

# **Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report**

April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

## Minister's Message



I am pleased to introduce the 2014-2015 Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Programs Annual Report.

Yukon film and sound incentive programs support Yukon producers to create projects that demonstrate commercial potential, maximize Yukon employment opportunities in the film and sound industries, and assist in the development of the professional careers in these two industry sectors.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, \$1,187,534 in funding was approved under the programs to support a variety of film and sound projects. Since the inception of the programs in 2003, over \$7,315,176 million has been awarded to 392 film and sound-related projects and initiatives.

Yukon continues to prove itself as a premier film location with a number of diverse productions choosing the territory as a backdrop for their film projects. Our music industry continues to grow and stage successful showcases and tours throughout Canada and around the world.

The Government of Yukon is pleased to support these programs and provide opportunities for career and industry growth. Yukon musicians, media producers, professional crew and technicians have garnered many outstanding achievements, and I recognize and applaud them as important contributors to the diversification of Yukon's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'S' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Stacey Hassard  
Minister  
Department of Economic Development  
Government of Yukon

## Yukon Film Location Incentive

**Total Approved Amounts 2014/15**  
**\$993,618.75**

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

**Yukon Spend Rebate** - Television programs, television movies (Movies of the Week), documentaries and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of below-the-line Yukon spend, provided criteria are met.

**Training Rebate** - Productions (not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 25 per cent of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training (techniques and equipment) for eligible Yukon labor.

**Travel Rebate** - Productions (including commercials) are eligible for a 50 per cent rebate on travel costs, subject to a percentage and dollar maximum, depending on the production type.

There were six complete applications to the Film Locations Incentive Program in 2014/15.

| Name of Applicant      | Project Information                    | Approved Amount | Project Status     |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Raw TV Limited         | Gold Rush Season 5                     | \$767,050.00    | Complete           |
| Lucky Dog Films, LLC   | "Yukon Doc" Season 1 Ep 7 - 16         | \$98,572.50     | Reporting Received |
| Manito HDSB Inc.       | Hors Des Sentiers Battus               | \$58,107.75     | In Production      |
| 0945078 BC Ltd.        | Entre Chiens Et Loups - La Yukon Quest | \$51,357.50     | In Production      |
| Drift Productions Inc. | All The Time In The World              | \$12,531.00     | Awaiting Reporting |
| Revolver Films         | Sylvania Headlight Commercial          | \$6,000.00      | Complete           |

Photo Credit: Drift Productions



## Yukon Film Development Fund

Under the Film Development Fund, up to 50 per cent of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of \$35,000, or 33 per cent of total project expenses (whichever is the lesser), is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional \$10,000 is available to an applicant if the broadcaster or distributor requires more senior personnel, not available in Yukon, to be attached to the project.

There were no applications to the Yukon Film Development Fund in 2014/15

Photo Credit: Gordie Tentrees



Photo Credit: Allan Code



Photo Credit: Northern Town Films



## Yukon Film Production Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2014/15**  
**\$49,778.00**

Under the Film Production Fund, up to \$500,000 per project is available to Yukon corporations with significant financial and creative control over a film project, to assist with the costs of producing the film in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license or a distribution arrangement. Requests for amounts over the maximum of \$500,000 are subject to Management Board approval.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30 per cent of Yukon expenditures, or 30 per cent of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30 per cent of Yukon expenditures, or 20 per cent of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

There were three complete applications to the Yukon Film Production Fund in 2014/15.

| Name of Applicant        | Project Information      | Approved Amount | Project Status           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Mirabai Productions Inc. | Last Stop For Miles      | \$1,238.00      | Complete                 |
| Nah Ho Productions Inc.  | Fortymile Comeback Trail | \$27,000.00     | Awaiting Final Reporting |
| Northern Town Films Inc. | Grub-Stake Revisited     | \$21,540.00     | In Production            |

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## Yukon Film Training Initiative

**Total Approved Amounts 2014/15**  
**\$56,637.37**

Under the Film Training Initiative, up to \$3,000 per person per year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in the film industry. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent course work or work experience). Yukon film industry organizations are also eligible for funding to support local film workshops.

