

Exhibit A



SARASOTA COUNTY FILM, TELEVISION, MEDIA PRODUCTION/POST PRODUCTION REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM Application

IMPORTANT: THE SARASOTA COUNTY REBATE INCENTIVE IS CAPPED AT \$25,000 PER PROJECT AND IS AVAILABLE ON A "FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED" BASIS SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDS. REQUESTS TO INCREASE THE PROJECT CAP MAY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE SARASOTA COUNTY FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT OFFICE ("SCFEO") TO THE SARASOTA COUNTY MANAGER OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

ALCOHOLIC ITEMS ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT

**FOR USE BY APPLICANTS DOING PRODUCTION AND POST-
PRODUCTION WORK IN OR UTILIZING BUSINESSES OR RESIDENTS
OF
CITY OF NORTH PORT,
CITY OF SARASOTA,
CITY OF VENICE
TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY
AND
UNINCORPORATED SARASOTA COUNTY**

Submit one application per Project within forty-five (45) days of completion of the Project in Sarasota County. Application, including Affidavit, must be completed in its entirety. Enter "N/A" if information requested is not applicable.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Application #: _____

Date Received: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

PROJECT TITLE: _____

DATE PROJECT CONCLUDED IN SARASOTA COUNTY: _____

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Genre: Feature Film Television Program
Commercial/Infomercial Music Video Documentary Other -specify: _____
Any ratings beyond "R" or "TV-M or the equivalent in other media are not eligible for this incentive program

COMPANY NAME: _____

TAX I.D. # _____ (Attach W-9 form)

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

If Outside USA: International address including both street and mailing:

Office Phone: (____) _____ - _____ **Email address:** _____

If Outside USA: International Phone/Fax/Alt #'s: _____

Company website: www. _____

Authorized Company Signatory/Primary Contact Person:

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CATEGORY OF REBATE INCENTIVE APPLIED FOR:

- I. Sarasota County Government fees and charges – up to 100% rebate**
Includes fees and charges for permits, parking, law enforcement, fire, emergency services, road closures, use of County lands or buildings such as beaches, parks and other facilities, use of County staff. Documentation required:
 - A. Original or clearly legible copies of invoices, statements, bills, or other documents clearly indicating the fee/charge for which a rebate is being requested.**
 - B. Proof of payment in full of the fee/charge, such as:**
 - (i) Copy of cancelled check, front and back or itemized charge slip, if accepted as form of payment;**
 - (ii) Document marked PAID IN FULL proof of payment, amount paid, check number or other method of payment applied.**
 - C. Completed “Eligible Expenditure Categories (EEC)Form”**
- II. Other Eligible Expenditures, subject to availability of funds – up to 20% rebate for combined expenditures from EEC form for wages/labor and vendors/service providers**
 - A. BASE WAGES/CONTRACT LABOR FEES PAID TO SARASOTA COUNTY RESIDENTS hired for production or post production taking place within Sarasota County. Cash rebate percentage based on total base wages/contract labor paid to locals hired. Cash rebate percentage based on amount of qualified expenditure - see Scale below. Documentation required:**
 - (i) One (1) form of proof of residency (i.e. driver’s license)**
 - (ii) Proof of payment in full by the Applicant to the individual.**
 - (iii) Completed “EEC Form**
 - B. QUALIFIED EXPENDITURES PAID TO A SARASOTA COUNTY VENDOR OR SERVICE PROVIDER. Expenditures for alcoholic beverages are not reimbursable. Cash rebate percentage based on amount of EEC expenditure - see Scale below. Documentation required:**
 - (i) Proof of Sarasota County business location and operation;**
 - (ii) Itemized bill/invoice showing charges, and proof of payment in full.**
 - (iii) Completed EEC Form**

C. MULTIPLE SEGMENTS, ELEMENTS or EPISODES of ONE PROJECT: Two or more parts of a larger overall or related project/production (such as multiple episodes of a single TV, web or other media series or mini-series, themed commercials in an overall advertising campaign, various segments for a composite program such as news, news magazines, documentaries, etc.) may be “bundled” together into a single application for incentives with preapproval from the SCFEO. All such segments, elements or episodes may be permitted under the same overall project title and must be completed within one single SCFEO fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). As with A & B above, all funds are on a “first come-first served” basis subject to availability of funds at time of submission of overall completed application.

Please be sure to include code numbers as well as category name of expenditure, as listed on the EEC Form, on all invoices, statements, bills, or other materials you submit as support of your rebate requests.

