



Empire State Development

**FILM TAX CREDIT – QUARTERLY REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 2018: SECOND QUARTER
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Empire State Development (ESD) oversees administration of the film production and post-production tax credits.

This report reflects program activity during this quarter. The information presented includes projected spending, hires, and estimated credits for film and post-production projects deemed eligible to participate in the Program, and, pursuant to new reporting requirements, actual spending, hires and credits issued to projects that have been completed and audited.

ESD accepts initial applications on a rolling basis and reviews them when deemed complete. A preliminary eligibility determination is made for all applications that meet the criteria set forth in statute and regulations and applicants are invited to submit a final application once projects are finished. This report reflects new applications submitted during April, May, and June 2018.

Production companies may be eligible to receive a fully refundable base line credit of 30 percent of qualified production costs and post-production costs incurred in New York State. Additional incentives may be available in each of the tax credit Programs and subject to additional requirements.

INITIAL APPLICATIONS BY TAX CREDIT LEVEL

The tax credit is claimed pursuant to a three-tiered schedule. Projects issued less than \$1 million in credits can claim the entire credit in the first year. Projects with credits issued of more than \$1 million but less than \$5 million can claim the credit over two years (50% each year); and, projects issued credits of \$5 million or more can claim the credit over three years (33% each year). Below is a summary of the initial applications received this quarter based on the amount of estimated credits.

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- Number of Projects, estimated credits of less than \$1 million: 56 projects/ \$14,083,160
- Number of Projects, estimated credits of \$1 million up to \$5 million: 12 projects/\$24,766,875
- Number of Projects, estimated credits of \$5 million or more: 15 projects/\$176,252,383

For film production projects, once a project is completed and a final application is submitted and approved, a tax credit certificate is issued. The timing of credit claims is based on: (1) the project completion date, (2) the allocation year and (3) the size of the credit allotted. The first year an approved applicant can claim a credit is the taxable year in which the project is completed or the year following the allocation year, whichever is later.

For post-production projects, the credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which the post-production of such qualified film is completed. Post-production tax credits under \$1 million are claimed over 2 years; credits between \$1 million and \$5 million are claimed over 3 years; and credits over \$5 million are claimed over 4 years.

The projected completion dates for the initial applications submitted this quarter fall between May 2018 and June 2020.

INITIAL APPLICATIONS – FILM PRODUCTION CREDIT

During the second quarter of 2018, the Film Tax Credit Program deemed 59 initial applications eligible to submit a final application for credits. The data in this report is based on those projects, which include 36 films, 5 pilots, and 18 series totaling over \$206.8MM in estimated credits.

INITIAL APPLICATIONS – FILM PRODUCTION CREDIT – BY MONTH

- April 2018, 19 initial applications received, estimated tax credits: \$48,406,280
- May 2018, 15 initial applications received, estimated tax credits: \$34,939,249
- June 2018, 25 initial applications received, estimated tax credits: \$123,514,732

Chart A shows the estimated number of hires, qualified costs, and total New York budget per project for the 59 initial applications approved this quarter. The New York budget represents the estimated spending in New York State. The figures shown in the column for number of employees are head-count numbers, not full-time equivalents.

FILM - PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM			
Chart A			
Initial Applications Submitted During the 2nd Quarter 2018			
ID	Number of Employees	Qualified Costs	Total NY Budget
2082	35	\$146,556	\$190,749
2083	2,605	\$32,201,158	\$39,254,530
2084	3,530	\$63,080,005	\$87,238,388
2085	2,052	\$22,456,811	\$30,295,473
2086	386	\$2,246,324	\$3,024,009
2087	185	\$617,587	\$999,927
2088	595	\$7,229,294	\$11,702,926
2089	208	\$766,677	\$951,105
2090	103	\$6,879,982	\$11,039,644
2091	222	\$1,082,657	\$1,383,224
2092	213	\$966,084	\$1,306,811
2093	218	\$580,142	\$873,856
2094	884	\$8,705,249	\$12,061,009
2095	51	\$131,328	\$154,758
2096	312	\$5,319,207	\$8,998,842
2097	2,347	\$31,393,639	\$41,056,605
2098	237	\$1,214,044	\$1,829,893
2099	38	\$425,308	\$545,336
2100	1,155	\$6,487,901	\$7,443,832
2101	676	\$5,615,704	\$7,864,605
2102	2,211	\$20,748,198	\$26,913,323
2103	980	\$21,511,538	\$31,103,359
2104	571	\$5,424,789	\$6,835,919
2105	484	\$2,426,756	\$3,537,117
2106	230	\$1,069,794	\$1,802,237
2107	950	\$7,584,670	\$9,417,177
2108	56	\$198,500	\$262,500
2109	374	\$17,486,738	\$24,064,335
2110	268	\$1,234,136	\$1,864,759
2111	40	\$120,782	\$169,379
2112	46	\$378,068	\$519,036
2113	215	\$2,138,249	\$3,135,226
2114	224	\$1,239,303	\$1,845,020
2115	124	\$221,943	\$267,153
2116	5,263	\$65,109,061	\$81,352,520
2117	163	\$1,547,598	\$2,486,251