There were 9 complete applications to the Yukon Film Training Initiative in 2014/15.

| Name of Applicant                       | Project Information  | Approved Amount | Project Status                      |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| D'amours, Simon                         | Wilderness First Responder Course                            | \$469.87        | Complete                            |
| Crocker, Suzanne                        | Suzanne Crocker - Editor Mentorship                          | \$3,000.00      | Complete                            |
| Earle, Teresa                           | Teresa Earle - Banff Centre Adventure Filmmakers Workshop    | \$482.50        | Complete                            |
| Kieran O'Donovan O/A Fata Morgana Films | Workshops - Wildscreen Festival                              | \$315.00        | Complete                            |
| Godard, Jassin                          | UAV Ground School  | \$100.00        | Complete                            |
| Yukon Film Society                      | Media Industry Forum   | \$32,000.00     | Complete                            |
| Screen Production Yukon Association     | Screen Media Production Training                             | \$15,000.00     | Complete                            |
| Mueller, Fritz                          | Abelcine Online Digital Cinema Courses                       | \$570.00        | Complete                            |
| Dawson City Art Society                 | Dawson City International Short Film Festival 2015 Workshops | \$4,700.00      | Awaiting receipt of final reporting |

## Yukon Filmmakers Fund

**Total Approved Amounts 2014/15**  
**\$42,500.00**

Under the Filmmakers Fund, up to \$8,000 per applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers in the film industry. There are two intakes per year: June 1 and December 1.

There were thirteen complete applications to the Yukon Filmmakers Fund in 2014/15.

| Name of Applicant              | Project Information            | Approved Amount | Project Status           |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Earle, Teresa                  | Searching For Ice Bears        | \$4,000.00      | Project Complete         |
| 535758 Yukon Inc.              | Released                       | \$6,500.00      | Awaiting Final Report    |
| Arlin McFarlane Film And Media | The Curious Gardener, Season 2 | \$2,500.00      | Recipient Declined Award |
| Flat Tire Films Inc.           | Cold Front                     | \$7,000.00      | Project Extended         |
| Crocker, Suzanne               | All The Time In The World      | \$4,000.00      | In Progress              |
| Belik, Vivian                  | Finding Lillian                | \$5,000.00      | In Progress              |
| Milner, Kelly                  | Singletrack To Success         | \$4,000.00      | Project Complete         |
| Byrne, Leah                    | Oasis In The Wilderness        | \$6,000.00      | In Progress              |
| Arlin McFarlane Film And Media | The Curious Gardener, Season 2 | \$3,500.00      | In Progress              |

## Yukon Sound Recording Program

**Total Approved Amounts 2014/15**  
**\$45,000.00**

The Yukon Sound Recording Program supports the Yukon sound recording industry by providing financial assistance for demo and full-length sound recording projects. There are two intakes per year: May 1 and November 1.

There are two components to the Sound Recording Program:

- Professional Demo Recording of up to \$2,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of two tracks or five minutes.
- Professional Sound Recording of up to \$5,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of six tracks or 20 minutes.

There were thirty-two complete applications to the Yukon Sound Recording Program in 2014/15.

| Name of Applicant                       | Project Information          | Approved Amount | Project Status           |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Jennejohn, Dana                         | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Godin, Gisele                           | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Recipient Declined Award |
| Ryan McNally O/A Blacksmith Productions | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Extended         |
| Halen, Daniel Robert                    | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| White, Ed                               | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Alex Johnston For The Midnight Sons     | Professional Sound Recording | \$ 5,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music      | Professional Sound Recording | \$ 5,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Binger, Alan                            | Professional Sound Recording | \$ 5,000.00     | Project Extended         |
| Avery, Katie                            | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Sanderson, Erin Evangeline              | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Hanes, Emma                             | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | In Progress              |
| Gabriel, Roger                          | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | Project Complete         |
| Vautour, Jim                            | Professional Sound Recording | \$ 5,000.00     | In Progress              |
| Janke, Daniel                           | Professional Sound Recording | \$ 5,000.00     | In Progress              |
| Heyligers, Erica                        | Professional Demo Recording  | \$ 2,000.00     | In Progress              |



## Statistical Summary

2014/15

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| Yukon Film Location Incentive                                    | \$993,618.75          |
| Yukon Film Production Fund                                       | \$49,778.00           |
| Yukon Film Training Initiative                                   | \$56,637.37           |
| Yukon Filmmakers Fund  | \$42,500.00           |
| Yukon Sound Recording Program                                    | \$45,000.00           |
| <b>Total Film &amp; Sound Incentive Funds<br/>Approved 14/15</b> | <b>\$1,187,534.12</b> |





**Yukon**  
Economic Development  
Film & Sound Commission