

Screen Production Recovery Fund Guidelines

General Video Production



Funding for screen productions impacted by COVID-19

March 2022

The provision of additional funding via the Screen Production Recovery Fund (SPRF) for productions that have been disrupted by COVID-19 has been extended to at least 31 January 2023. A maximum of \$10.6m has been set aside.

Criteria

The updated general criteria for SPRF applications can be seen [here](#).

For clarity we note the following additional eligibility conditions for SPRF funding that will be considered when assessing your application:

- All NZ On Air funded productions are expected to adhere to [ScreenSafe's](#) health and safety guidelines. The implementation of these within your production to mitigate COVID-19 impacts will be considered as part of the assessment of your application.
- Applications should only include confirmed costs that have or will be incurred – unconfirmed costs or additions to the contingency will not be accepted.
- It is expected other options to cover additional COVID-19 related costs will have been investigated before you apply to this fund. Where feasible we prefer to receive one application per production. Subsequent applications from an individual production may be de-prioritised, behind first-time applicants.

Also please note:

- In approving increased expenses, we will prioritise confirmed, third-party costs. Requests for reimbursement of increased related and internal costs should be modest and will continue to be closely scrutinised in all applications.
- It is likely we will audit projects that receive additional SPRF funding.

What we need to assess your application:

- A copy of the approved production budget with the COVID costs included and clearly highlighted. We prefer for this to be shown with the original budget column, a COVID costs column, and then a revised total budget column that totals the original baseline plus the COVID-19 additional costs.
- A narrative clearly outlining the impact that COVID-19 has had on the production and an explanation for each highlighted COVID-19 cost.
- A copy of your Health and Safety plan that demonstrates the implementation of appropriate ScreenSafe [COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols](#) for your production.
- Confirmation that your distribution platform supports your application.

Prior to submitting your application, please contact the funding team to discuss your situation – Abbi@nzonair.govt.nz.