SCALE OF REBATE BASED ON TOTAL II A, B, & C ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES:

i.	\$1000-5999	=	10%
ii.	\$6000-10,999	=	12.5%
iii.	\$11000-20,999	=	15%
iv.	\$21,000-30,999	=	17.5%
v.	\$31,000+	=	20%

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED, Section I.

.....\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED, Section II.A, B, C

.....\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

REMINDER: THE SARASOTA COUNTY REBATE INCENTIVE IS CAPPED AT \$25,000 PER PROJECT UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTE: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS ALCOHOL AN ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

BE SURE TO ATTACH THE COMPLETED ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (EEC) FORM” TO THIS APPLICATION

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IMPORTANT CHECKLIST FOR SARASOTA COUNTY INCENTIVES SUBMISSION

Requirements for Submitting

Application: Only expenditures spent in Sarasota County qualify.

Upon receipt of full and appropriate documentation in support of invoices and approval of same by the COUNTY, COUNTY will rebate to APPLICANT the percentage of qualified expenditures thus approved pursuant to the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Ch. 218, Part VII, Florida Statutes.

- Application form must be complete and legibly signed in the presence of a notary public on provided affidavit, with affiant's printed name and title.
- All materials must be legibly, neatly and categorically prepared prior to submitting to SCFEO for review.
- W9 for submitting company must be included.
- All receipts need to be coded to appropriate qualified expenditures categories. Please write the applicable code in the upper right corner of receipt or document.
- All receipts must be itemized, clearly legible, dated and total amount indicated. If addresses unavailable please indicate in writing, address and telephone number on receipt. If an item is not identifiable on the receipt please indicate alongside an understandable description. *(Please note: alcohol is not a qualified or a reimbursable expenditure)*
- All local crew payments require two current proofs of residency, ie: driver's license, declaration of residency, utility bill (ie: electric, phone, water), car title or registration, any billing statement that comes to crew member at the address submitted. *Addresses must match on both documents.*
- If providing pay stubs for crew, please be sure that the Social Security numbers are not visible.
- Every receipt needs to be paid in full showing a zero balance or proof of payment. All checks require proof of processing ie: cancellation on back of check, bank statement with cleared check indicated on statement.
- A final copy of crew list for project included with application.

Remittance process:

- The SCFEO will prioritize all completed applications on a first-come, first-served basis, noted with the date/time the application was received in our office, whether by hand delivery or mail/other delivery service method. *Note: If you do not receive confirmation within ten (10) business days from our office that the application was received, contact us immediately. We recommend all submissions have return receipt or tracking information.*
- Fully completed applications with all necessary documentation included or promptly provided on request will be reviewed thoroughly by SCFEO and an estimated incentive rebate calculated. It will then be delivered to the Sarasota County finance department for final review, including any further requests for clarification or documentation, approval and processing of payment.

- Please note: the speed of processing the application and subsequent payment are directly impacted by the condition in which the materials are provided to/received by the SCFEO.

Marketing Requirements:

- Placement of a “Filmed in Sarasota County, Florida” or “Produced in Sarasota County, Florida” logo, provided by SCFEO, in the end credits of any project having credits shown. The size and placement of such logo shall be commensurate to other logos used. If no logos are used, the statement “Filmed in Sarasota County, Florida, using the Sarasota County Cash Rebate Incentive Program” or a similar statement approved by the SCFEO, shall be used.
- Three (3) different high resolution still production photos in a digital format will be provided to the SCFEO before public distribution of the production, with rights cleared for Sarasota County’s promotional use only.
- Two (2) copies of any full-size poster for the project will be provided to the SCFEO before public distribution of the production, or if no poster is created, two copies of other marketing materials shall be provided.
- One (1) copy of the Electronic Press Kit (EPK) for the production at the time it is made available to the press, if one is created.
- One (1) copy of the final released version of the production will be provided to the SCFEO 10 days prior to the public release, if available.

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AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

_____, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. That the Affiant is currently employed by _____,
(Company)
as _____.
(Title)
2. That the Affiant is familiar with the _____ and has personal
(Project)
knowledge of the information contained in the Application to Sarasota County for a
Production//Post Production Rebate.
3. That Affiant is authorized to complete the Application on behalf of
_____ and attests to the accuracy of the information
(Company)
provided therein.

Further Affiant Saith Not.

By: _____
(Signature)

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____,
20__, by _____, who is personally known to me or has produced his/her
_____ drivers license.

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida

Typed or Printed Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____