

Emergency Development Investment Fund Guidelines

This fund supports Western Australian companies and individuals with development investment for advance-stage Projects where a time critical opportunity is essential to the Project's progression.

Read these guidelines together with the [Screenwest Terms of Trade](#) and [Glossary of Terms](#). The Terms of Trade outlines our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as the terms and conditions on which we do business.

Eligibility

Applicant

The Applicant must:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements in the Terms of Trade.
2. Be a Western Australian Resident or a Western Australian Resident Company as defined in the Terms of Trade.
3. Hold the underlying rights in the Project at the time of application.

Project

The Project must:

1. Have confirmed market attachment.
2. Provide a formal letter or email from a broadcaster or distributor confirming that emergency funding is needed.
3. Need urgent development that cannot be supported through other Screenwest funds because of exceptional time critical circumstances.
4. Not have previously received Emergency Development Investment funding.

In exceptional circumstances, applications that fall outside the above criteria may be considered if the Applicant can demonstrate significant benefits to Western Australia's screen industry.

What can I receive funding for?

A unique, unrepeatable activity that is critical to the Project's progression. For example, but not limited to:

- Obtaining time-critical footage or interviews
- Screen tests of key cast
- Emergency script polishing.

This program does not support

- Items/activities listed in Project ineligibility in the Terms of Trade.
- Screenwest Project development funding cannot be used to purchase or renew options or rights to a Project.

How much funding is available?

Up to \$25,000 per application.

Projects can only access one tranche of Emergency Development funding in perpetuity.

Funding is provided as an investment that is repayable if and when the Project goes into production.

Assessment Criteria

We will assess all eligible applications using the following criteria:

1. **Track record:** Previous experience and/or track record of the Applicant and key creatives including the demonstrated ability to advance this Project.
2. **Opportunity:** The time-critical nature of the activity and strength of the rationale.
3. **Commercial:** Strength of the market partner commitment/support.
4. **Quality and feasibility:** The quality of the overall proposal and the likelihood of the Project being fully realised in Western Australia.
5. **Benefits to Western Australia:** Cultural and economic benefits to the Western Australian industry and the likelihood of the Project to deliver production outcomes in the state.

We will weight the above assessment criteria as it deems appropriate to best support our strategic purpose.

When reviewing applications, we also consider whether the Applicant has multiple ongoing Projects that could affect the quality or timely delivery of additional projects.

Application Process

Read the [SmartyGrants](#) application form which lists the materials you will need to submit as part of your application.

We recommend you discuss your application with the [program contacts](#) before applying and let them know if you require any accessibility assistance as you complete your application.

How to apply

- Submit the online application form in SmartyGrants.
- Upload all required documents and supporting materials.

After you apply

- Applications are reviewed to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements above and in the Terms of Trade.
- Your application will be assessed by Screenwest management against assessment criteria.
- We will notify Applicants of the outcome of their application by email or phone within 2 weeks of the application submission.
- Funding Recipients will enter into a Development Investment Agreement (DIA) with Screenwest.

Ready to start your application?

[Apply here](#)

Contact the team

Contact the team listed [here](#), or by emailing funding@screenwest.com.au.

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