

## Savannah Entertainment Production Incentive Guidelines

### Project Incentives as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Threshold Requirements Tiered Feature Films and TV Pilots	Rebate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1: Minimum budget of \$1 million</li> <li>• Tier 2: Minimum budget of \$4 million</li> <li>• Tier 1: Minimum qualified spend of \$500,000.00 in Chatham County</li> <li>• Tier 2: Minimum qualified spend \$1,000,000.00 in Chatham County</li> <li>• Main Production Office must be located in Chatham County</li> <li>• 50% of shooting days must be within 60 miles of the City Hall of Savannah</li> <li>• An applicant can qualify only once per year unless the budget exceeds \$15 million. An applicant will be considered the same for rebate purposes if the entity actually entitled to receive the rebate shares any common ownership, corporate officers or other verifiable affiliation with a previous applicant</li> <li>• Must meet with Savannah Regional Film Commission before applying</li> <li>• Must add SRFC's Executive Director and Manager of Operations to distro list during preproduction and production. Including: Call Sheets, Crew Lists, Vendors' List, Script, Shooting Schedules, Safety Memos, Location Notification Letters and all memos and correspondence pertaining to the Chatham County community</li> <li>• Must provide all necessary documentation for audit of application (including THE LEDGER AND EXHIBITS) within 120 days of the completion of principal photography. If post-production takes place in Chatham County, this deadline shall be extended until 120 days from the completion of Chatham County post-production</li> <li>• Display the Savannah Regional Film Commission logo in end credits. Placement must come immediately after the Georgia logo</li> </ul> <p><b>BONUS INCENTIVE:</b> If 50% of crew listed on the final official and distributed Crew List, are located within 60 miles of the City Hall of Savannah, their primary residence is in the state of Georgia, and the production has qualified for the Savannah Entertainment Production Incentive, the production will be awarded an additional incentive of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1: \$10,000 (on \$1 million)</li> <li>• Tier 2: \$25,000 (on \$4 million)</li> </ul>	10% rebate on qualified spend  <b>Cap per Project</b>
	Tier 1: \$100,000.00  Tier 2: \$175,000.00
Threshold Requirements Television or Internet-Distributed Episodic Productions	Rebate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum five episodes</li> <li>• Minimum budget of \$5 million per series</li> <li>• Minimum qualified spend of \$1,000,000.00 in Chatham County per series</li> <li>• Main Production Office must be located in Chatham County</li> <li>• 50% of shooting days must be within 60 miles of the City Hall of Savannah</li> <li>• Must meet with Savannah Regional Film Commission before applying</li> <li>• Must add SRFC's Executive Director and Manager of Operations to distro list during preproduction and production. Including: Call Sheets, Crew Lists, Vendors' List, Script, Shooting Schedules, Safety Memos, Location Notification Letters and all memos and correspondence pertaining to the Chatham County community</li> <li>• Must provide all necessary documentation for audit and completion of application (including THE LEDGER AND EXHIBITS) within 120 days of the end of principal photography</li> <li>• Display the Savannah Regional Film Commission logo in end credits. Placement must come immediately after the Georgia logo</li> <li>• <b>BONUS INCENTIVE:</b> If 50% of crew listed on the final official and distributed Crew List, are located within 60 miles of the City Hall of Savannah, and their primary residence is in the state of Georgia, a \$25,000 bonus will be awarded to productions that qualify for the Savannah Entertainment Production Incentive</li> </ul>	10% rebate on qualified spend  <b>Cap per Project</b>
	\$300,000.00 per calendar year

## SEDA Incentive Cap and Estimated Costs

In the year 2026 up to \$1 million will be made available for the incentive fund beginning January 1, 2026 for 12 months.

The fund will be reviewed on an annual basis by SEDA board of directors and will be a part of SEDA's annual budget process.

The fund is available based on a combination of a first come, first serve basis and a review/approval of the production project by senior SEDA staff and legal counsel. SEDA and the Savannah Regional Film Commission at all times maintain the right and ability to accept or refuse any application at their sole discretion. The incentive is available upon completion of the production and an independent audit.

- Maximum Aggregate Incentive Distribution (January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026): **\$1,000,000.00**

## Other Guidelines

1. Any monies not used in a calendar year cannot be rolled over into the next year.
2. The expense of hiring a qualified third-party firm to manage verifications and accounting of this incentive program is included in the totals allocated each year and not in addition to it.
3. The total amount of incentive funds available per year is absolute and will not be increased.
4. Guidelines are subject to change. Please see [filmsavannah.org](http://filmsavannah.org) for updates.

### Qualified above the line expenses

- Airfare
- Hotel
- Per Diem
- Assistants to directors and producers
- Day Players
- Casting fees on Day Players

### Qualified below the line expenses

- Labor
- Background players
- Rentals
- Purchases
- Airfare
- Hotels
- Per Diem
- Casting fees
- Picture cars
- Parking
- Gas and oil
- Catering (labor/food)
- Craft service
- Gratuities
- Animals
- Security Police
- Healthcare Professionals
- Security, police
- Site rentals
- Production Services Companies

## Definition of terms:

**Pilot / Series:** A production can qualify for the rebate as a pilot or as a series but not for both in the same calendar year.

**Minimum five episodes:** If done between two consecutive calendar years the production only counts for the calendar year in which it began. Only one season counts per calendar year.

**Local labor:** It is defined as one having their main residence, in Georgia, within 60-miles of the City Hall of Savannah. Minimum residency is 30 days and resident must possess either a valid Georgia driver's license or utility bill with name and address.

**Local Expenses:** It is defined as any rental or purchase made in Chatham County, Georgia for use in the production.