

Alberta Film Development Program Funding

2008-09

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Introduction

This summary presents grants awarded to film, video and digital media production companies through the Alberta Film Development Program (AFDP) in 2008-09. The AFDP provides assistance to motion picture production done in Alberta to partially reimburse expenses incurred in the course of producing a film, video or digital media production in Alberta.

The AFDP assists in the development of a strong Alberta production industry and improves Alberta's competitiveness in film, video and digital media production and investment. The benefits to the province include increased economic activity; economic diversity through the growth of an environmentally friendly, value-added industry; increased awareness of Alberta as a tourism destination; direct economic impact for many Alberta communities; and provincial and municipal taxes accrued in excess of the direct investment by the province.

The AFDP is a grant program operated by the Arts Branch of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit of the Government of Alberta. The AFDP is funded through the Alberta Lottery Fund. In 2008-09, the AFDP distributed approximately \$31 million in grant funding to 107 film, television and digital media projects.

This report outlines the number and value of grants distributed by the AFDP for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The report does not take into account the many ways that film, video and digital media production industry positively impacted Albertans and Alberta's economy in the last fiscal year.

The amount spent in Alberta must be greater than \$25,000 for project recipients, with the maximum funding available to any project being \$3 million for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

The potential grant amount is determined by a number of factors, with the key factor being the percentage of Albertan ownership of the production.

Grants Summary

In 2008-09, the AFDP awarded 107 grants totaling \$31,166,622. Grants are awarded based on different criteria to projects in different stages of completion. The types of grants are broken down as follows:

- Grants were awarded to 63 completed projects for a total of \$15,267,437. Grant amounts for completed projects ranged from a minimum of \$9,200 to a maximum of \$1,651,702. Completed projects may have been initiated at any point in the last several years; projects are not typically initiated and completed in the same fiscal year.
- Interim and accrued grant payments were made to 37 projects for a total of \$6,999,199. Projects scheduled to be completed prior to July 31, 2009 were eligible for interim payments on a one time basis. Interim payments were made in the last quarter of the fiscal year.
- The Alberta Film Commission, the Alberta government agency responsible for the promotion of Alberta’s motion production industry, allocated AFDP grant funding through a temporary partnership. In 2008-09 this included one grant totaling \$2,900,000, with three accrued grants totaling \$5,614,986.
- The AFDP, in partnership with the Alberta Film Commission, contributes financially to Alberta film industry organizations to build capacity, develop expertise, and promote Alberta’s film industry. In 2008-09, this included three grants totaling \$385,000.

Funds Granted To Completed Projects		
Production Company	Project Name	Amount (\$)
1050192 Alberta Inc. (MiMedia Inc.)	Eat, Shrink, and Be Merry Season II	\$164,846
1363004 Alberta Ltd.	At the End of My Leash Season II	\$336,720
1363011 Alberta Inc.	At the End Of My Leash Season III	\$346,725
45 RPM Productions Inc.	45 RPM	\$270,207
Bride Productions Inc.	The Daughter of the Bride	\$313,666
Burn Up Productions Canada Inc.	Burn Up	\$1,651,702
Burning Bridge Entertainment Inc.	Promise	\$12,061
Changing Climate (Voice) Inc	Changing Climates	\$155,176
Christmas In Wonderland Productions	Christmas In Wonderland	\$915,621
Christmas Miracle Productions	Christmas Miracle	\$366,925
Corkscrew Media Inc	It’s Just Food II	\$127,887
Corkscrew Media Inc	Divine Life IV	\$115,259
Corkscrew Media Inc	Prairie Town	\$39,137
Corkscrew Media Inc.	A George Canyon Christmas	\$66,384
Corkscrew Media Inc.	Divine Life Season III	\$49,496
Crowsnest Films Ltd.	Corb Lund: Family Reunion	\$9,200
Crowsnest Films Ltd.	Corb Lund: Cavalry	\$10,604
Dear Prudence Productions	Dear Prudence	\$400,475
DEF Productions Inc	Freezer Burn	\$913,474