Chart A Continued			
ID	Number of Employees	Qualified Costs	Total NY Budget
2118	22	\$113,842	\$147,867
2119	116	\$519,588	\$693,520
2120	25	\$188,934	\$222,534
2121	570	\$11,044,600	\$15,653,959
2122	4,180	\$45,557,263	\$60,456,896
2123	61	\$318,853	\$570,744
2124	150	\$303,067	\$361,766
2125	1,725	\$19,543,839	\$21,615,316
2126	2,792	\$46,434,235	\$58,271,121
2127	3,041	\$44,830,378	\$56,948,269
2128	86	\$758,348	\$985,095
2129	4,052	\$42,713,426	\$50,410,907
2130	123	\$624,825	\$731,209
2131	120	\$610,724	\$738,265
2132	16	\$118,728	\$130,108
2133	210	\$1,221,976	\$1,885,415
2134	214	\$1,390,128	\$1,899,603
2135	1,322	\$68,222,370	\$91,772,097
2137	575	\$1,382,179	\$1,989,451
2138	3343	\$41,722,431	\$49,096,066
2143	1,607	\$7,524,586	\$9,814,448
2171	115	\$643,872	\$1,011,284
2182	40	\$26,790	\$327,942
Totals	52,756	\$681,800,762	\$889,524,715

INITIAL APPLICATIONS – POST-PRODUCTION CREDIT

During the second quarter of 2018, the Film Tax Credit Program deemed 24 initial applications for the post-production tax credit eligible to submit a final application for credits.

INITIAL APPLICATIONS – POST- PRODUCTION CREDIT – BY MONTH

- April 2018, 6 initial applications received, estimated tax credits: \$792,580
- May 2018, 11 initial applications received, estimated tax credits: \$4,086,065
- June 2018, 7 initial applications received, estimated tax credits: \$3,363,512

Chart B shows the estimated number of hires, qualified costs, and total New York budget for each of the 24 post-production projects approved this quarter.

FILM - PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM			
Chart B			
Initial Applications Submitted During the 2nd Quarter 2018			
ID	Number of Employees	Qualified Costs	Total NY Budget
476	8	\$346,530	\$371,530
477	0	\$278,793	\$588,743
478	8	\$235,491	\$280,491
479	5	\$47,910	\$57,910
480	0	\$500,000	\$500,000
481	0	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
482	0	\$1,105,000	\$1,105,000
483	5	\$111,400	\$111,400
484	8	\$295,297	\$320,297
485	0	\$200,000	\$200,000
486	2	\$213,630	\$237,151
487	14	\$3,056,941	\$3,511,740
488	9	\$752,301	\$987,301
490	21	\$1,266,190	\$1,344,440
491	4	\$106,871	\$115,871
492	4	\$37,500	\$42,700
493	45	\$1,654,593	\$2,145,794
494	34	\$3,959,464	\$3,959,464
495	20	\$4,854,797	\$4,952,547
496	18	\$1,372,242	\$1,450,204
497	9	\$1,991,464	\$2,361,264
498	0	\$1,125,000	\$1,125,000
499	4	\$104,977	\$104,977
505	3	\$620,103	\$620,103
Totals	221	\$27,436,494	\$29,693,927

FINAL APPLICATIONS – CREDITS ISSUED – FILM PRODUCTION AND POST PRODUCTION

Statutory provisions enacted in 2013 require that additional information be disclosed about the name of the company receiving the film and post-production tax credit, the amount of tax credit issued, and the credit eligible hours and wages for each project issued a credit. This new reporting requirement is applicable to film companies that submitted an initial application on or after March 28, 2013 AND have since completed their projects and were issued tax credits.

During the second quarter of 2018, 33 film projects and 22 post-production projects were issued credits that are subject to this new requirement. Charts C and D show the project name, the studio when applicable, the company that was issued the credit, the state where the company is incorporated, the county when applicable, the qualified costs, the total spending in New York State, the total number of employees hired, the credit eligible hours and credit eligible wages, and the credit issued amount for each of these 55 projects.

- Chart C - The 33 film projects issued credits during this reporting period spent \$953.6MM in New York State, hired 60,217 production workers and were issued credits of \$206.7MM.
- Chart D - The 22 post-production projects issued credits during this period spent \$35.7MM in New York State, hired 588 production workers and were issued credits of \$8.7MM.

