albert, Marc	Demo: "Misery"	\$2,000.00	In Production
Villeneuve, Sophie	Sound: "Keep Singing"	\$5,000.00	In Production

## Enterprise Trade Fund for Film and Sound Industries

**Total Approved Amounts 2016/17**  
**\$63,954.65**

The purpose of the Enterprise Trade Fund for the 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 sixteen complete applications to the Enterprise Trade Fund for Film and Sound Industries in 2016/17.

### Film Projects

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status as of 03/31/17
Jackleg Films Inc.	Attendance at Hot Docs	\$3,516.90	Complete
Martin O'Brien O/A Old Pal Productions	Hot Docs Industry 2017	\$1,867.50	Awaiting Final Reporting
Shot in the Dark Film Productions Inc.	Banff Mountain Film Festival Showcase and Marketing	\$3,200.00	Complete



## Sound Projects

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status as of 03/31/17
Avery, Annie O/A Two Piano Tornado	Two Piano Tornado Winter Tour 2016	\$5,000.00	Complete
Declan O'Donovan O/A O'Donovan Music Productions	Marketing Tour In Germany With CIMA	\$5,384.00	Complete
Diyet Van Lieshout O/A Van Lieshout Music Services	Diyet Break Out West Regina October 2016	\$3,000.00	Complete
Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music	Reeperbahn Festival 2016	\$4,550.00	Complete
Graeme & Jody Peters O/A Speed Control Music	Speed Control Breakout West Regina October 2016	\$2,800.00	Complete
Graeme & Jody Peters O/A Speed Control Music	Speed Control Spring Tour 2017	\$5,000.00	In Progress
Graeme & Jody Peters O/A Speed Control Music	New North Collective Showcase At Pacific Contact	\$2,000.00	In Progress
Jona Barr O/A Old Cabin Music Productions	Old Cabin Break Out West Regina October 2016	\$3,000.00	Complete
MusicYukon	Breakout West 2016	\$9,950.00	Complete
Rob Dickson O/A Rob Dickson Music Yukon	Rob Dickson Break Out West Regina October 2016	\$3,000.00	Complete
Ryan McNally O/A Blacksmith Productions	Ryan McNally Break Out West Regina October 2016	\$3,000.00	Complete
Sarah MacDougall O/A Sarah MacDougall Music	The Cat Empire Tour/East Coast Tour	\$5,000.00	Complete
Sarah MacDougall O/A Sarah MacDougall Music	Showcase In Australia and UK/ Spain Tour 2016	\$3,686.25	Complete

**Statistical Summary**

**Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program**

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Yukon Filmmakers Fund	\$39,550.00
Yukon Sound Recording Program	\$47,000.00

**Total Film & Sound Incentive Program Approvals 2016/17** **\$ 1,005,407.90**

**Enterprise Trade Fund**

Enterprise Trade Fund – Film Projects	\$ 8,584.40
Enterprise Trade Fund – Sound Projects	\$55,370.25

**Total Enterprise Trade Fund Approvals 2016/17** **\$63,954.65**

**Total Funding Approvals 2016/17** **\$1,069,362.55**



**Yukon**  
Economic Development  
Media Development