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Production Company	Project Name	Amount (\$)
Earth to Sky Pictures Inc.	Cure for Love	\$49,564
Emmaus Films Inc	Emmaus	\$25,712
EMW Productions Inc.	Easton Meets West Pilot	\$300,163
Fiddle and Drum Productions Inc	The Fiddle and the Drum	\$29,450
Fish Out of Water Productions 2 Inc.	Fish Out of Water Season II	\$97,626
Force One Television Productions Inc.	The Force	\$35,700
Four Heros Productions Inc (Aver Media)	Mayerthorpe (To Serve and Protect Volume II)	\$703,801
Frame 30 Film Productions	The Greatest Auto Race	\$246,775
Going Nuts Productions	Caution: May Contain Nuts Season I	\$304,219
Main Ditch Production Inc.	Steve Bell with the ESO	\$13,909
Mixed Blessings - The Series Ltd.	Mixed Blessings Season II	\$303,463
Nutcracker Productions	The Nutcracker	\$530,997
One Child Productions Inc.	One Child at a Time (Caught in the Web)	\$87,081
Other Woman Productions	The Other Woman	\$326,924
Panacea	Seeds of Change: The ECO story	\$12,859
PMR Idea! Production Inc.	A Priest, A Monk & A Rabbi	\$113,752
Prairie Schooner Films Inc	The Valley of the Wild Roses	\$731,104
Pyramid HD Inc.	Whatever Happened to...? Season II	\$316,560
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Biography Season VII	\$98,456
Pyramid Productions Inc.	In a World Created by a Drunken God	\$24,737
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Inside Hollywood II	\$203,083
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Biography Season VI	\$68,226
Pyramid Productions Inc	Bio Bites Interstials	\$17,444
Pyramid Productions Inc	The Role that Changed My Life	\$163,374
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Wild Horses of the Rockies	\$86,094
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Biography III	\$97,678
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Hollywood's Greatest Mysteries II	\$128,766
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Hollywood's Greatest Mysteries III	\$122,969
Raven Tales Alberta Ltd.	Raven Tales (Ep. 8-13)	\$190,236
Reel Girls Media Inc	Capturing Cooperman	\$31,788
Ride Guide Productions Inc	Ride Guide Snow 2008	\$50,439
See You Productions Inc.	Close Up	\$47,363
Simple Fresh Delicious Productions Inc.	Simple Fresh Delicious Season II	\$86,778
Simple Fresh Delicious Productions Inc.	Simple Fresh Delicious Season III	\$90,057
Snow 2 Productions Inc.	Snow 2	\$634,919
Snow Globe Productions Inc.	Snow Globe	\$615,907
Tarsands Productions Inc.	Tar Sands	\$52,561
The Rig II Productions Inc	The Rig Season II	\$422,149
Triple G Productions Ltd.	Grace	\$319,920
Weight To Go II Productions Inc.	X-Weighted Season II	\$546,650
Weight To Go III Productions Inc.	X-Weighted Season III	\$523,401
White Iron Pictures Inc.	Music Is the Message: Wil	\$32,714
White Iron Pictures Inc.	The Calgary Stampede: East Meets Western	\$50,824
Without Women Productions Inc.	The Week the Women Went	\$65,680
	TOTAL	\$15,267,437

Interim and Accrued Payments		
Production Company	Project Name	Amount (\$)
1384873 Alberta Inc.	At the End of My Leash Season IV	\$354,947
Agitprop Films Inc.	Police Beat	\$36,295
Arctic Passage Productions Inc.	Battle for the Arctic	\$56,293
Broke Films Inc.	Broke	\$27,816
Clearwater Media	Inuit Invasion	\$79,219
Combat Productions Inc.	Combat School	\$15,330
Corkscrew Media Inc.	Donner Down	\$15,865
Corkscrew Media Inc.	Cowboys	\$19,048
Cowboy Country Productions	Cowboy Country Season IV	\$166,845
Crossbar Ranch Productions	Cowgirls	\$385,932
Crowsnest Films Ltd.	Corb Lund: Tool For the Job	\$8,945
Earth Magic Media Inc.	From the Sprit Season III	\$19,497
Family Restaurant III Prod.	The Family Restaurant	\$287,657
Fish Out of Water Productions 3 Inc.	Fish Out of Water Cycle III	\$91,989
Go Go Productions Inc.	True Confessions of A Go-Go Girl	\$380,245
Hunted Productions Inc.	Arctic Exhumation	\$142,692
MiMedia Inc.	Eat, Shrink and Be Merry Season III	\$111,665
Nomadic Pictures Corporation	Flirting with Forty	\$478,208
Nora HN Productions Inc.	High Noon	\$364,792
Nora NL Productions Inc.	Northern Lights	\$731,190
Prairie Schooner Films Inc.	Blue Mountain 2008, AKA Valley of the Roses	\$217,930
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Biography IX	\$35,294
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Whatever Happened to...? Season III	\$205,001
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Inside Hollywood III	\$155,440
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Books into Film Season III	\$56,997
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Songs From the Gravel Road: Ian Tyson at 75	\$63,225
Pyramid Productions Inc.	The Tribute Series	\$52,012
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Biography Season VIII	\$153,748
Pyramid Productions Inc.	Star Crossed	\$42,451
Ransom Pride Alberta Productions Inc.	The Last Rites of Ransom Pride	\$428,664
Raventales (Alberta) Ltd.	Raventales (Ep.14-19)	\$104,765
Reel Girls Media Inc.	Lie Detective	\$149,293
Rivercross Ranch Season One Inc.	The Wild Roses	\$1,386,358
Sands of Time Productions Inc.	Untitled Oil Sands Project	\$67,258
Shaftsbury Murdoch II Inc.	Murdoch Mysteries-Dinosaur Fever	\$5,548
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Televino Entertainment	Hollywood and Vines	\$95,197
	TOTAL	\$6,999,199

Grant Payments Distributed Through the Alberta Film Commission		
Production Company	Project Name	Amount (\$)
Edmonton Economic Development	Fear Itself Season I	\$2,900,000
Grant Payments Accrued Through the Alberta Film Commission		
Production Company	Project Name	Amount (\$)
Rescued Horse Season I Inc.	Heartland Season I	\$2,514,986
Rescued Horse Season II Inc.	Heartland Season II	\$3,000,000
Edmonton Economic Development	Fear Itself Season I	\$100,000
	TOTAL	\$5,614,986
Grant Payments to Film, Television and Digital Media Organizations		
Production Company	Project Name	Amount (\$)
Alberta Motion Picture Industries	Not Applicable	\$65,000
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Banff Television Econ. Development	Not Applicable	\$270,000
	TOTAL	\$385,000
	TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED	\$31,166,622