



Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage

in collaboration with

Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC)

Film Assistance Scheme

GUIDELINES

1. Project Description

The Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, in collaboration with the Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC), will provide financial assistance up to a ceiling of Rs 100,000 to eligible local producers through the production of clip/ Music Video/ Short Film/ Documentary/ Long Film with a view to boosting up the local film industry.

2. Financial Assistance

Type of Film / Documentary / Clip	Duration	Amount (Rs)
Clip/ Music Video	4 to 7 minutes	25,000
Short Film / Documentary	13 minutes	50,000
Short Film / Documentary	26 minutes	75,000
Long Film	56 minutes+	100,000

3. Conditions

The following conditions will be applicable:

- (a) Applicants should submit the applications on the appropriate Application Form. Application not made on the appropriate form will not be accepted;
- (b) Incomplete Application Form will not be considered;
- (c) Applicant should be of Mauritian nationality and 18 years/or above;
- (d) The work should be original, creative and should be submitted in High Definition Broadcast Quality;
- (e) The project should not have been broadcast nor displayed on any other platform;
- (f) The Ministry and the MFDC shall not be responsible for any copyright infringement made by the applicant;
- (g) The Ministry/ MFDC reserves the right to award assistance only to compliant applicants;
- (h) The Ministry/ MFDC reserves the right to accept or refuse any application and such decision shall be final and irrevocable;
- (i) The applicant shall authorize the Ministry and/or the MFDC to use the project or extract part of the project on any appropriate platform for publicity purposes;
- (j) Applicants shall be eligible to apply for this assistance **once** yearly.

4. Projects not covered under this scheme:

- (a) Projects already covered under the National Arts Fund (NAF) and Film Rebate Scheme (EDB);
- (b) Projects already covered under schemes of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage;
- (c) Controversial works in terms of religious, political and social issues;
- (d) Works which are inconsistent or in contradiction with public defence, public safety, public order, public health and public morality.

5. Mandatory Documents to be submitted together with the Application Form:

- (a) Copy of National Identity Card of the applicant;
- (b) Estimated cost of the project and submission of quotation (where applicable);
- (c) Synopsis (for film);
- (d) Lyrics (for Clip / Music Video);
- (e) Filmography (where applicable)
- (f) List of major casts;
- (g) List of technical crews; and
- (h) Shooting Schedule.

6. Mode of Payment:

- (a) The first disbursement of 50% of the grant quantum will be made upon approval and signature of the Agreement;
- (b) The second disbursement of 50% of the grant quantum will be disbursed only after the following steps have been completed:
 - (i) Submission of pre-final of the project by the applicant for vetting;
 - (ii) Clearance has been obtained on the pre-final and amendment effected, if any;
 - (iii) Submission of a copy of the final project;
 - (iv) Submission of documentary evidence/receipts/acknowledgement of payment met from first disbursement;
 - (v) Submission of quotations/receipts/acknowledgement of payment to complete the project.

7. Application Form

- (a) Application Form may be collected from:
 - (i) The Artists Desk of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, 1st Floor, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Pope Hennessy and Maillard Streets, Port Louis;
 - (ii) The Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC), M6 Government Quarters, Mgr. Otter Barry Road, Floreal.
- (b) The application can also be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage: <http://culture.govmu.org> and the website of the Mauritius Film Development Corporation: www.mauritiusfilm.org

8. Closing Date

- (i) The closing date for submission of Application Form is **Friday 29 April 2022 at 15 00 hrs;**
- (ii) The projects should be completed by Friday 29 July 2022 at latest.

9. Submission

- (i) Application Form together with all relevant documents shall be addressed to the Permanent Secretary and shall be sent either by post or deposited in person to the Artists Desk, Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Level 1, Renganaden Seeneevassen Building, Cnr Pope Hennessy & Maillard Streets, Port Louis;
- (ii) For any queries, you may contact **Mrs. S. Akbar, Culture Officer**, on 2142355 or **Mrs E. Timol, Project and Programme Officer** on 6963137.

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