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Lafayette City-Parish Film Assistance

In an effort to encourage economic development and quality jobs in the City and Parish of Lafayette, Mayor-President Joel Robideaux's CREATE Initiative has partnered with other local agencies to inspire the Entertainment Industry to produce content in Lafayette and the surrounding areas.

The CREATE Initiative will celebrate, support and grow the Lafayette Parish creative community and enhance its potential as a lead economic driver with a strategic focus on Culture, Recreation, Entertainment, Arts, Tourism and Economy.

Concierge Service

The CREATE office is eager to assist your production with location services, parking, fire, police, traffic control, crew, office/warehouse space, and overall navigation of state and local incentives.

Contact Information

The CREATE office is available to meet with you to understand your production's specific needs so we can connect you with the right people, including our partners: Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission (LCVC), Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA), One Acadiana and many others.

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Why film in Lafayette?

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Louisiana Competitive Film Production Tax Credit:

- [Louisiana Entertainment Film Website](#)
- [One-Pager Overview](#)
- As much as 40% on qualified spend.
- \$150M annual production cap.
- 25% base credit for qualified expenditures and an additional 15% credit for LA wages
- Additional 10% on base credit for a Louisiana resident screenplay
- Additional 5% on base credit for filming outside the New Orleans MSA
- Additional 5% on VFX expenditures for service performed in the state
- Maximum tax credit of 40% of the base investment
- A new "five-year super initial certification" for scripted television series

Tax credits for full-time, permanent jobs:

- Louisiana is the only state in the nation that now offers a company-based incentive.
- A Qualified Entertainment Company (QEC) is a company directly or indirectly engaged in the distribution or development of audio and/or video entertainment content for public consumption.
- A QEC must create five new quality jobs.
- 15% credit for each new job for wages equal to or greater than \$45K/year, up to \$66K/yr
- 20% credit for each new job for wages equal to or greater than \$66K/yr

- Maximum qualifying individual salary of \$200K/person per year
- Maximum amount of \$1M per year of credits granted to a QEC investing in a homegrown industry

Investing in a Homegrown Industry

- An additional 10% on total eligible spend for productions with expenditures between \$50K-\$5M that are based on a Louisiana resident screenplay
- Lowered spend threshold allows indigenous productions to take advantage of the credit program.
- A matching grant opportunity for Louisiana filmmakers
- A requirement that productions participate in a “career based training program”
- A 2% transfer fee for credits that are sold back to the state at 90% of value will be dedicated to programs that help build an indigenous entertainment industry.

Money for Workforce & Business Development

- Deal closing fund to aid with additional resources to bring production companies to Louisiana when eligible.
- Loan guarantee program
- Louisiana Filmmakers grant program
- Education & Workforce Grants

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- [Website](#)
- **Permitting:**
No charge for film permits.
- **City Property:**
For qualified productions, we may offer free or reduced cost for use of City-Parish buildings.
- **Police:**
We can offer assistance with security and traffic control. For qualified productions, we may reimburse for officers.
- **Fire:**
We can offer assistance with fire watch and safety. For qualified productions, we may reimburse for officers.
- **Parking & Transportation:**
We can offer assistance with road and sidewalk closures, traffic control and parking. For qualified productions, we may offer free parking for cars and trailers.
- **Accommodations:**
For qualifying productions, the Lafayette Travel Office can assist in coordinating the best possible rates for hotels in Lafayette Parish.
- **Special Permissions:**
Mayor-President Joel Robideaux can issue special permissions for temporary film production allowances to suspend certain clauses of ordinances or grant temporary approval for eligible productions.
- **Production Planning Meeting:**
To maximize the opportunities for us to assist, the production company should schedule a meeting two to three weeks before commencement of principal photography, wherein we will

discuss the production's needs so that we may identify the items, locations, and assets desired by production, to maximize the value of shooting in Lafayette. Following our initial meeting, you will have the necessary information needed to submit a film permit and start work, including contacts with the agencies you will need.

- **Technical and Equipment Assistance:**
Acadiana Open Channel, the community's open-access channel, offers easy access to equipment, studios and availability of skilled crewmembers.
- **Location Services:**
No one knows this area better than our team of experienced Location Scouts who know the best filming locations and available office and warehouse space for your next project.
- **High Speed Internet:**
As customers of LUS Fiber, film production companies can access high-speed Internet of 10 Gigabits per second, among the fastest 5% in the nation.
- **Education and Workforce Development:**
Through our relationships with the Lafayette Parish School System, South Louisiana Community College and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, we can help you make lasting impacts through education and workforce development right here in Lafayette.
- **Additional Assistance:**
Every project is special and requires personal attention and sometimes, additional help. Whether it's decorating our downtown for Christmas in July or recreating some of our most celebrated festivals, let us know what you need and we'll do our best to help you make your movie here in Lafayette.

Schedule pre-production meeting:

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