



film ST. BERNARD incentives program

Executive Summary

The Film St. Bernard incentive serves as a catalyst for growth and investment in the St. Bernard film industry (motion-picture film, videotape, digital, television, and commercial/advertisement productions).

The incentive is designed to complement the Louisiana Motion Picture Investor Tax Credit and provide a competitive advantage to St. Bernard Parish in attracting and retaining film-related business.

Project Overview

- 3.5% local cash rebate on qualified local spending, payroll for residents and lodging
- Minimum local spend of \$150,000
- Must have production office or soundstage in St. Bernard Parish
- \$100,000 per-project cap for new productions
- Payment of incentives is based on available funding. No more than a yearly, predetermined amount by parish council will be expended per year

Qualifying Acceptable Expenditures

- Lodging Rebate – 3.5% rebate on all lodging expenses for cast and crew incurred in St. Bernard Parish establishments which pay sales, hotel/motel, occupational license, or ad valorem taxes in St. Bernard Parish.
- Payroll Rebates – 3.5% rebate on payroll expenses of cast and crew who are, and for a period of at least six months prior to commencing work on the production or project, were residents of St. Bernard Parish.
- Lease or Rental Expenses – 3.5% rebate on all lease or rental expenses for sound stage, location or production offices paid for a site in St. Bernard Parish which pays occupational license or ad valorem tax in St. Bernard Parish, or holds an exemption from payment of such taxes.
- Other Production Expenses – 3.5% rebate on any other production expense incurred at an establishment located in St. Bernard Parish which pays occupational license or sales tax in St. Bernard Parish.

Application and Payment Process

Contact the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation of the St. Bernard Parish Government Office of Film and Television for application details.