Chart C

FILM TAX CREDIT PROGRAM - CREDITS ISSUED

Project	Studio	Company	State of Inc.	County	Qualified Costs	NYS Spend	Total Hires	Credit Eligible Hours	Credit Eligible Wages	Credit Issued Amount
Right of Way		B Bros Productions LLC	NY	Kings	\$100,470	\$132,113	63	2,978	\$42,900	\$30,141
Mozart in the Jungle - Season 1	Amazon	Picrow, Inc.	CA		\$11,971,247	\$16,909,689	1,853	149,772	\$6,094,758	\$3,591,374
Friends from College - Season 1	Netflix	Can't Forget Productions LLC	DE		\$20,620,725	\$27,248,366	2,052	211,357	\$8,887,614	\$6,186,218
Billions - Season 2	Showtime	Possible Productions, Inc.	DE		\$54,299,296	\$72,477,055	4,866	585,374	\$23,815,272	\$16,289,789
Blacklist - Season 2	SONY	Woodridge Productions, Inc.	CA		\$68,632,691	\$87,658,965	5,471	692,484	\$31,172,085	\$20,589,807
Obsidiana		Obsidiana The Motion Picture LLC	NY	Kings	\$148,197	\$199,298	76	3,724	\$63,218	\$44,459
Amy Makes Three		Amy Makes Three LLC	NY	Kings	\$270,586	\$334,796	55	7,908	\$138,964	\$81,176
Golden Exits		Chaser Williams, Inc.	NY	Kings	\$332,400	\$464,550	52	6,124	\$139,389	\$99,720
Egg		Over. Easy. LLC	NY	NY	\$678,706	\$1,196,745	118	13,130	\$293,320	\$203,612
Stanley & Bud	Viacom	Stanley & Bud	NY	NY	\$2,033,854	\$3,260,194	138	25,345	\$647,332	\$610,156
Succession - Pilot	HBO	Sourdough Productions LLC	DE		\$7,592,937	\$10,001,499	797	78,464	\$3,545,911	\$2,322,446
Power - Season 4	STARZ	Starz Power Productions LLC	DE		\$49,103,491	\$63,233,643	3,734	476,026	\$23,147,980	\$14,731,047
Yellow Fever		2 Suns Film Corp.	NY	Suffolk	\$130,546	\$181,701	49	2,093	\$35,978	\$39,164
Seven Lovers		Keith Boynton	CT		\$101,566	\$130,723	45	3,995	\$53,004	\$30,470
A Bread Factory - Part One		In the Family LLC	NY	NY	\$188,713	\$245,595	157	5,169	\$62,791	\$56,614
Thirsty		Thin Edge Films	NY	Greene	\$234,419	\$322,536	137	7,184	\$133,468	\$70,326
Life Now, Life Then		Life Now, Life Then LLC	NY	NY	\$569,797	\$872,169	162	7,829	\$221,933	\$170,939
Ode to Joy		Pursuit Productions, Inc.	NY	NY	\$1,542,852	\$1,958,832	373	27,773	\$652,942	\$462,856
Bel Canto		Bel Canto LLC	NY	NY	\$4,554,153	\$8,124,810	436	54,130	\$2,062,404	\$1,366,246
Mr. Robot - Season 1	NBCU	Universal Network Television LLC	DE		\$23,509,347	\$30,005,541	2,617	259,557	\$11,041,855	\$7,052,804
Sneaky Pete - Season 1	SONY	Mesquite Productions, Inc.	CA		\$31,430,695	\$38,172,640	3,054	345,740	\$16,000,392	\$9,429,209
Elementary - Season 5	CBS	Eye Productions, Inc.	DE		\$68,782,169	\$89,078,237	5,197	777,523	\$34,179,749	\$20,634,651
Madam Secretary - Season 3	CBS	Eye Productions, Inc.	DE		\$69,852,841	\$91,198,742	5,101	678,746	\$30,802,623	\$20,955,852
Chuck		Boxer Productions LLC	NY	NY	\$3,655,949	\$5,565,299	845	53,912	\$1,624,738	\$1,096,785
Rachael Ray 2016/2017	CBS	KWP Studios, Inc.	CA		\$12,731,393	\$23,240,520	472	130,984	\$5,029,113	\$3,819,418
Law and Order: SVU - Season 18	NBCU	Universal Television LLC	CA		\$47,395,063	\$77,496,500	5,352	553,590	\$24,249,920	\$14,218,519
Blue Bloods - Season 7	CBS	Eye Productions, Inc.	DE		\$66,205,919	\$103,483,184	5,332	636,058	\$29,654,033	\$19,861,776
Patti Cake\$		Dombrowski Sisters, Inc.	NY	NY	\$1,389,803	\$2,399,223	387	24,556	\$537,033	\$416,941
Monster		Harmon Monster Films, Inc.	NY	NY	\$4,328,643	\$6,155,880	562	59,662	\$2,010,672	\$1,298,593

