

Matched Development Investment Fund Guidelines

This fund provides matched investment to Western Australian companies or individuals developing documentary or scripted projects that have secured development funding from an Australian or international broadcaster or distributor.

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. Provide evidence that development funding has been secured from a bona fide Australian or international broadcaster or distributor.
2. Where a Project has more than one market investor, we will match the highest market contribution only.

Applications must be submitted within 8 weeks of the development funding commitment date from the market partner.

In exceptional circumstances, non-Western Australian Applicants will be considered where they can demonstrate significant cultural and/or economic benefits to Western Australia's screen industry.

What can I receive funding for?

- Documentary series, singles and features.
- Scripted television series and features.

This program does not support

- Items/activities listed in Project ineligibility in the Terms of Trade.
- Retrospective funding e.g. fees for drafts written prior to applying.

How much funding is available?**Documentary**

Up to \$25,000 per application capped at \$50,000 per Project through this fund in perpetuity.

Scripted features

Up to \$50,000 per application capped at \$50,000 per Project.

Scripted television

Up to \$50,000 per application capped at \$75,000 per Project through this fund 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 the key creative team.
2. **Quality and feasibility:** The quality of the overall proposal and likelihood of the Project being fully financed.
3. **Commercial:** Legitimacy and strength of the market partner commitment and pathway to audience.
4. **Planning and delivery:** A clear and achievable development strategy.
5. **Benefits to Western Australia:** Cultural and economic benefits to the Western Australia screen industry and the likelihood of the Project to deliver production outcomes in the state.
6. **Strategic Alignment:** Alignment with the priorities of the [Screenwest Strategic Plan](#).

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

When reviewing applications, we 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 to 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 criteria requirements above and in the Terms of Trade.
- Your application will be assessed by Screenwest management against the assessment criteria.
- We will notify Applicants of the outcome of their application by email or phone within 4 weeks of application submission.
- Funding Recipients will enter into a Development Investment Agreement (DIA) with Screenwest.

Ready to start your application?

[Apply now](#)

Contact the team

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

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