

West Coast Visions Scripted Initiative Guidelines

This initiative provides grant production funding for debut feature films that will be made in Western Australia. It is designed to uncover and develop Western Australian filmmaking teams with a distinctive vision.

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 producer or a Western Australian Resident Company as defined in the Terms of Trade.
3. Hold the underlying rights to the project at the time of application.

Team

The Team must:

1. Attach a first-time Western Australian feature film director who has not had a theatrically released feature film credit or equivalent and will be credited as the director.
2. Include at least one Western Australian producer or writer who will be credited in these roles.

Project

The Project must:

1. Be a production ready feature film intended for theatrical release.
2. Be achievable in Western Australia within a one-year time frame.
3. Clearly demonstrate substantial changes (as determined by Screenwest Management) if the project has previously been declined for funding by Screenwest.
4. Complete all production and post-production in Western Australia.
5. Score a minimum of 6 points out of a possible 11 in the 'West Coast Visions Points Allocation Table'. At least 2 points must come from the producer or writer.

West Coast Visions Points Allocation Table

Ref	Position	Points
A	Producer(s)	2
B	Writer(s)	2
C	Line Producer or Production Manager	1
D	1 st AD	1
E	Director of Photography	1
F	Production Designer	1
G	Costume Designer	1
H	Editor	1
I	Flexible Points	1

Important information:

- To qualify as Western Australian for points allocation, practitioners must meet the definition of a Western Australian Resident outlined in the Screenwest Terms of Trade.
- The total number of points that can be attributed to a position is the number stated in the above table. For example, a project that has two WA producers attached will receive a maximum of two points.
- Flexible Points can be attributed to outcomes that haven't been accounted for. The outcomes must align with Screenwest's Strategic Plan priorities. For example, a Western Australian expat or high-profile Western Australian cast member is attached to the project. The Applicant must present a compelling case for these points.
- All other crew members will be expected to be Western Australian residents or expat/s unless otherwise agreed upon by Screenwest Management.

How much funding is available?

Up to \$1,000,000 per project.

Production funding is provided as a grant.

Assessment Criteria

We will assess all eligible applications using the following criteria:

1. **Team:** Track record of the applicant(s) and key creatives.
2. **Cultural and Creative:** Cultural and creative benefits of the project to Western Australia.

3. **Directorial Voice:** Evidence of a distinctive directorial voice and compelling storytelling style in the Director's Statement and in the example/s of the Director's previous works.
4. **Quality:** Strength of the script, creative statement and production methodology including the appropriateness of the finance plan.
5. **Feasibility:** Achievability of the project within the year timeframe taking into consideration market interest and/or audience potential, finance plan, team's ability to deliver the project, and the budget.
6. **Strategic Alignment:** How the project aligns with the relevant strategic initiatives as set out in the Screenwest Strategic Plan.
7. **Diversity:** How the project supports Screenwest's commitment to the creation and growth of diverse representation including overall diversity of projects funded by Screenwest.

We will weight the above assessment criteria as deemed 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 include 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 criteria above and in the Terms of Trade.
- Eligible applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria by Screenwest Management and experienced industry representatives.
- Shortlisted applications will be invited for an interview with the assessment panel to expand on their application.
- The panel funding recommendations are presented to the Screenwest Board.
- The Screenwest Board makes the final funding decisions.

- We will notify applicants of the outcome of their application by email or phone within 10 weeks after the funding round closing date.
- Funding Recipients will enter into a Production Grant Agreement (PGA) with Screenwest.
- Funding offers are valid for twelve months unless otherwise approved by us. Any specific funding conditions will be outlined in the letter of offer.

Ready to start your application?

[Apply here](#)

Contact the team

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

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