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## **Screen Grants for Territorian Screen Industry**

Up to \$70 000 is being offered for film projects and industry development initiatives across the Northern Territory as part of the NT Government's Screen Grants April Funding Round.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour said that since opening in 2004, the NT Film Office had allocated \$450,000 in grants.

"Territorians love seeing stories about themselves, and about the Territory and lifestyle that they know and love," she said.

"These grants help these unique stories to come to our screens and ensure the Territory maintains a thriving and growing screen industry.

"The Screen Grants Program provides a great opportunity for Territory-based production companies to secure of up to \$15, 000 for developing projects to a stage where they can attract production finance.

"Funding from the Screen Grants Program has also benefited the NT's Screen Industry through professional development workshops as well as screenings of interest to the wider community."

Ms Scrymgour said the Screen Grants Advisory panel comprises two industry members to assess applications.

"A total of 63 grants were offered last year, through April and November Screen Grant rounds, and across Project Development, Script Development, Production Funding and Travel Grants to attend events for professional or market development.

"Several documentary projects are being developed with support of NT Film Office grants, including Simon Says TV's *Northern Conflict*, being developed by Dixi Joy Bankier, and two documentaries being developed by Alice Springs-based Desert Vision, *The Ingkata's Masterpiece* and *My Islam*.

"It is great to see documentaries being successfully developed by Territory-based production companies. When these documentaries go into production, they will bring hundreds of thousands of dollars with them into the Territory."

The April Funding Round is now opened and will close on April 13.

For further info on how to apply for Screen Grant guidelines go to: [www.ntfilm.com.au](http://www.ntfilm.com.au) or pick up an application form from the NT Film Office at the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct.

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