

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 184

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

RE: SARASOTA COUNTY ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY ECONOMIC REBATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") recognizes that it is a function of local government to promote economic development within its jurisdiction by providing unique economic development opportunities that will benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2010, the Board authorized the creation of a Film Industry Incentive Program (the "Program"), administered by the Sarasota County Film & Entertainment Office (SCFEO), a division of the Sarasota County Economic Development Corporation, and allocated \$250,000.00 of the economic development incentive fund to the Program to be used to incentivize members of the entertainment industry to do their production and post-production work in Sarasota County, hire Sarasota County residents, contract with Sarasota County businesses and purchase meals and lodging in the County; and

WHEREAS, the SCFEO and County staff collaborated on developing the process and eligibility criteria for granting Program dollars to qualified applicants and developing an application for industry representatives to complete in order to be considered for Program rebate incentives; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2012 the Board approved Resolution No. 2011-087 adopting the Sarasota County Film, Television, Media Production/Post Production Rebate Incentive Program Application Form (the "Application"), which sets forth the process and eligibility criteria for the Program, and the General Production/Post Production Expenditure Categories/Rebate Form (the "Rebate Form"), which sets forth the categories for Program rebate consideration; and

WHEREAS, at the SCFEO's request, on September 11, 2012, the Board approved Resolution No. 2012-170, adopting a revised Application and Rebate Form to streamline the review and processing of reimbursement requests in order to be more efficient in meeting the film industry's expectations and the County's goals; and

WHEREAS, at the SCFEO's request, on December 4, 2012, the Board approved Resolution No. 2012-233, adopting a revised Application and an Eligible Expenditure Categories Form to include changes to the coding for eligible reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, at the SCFEO's request, on August 26, 2014, the Board approved Resolution No. 2014-137, adopting a revised Application and Eligible Expenditure Categories Form to include changes related to project(s) ratings, requirements for applicants to provide information regarding other government incentives applied for and/or received to fund project(s) and clarification that services performed on behalf of the applicant by non-residents of Sarasota County or businesses not located within Sarasota County are not reimbursable; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2017, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2017-026 which changed the name of the Program to substitute the word "Rebate" for "Incentive" so as to clarify the purpose and intent of the Program and added a new eligible expense category for hotel/lodging expenditures with a cap of 20% of the overall project rebate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida that:

1. The amended "Sarasota County Film, Television, Media Production/Post Production Rebate Program Application", which sets forth the process and eligibility criteria for the Program, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted.
2. The "Eligible Expenditure Categories Form", attached hereto as Exhibit "B", which sets forth the categories for Program rebate consideration, amended to provide that only lodging expenditures from facilities that remit Tourist Development Tax to Sarasota County are eligible for rebate is hereby approved. The Sarasota County Film and Entertainment Office shall verify that the lodging facility for which a rebate is being requested remits Tourist Development Tax to Sarasota County.
3. The Program shall continue to be administered by the SCFEO.
4. This Resolution with exhibits repeals and replaces Resolution No. 2017-026 and all exhibits thereto.
5. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida

By: Blara [Signature]

Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: [Signature]

Chairman