



Production Alert

UPCOMING TAX CREDIT APPLICATION WINDOW Relocating and Recurring TV Series September 19-21, 2022

APPLICATION WINDOW

The California Film Commission (CFC) will hold its second television application period for fiscal year three under Program 3.0. Applications for **Relocating and Recurring TV Series** will be accepted during this application window. All submitted budgets should exclude any costs prior to the Credit Allocation Letter (CAL) issuance date of **October 24, 2022**.

1. **RECURRING TV PROJECTS** Recurring TV Series applicants planning to apply during the September 2022 application window who have not previously informed the California Film Commission (CFC) that they will be applying should notify the CFC as soon as possible regarding their estimated tax credit request. Recurring TV Series may submit applications without pick-up orders but Credit Allocation Letters (CALs) will not be issued until receipt of a pick-up order. Recurring TV Series have 140 calendar days to submit pick-up orders or the series will be removed from the June allocation queue; the series will need to reapply in a future allocation period. Applications for additional TV episodes for a current Recurring TV Series in the program should be indicated by adding ".5" to the season, e.g., "TV Series Title 1.5." Once accepted, the back-order episodes will receive a new queue number, CAL (with pick-up order), and require a separate Agreed Upon Procedures.
2. **RELOCATING TV SERIES** Eligible Relocating TV Series qualify if they meet the following definition: A television series without regard to episode length or initial media exhibition, with a minimum production budget of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per episode, that filmed at least **75 percent of principal photography days in its most recent season** outside of California or has filmed all

seasons outside of California and for which the taxpayer certifies that the credit is the primary reason for relocating to California. A pick-up order is not required at the time of application; eligible Relocating TV Series applicants are to submit a pick-up order by the end of Phase II - September 26, 2022.

APPLICATION WINDOW 2: Relocating and Recurring TV Series

- Application: September 19-21, 2022
 - Phase II: September 22-26, 2022
 - Approval Date: October 24, 2022
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JOBS RATIO RANKING

For historical reference only, below is the lowest adjusted jobs ratio for the project that received a reservation of credits from previous application window:

Relocating TV Series: 2.91822

The jobs ratio number is based on applications received during prior application periods. This number should **not** be relied upon as a guaranteed jobs ratio minimum in future application periods. Applicants are measured against their specific applicant pool and as such, each jobs ratio minimum is specific to those types of productions during a specific allocation period. Be sure to download the Jobs Ratio Calculator - a tool available to determine a project's job ratio.

ONLINE APPLICATION

The portal will go live on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8am and close on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5pm.

Applicants should begin to prepare their budget and materials early. You will need a completed and tagged budget in order to fill out the application. Projects that rank in the top 200%, double the number of projects for which funding is available, will be notified by September 22, 2022 to submit Phase II documents. Applicants should prepare all materials listed in the Checklist as you will be required to submit these within three days if your application is selected.

The **Application Checklist and Tips** are located on the Application page in the tax credit

program section of the CFC website. All Phase II applicants will need to fill out and submit the Fringe Matrix form which details the fringe percentages in their submitted budgets. All budgeted aggregate fringes must correspond to the amounts in the Fringe Matrix; overstatement of fringe amounts is not permissible. Be sure to carefully read the Budget/Tagging Instructions so that you can accurately tag your budget. Pay close attention to box rentals and car allowances. The methodology and tagging to determine uplifts and bonus points have been modified, for both independent and non-independent categories, from the methodology utilized in Program 2.0.

Qualified expenditure budgets should reflect qualified expenditures on or after October 24, 2022 as Credit Allocation Letters will be issued on October 24.
