

➤ **APULIA FILM COMMISSION**

FILM FUND

The Apulia Film Commission supports film and audiovisual production companies with direct funding in the form of a free grant to contribute towards the costs of preparation, production and post-production for audiovisual projects shot entirely or partially in Apulia.

The Apulia Film Fund is allocated following a public selection procedure in three annual tranches (31 January, 30 April and 31 August).

Applications are accepted from Italian, European and non-European production and co-production companies.

The AFC funding is in the form of a free grant and is VAT-exempt, as provided by law. An advance sum of 20% of the grant is allocated at the start of shooting with the outstanding 80% allocated at the end of shooting subject to financial statements certifying that at least 200% of the fund allocated was spent in Apulia and that part of the cast and crew were of Apulian origin.

The maximum grant for full length feature films (minimum 85 mins), TV films (minimum two episodes of 100 mins) and TV series (minimum 4 episodes of 52 mins) is €150,000. In the case of documentaries, the maximum grant available is €40,000, for shorts and videoclips €30,000 and for videoclips €12,000.

Film Fund conditions stipulate that beneficiaries must spend an amount equal to 200% of the grant received in Apulia. A further condition is that 35% of the personnel hired for the cast and crew were born, or are resident in, Apulia.

Moreover, regulations establish minimum shooting times in Apulia which vary depending on the production category. Full length feature films and TV films and series must guarantee 3 weeks of shooting; the minimum for documentaries (including docu-fictions and mockumentaries) is 2 weeks. For videogames and animation films, 2 months of post-production at an Apulian company are required. For shorts, beneficiaries must guarantee at least 4 working days in Apulia (2 working days in the case of videoclips).

HOSPITALITY FUNDING

It is worthwhile filming in Apulia. In addition to free grants offered by the Film Fund, permanent facilities for use free of charge, local Production Guide assistance, two Cineport hubs and the services of leading Apulian technical companies, the Apulia Film Commission also offers funding to contribute to the costs of board and accommodation in Apulia.

This is Hospitality Funding, set up in compliance with a European Development Fund grant (Actions 4.3.1 and 4.1.2). It is accumulable with Film Fund grants and, from 2012, will be allocated in three annual payments in line with the deadlines set out in the new application procedures.

Hospitality Funding can be used to cover (entirely or partially) costs incurred directly by the film production company in Apulia for specific expenses such as accommodation, board (restaurants, catering, packed meals) and travel and transport within the regional area (including vehicle hire).

Hospitality Funding is available up to a maximum amount of €100,000 for full length feature films, TV films or TV series, €20,000 for documentaries and €15,000 for shorts and videoclips.

Applications will be considered by an Apulia Film Commission board. Beneficiary production companies must spend an amount equal to at least 150% of the funding granted within the Apulia region. Copies of all expenditure documentation must also be retained for inspection.

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