

LOCATION SCOUTING ASSISTANCE

FUNDING GUIDELINES

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Screen Queensland supports a creative, innovative and successful screen industry through development and investment; secures production to Queensland; and delivers an active screen culture across the state.

AIM OF THE FUNDING PROGRAM

The Location Scouting Assistance program aims to assist productions with gaining contacts that may assist their project and to liaise with Local Government Authorities (LGAs) and state government agencies, in line with the Film Friendly Pathways Program. Screen Queensland has a long history of assisting productions looking to shoot within its' borders and is in the ideal position to help facilitate eligible long-form production.

Queensland is also home to some of Australia's most experienced Location Managers, the majority of whom have also worked on projects interstate and overseas. Each has an intimate knowledge of film friendly locations throughout the state, along with the necessary networks and databases to facilitate and streamline the most complex and dynamic of productions.

WHAT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Screen Queensland provides Locations Assistance in the form of:

- Script breakdowns
- Locations Presentations
- Financial assistance for a Screen Queensland hosted locations scout
- Production liaison for long-form projects shooting or looking to shoot in Queensland

Screen Queensland may provide scouting assistance to long form productions based upon the production's stage of development and its estimated Queensland Production Expenditure (QPE). Support through the program is available for projects prior to commencement of pre-production and prior to or during financing to a level at the discretion of Screen Queensland.

Scouting Assistance may include covering some of the costs associated with on-ground travel including vehicle hire, accommodation, flights, helicopter/boat scouting and the contracting of a local Location Manager by Screen Queensland.

This is **not a grant**, but the direct payment by Screen Queensland of approved location scouting costs.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Assistance is generally reserved for interstate and international inbounds, however Screen Queensland may provide Scouting Assistance to long-form productions based upon the production's stage of development and its estimated Queensland Production Expenditure (QPE).

WHEN DO I NEED TO APPLY?

This program is open all year.

Support through the Scouting Assistance Program is available for projects prior to commencement of pre-production and prior to, or during, financing.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Screen Queensland has moved its application process to a new online system. You can apply online at <https://screenqueensland.smartygrants.com.au/scouting25-26>

Please allow for system down time or internet service provider problems when completing your application and save the application regularly.

An automated application email will be sent to you within 30 minutes as confirmation that Screen Queensland has received your application. **It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Screen Queensland if you do not receive an application receipt email.**

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Screen Queensland scouting assistance is provided at the discretion of the Head of Production Attraction, with the approval of the CEO. The guidelines of maximum amounts of assistance are:

Level of Queensland Production expenditure on the Production (\$AU) *	Maximum Assistance Value (\$AU)
\$1 million – \$3.49 million	Up to \$2,000
\$3.5 million – \$9.99 million	Up to \$3,000
\$10 million – \$14.99 million	Up to \$7,000
\$15 million – \$29.99 million	Up to \$15,000
\$30 million – \$49.99 million	Up to \$25,000
\$50 million +	Up to \$35,000

Screen Queensland reserves the right to offer more or less assistance than these guidelines stipulate, depending on a number of variables including available scouting funds, a production's financing status (proof may be required), anticipated future scouting expenses for other projects and the long term benefits of showcasing Queensland locations to those unfamiliar with the region. Screen Queensland will cover on ground costs (within the State) for Ausfilm inbound missions.

** As defined in Screen Queensland's **Terms of Trade***

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