Project	Studio	Company	State of Inc.	County	Qualified Costs	NYS Spend	Total Hires	Credit Eligible Hours	Credit Eligible Wages	Credit Issued Amount
Broad City - Season 4	Viacom	Viacom International, Inc.	DE		\$8,252,906	\$13,616,349	1,145	97,497	\$4,099,953	\$2,475,872
Dangerous Book For Boys - Season 1	SONY	Mesquite Productions, Inc.	CA		\$10,781,140	\$13,693,973	957	115,226	\$5,594,847	\$3,234,342
Orange is the New Black - Season 5	Lionsgate	Lady Prison Productions, Inc.	NY	NY	\$40,395,589	\$63,355,646	3,520	458,589	\$19,939,742	\$12,118,677
Blacklist - Season 3	SONY	Woodridge Productions, Inc.	CA		\$77,194,192	\$101,253,349	5,042	890,686	\$59,770,520	\$23,158,258
Totals					\$689,012,295	\$953,668,362	60,217	7,443,185	\$345,746,453	\$206,748,257

Chart D

POST - PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM - CREDITS ISSUED

Project	Studio	Company	State of Inc.	County	Qualified Costs	NYS Spend	Total Hires	Credit Eligible Hours	Credit Eligible Wages	Credit Issued Amount
Undecided		Whitest Pouring Films LLC	NY	NY	\$182,168	\$203,755	13	960	\$74,098	\$54,650
Reggae Shark Pilot		Key of Awesome	NY	Queens	\$120,464	\$225,083	21	2,412	\$77,497	\$36,139
Logan Lucky		Trans-Radial Pictures, Inc.	DE		\$2,167,657	\$2,287,157	30	11,337	\$688,716	\$650,297
Maggie Black		Maggie Black the Movie LLC	NY	Albany	\$25,175	\$27,975	3	670	\$13,750	\$7,553
Roman Empire: Reign of Blood		Stephen David Entertainment LLC	DE		\$1,024,110	\$1,159,272	27	7,613	\$377,416	\$307,233
NASCAR: The Rise of American Speed		Stephen David Entertainment LLC	DE		\$1,065,783	\$1,246,404	31	9,034	\$421,116	\$319,735
The Promise		Survival Pictures LLC	NV		\$3,935,143	\$6,461,760	34	32,471	\$2,082,326	\$1,180,543
Thirteen Reasons Why - Season 1	Paramount Pictures	Paramount Pictures Corporation	DE		\$561,028	\$561,028	0	0	\$0	\$168,308
Green Room		GRP LLC	TX		\$443,110	\$455,275	16	3,281	\$132,259	\$132,933
How to Talk to Girls at Parties		Croydon Films, Inc.	NY	NY	\$943,075	\$1,022,976	22	9,740	\$382,683	\$284,980
Thank You for Your Service	Amblin Partners	Thank You Productions LLC	DE		\$1,767,827	\$2,527,916	31	11,690	\$701,256	\$530,348
A Dog's Purpose	Dreamworks	Puppy Productions LLC	CA		\$4,055,687	\$4,813,491	153	24,994	\$1,738,259	\$1,216,706
Silence		Lisbon NY Production Corp.	DE		\$4,240,713	\$4,361,142	25	7,805	\$2,659,919	\$1,272,214
Turn: Washington Spies - Season 4	AMC Studios	Turn Productions IV LLC	DE		\$573,150	\$573,150	0	0	\$0	\$171,945
Pope v Hitler	National Geographic Channel	Castle Pictures, Inc.	NJ		\$174,803	\$252,385	9	2,624	\$110,685	\$52,441
Bloodline Series - Season 3	SONY	Mesquite Productions, Inc.	CA		\$85,500	\$85,500	0	0	\$0	\$25,650
Louisiana Caviar		Caviar Productions LLC	LA		\$133,550	\$160,076	4	1,932	\$49,750	\$40,065
Lady Bird		Mission Films LLC	DE		\$913,835	\$959,681	14	8,961	\$293,857	\$274,150
The Legacy of a Whitetail Deer Hunter		Diamond Dogs LLC	DE		\$1,898,339	\$2,022,127	26	18,285	\$886,394	\$569,502
Dora and Friends - Season 1		New Nickelodeon Animation Studios, Inc.	NY	NY	\$682,642	\$868,888	34	6,666	\$406,858	\$204,793
I'd Kill for You - Season 1	NBCU	Peacock Productions	CA		\$679,634	\$1,260,031	36	10,273	\$440,384	\$203,890
American Assassin	CBS	CBS Films, Inc.	DE		\$3,348,609	\$4,243,985	59	21,219	\$1,619,749	\$1,004,583
Totals					\$29,022,002	\$35,779,057	588	191,967	\$13,156,972	\$8,708,658