

➤ **BLS FILM FUND & COMMISSION**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Film Fund & Commission department of BLS promotes South Tyrol as an ideal location for film and television productions. The service is also readily available to directors and producers who choose to film in South Tyrol.

South Tyrol, or *Alto Adige* in Italian and *Südtirol* in German, is the northernmost region in Italy. The autonomous province shares a border with Austria and is bilingual: Italian and German are both official languages.

With an annual budget of currently 5 million Euros, the South Tyrolean Film Fund is one of the largest of its kind in Italy. The primary goal of the South Tyrolean Film Fund is the structural development of the local film infrastructure in South Tyrol, not the development and advertisement of the territory as a tourist destination. That said, BLS take into special consideration planned investments in South Tyrol which contribute to the strengthening and further development of the region as a media location.

The South Tyrolean Film Fund supports film and television projects of all genres in the form of grants, with particular focus placed on co-productions between the Italian and German-speaking markets.

Three different types of funding support are available:

1. production funding,
2. separate production preparation funding,
3. combined funding for production preparation and actual production.

Funding is awarded to a maximum of 1.5 million Euros per project on the basis of a “local spend” of 150% in reference to the corresponding funding amount. Exceptions are made for projects with a strong reference to South Tyrol.

BLS generally supports documentary films which are at least 30 minutes in length, television films and series which are at least 45 minutes in length, and theatrical features which are at least 80 minutes in length.

Support is granted independently of the location of the production company submitting the application. Submitted funding applications are evaluated solely on cultural and economic criteria. As a rule, only production companies are eligible to submit applications for funding.

Applications may be submitted via the online-portal www.bls.info, following the obligatory personal consultation with BLS. The deadline for the submission of applications are:

1. 1st of February 2012
2. 2nd of May 2012
3. 19th of September 2012

The Funding Guidelines, in their current form, have been authorized by the government of the state of South Tyrol and by the EU.

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