



“TELL YOUR STORY” GRANTS

The Creative Opportunity Program is offering two \$15,000 grants to Oregon-based creators, or creative teams. The Grant is designed to support a non-project specific virtual residency, allowing filmmakers to develop, explore, and/or shoot the stories they want to tell, in any format they choose. All filmmakers are welcome to apply, with a special emphasis on applicants from traditionally under-represented communities.

Tell Your Story Grant(s) Will:

- Support early or mid-career filmmakers (not entry level) looking to move forward in the film, media, and entertainment fields in Oregon.
- Offer a variety of resources to aid in career development, including connections, insights, and strategies from experienced contributing sponsors.
- Provide access to physical office space at the Oregon Film Office, or Desert Island Studios.

These resources will be available to the grantees for the remaining 2024 calendar year, with continuing consultations available as needed beyond that.

Grant Requirements:

- Regular progress updates (with the offer of a monthly phone, or in-person check-ins to ensure adequate support is given throughout the residency period).
- If available and if requested, confidential viewing of trailers, sizzle reels, edited cuts or scripted material.
- Final project report.

The Tell Your Story Grant(s) offers a valuable opportunity for grantee filmmakers to explore and develop their craft, build their careers, connect with resources and mentors, and move forward on their path in the film, media, and entertainment fields in Oregon.

Timeline:

- Applications open 9 AM PST Wednesday, April 17, 2024
- Deadline for applications: 5 PM PST Friday, May 31, 2024
- Aiming to notify the winner by July 1, 2024

This is a program of the [Creative Opportunity Program](#) and [Oregon Film](#).

You Are A Qualified Applicant If You:

- Are an experienced filmmaker or part of a filmmaking team (i.e. working as a collaborative group with a track record; that team should be no more than 3 people).
- Are a current Oregon resident and have been an Oregon resident for one full year prior to the application deadline.
- Have a sample or reel of content that demonstrates your past work.
- All applicants are encouraged but a special emphasis will be placed on filmmakers from the rural regions of Oregon and other historically underrepresented community.

If You Are Selected, You Will Receive:

- \$15,000 to use towards the writing, development, casting, production or further research or travel for a specific project or a series of projects. This grant is not tied to any specific delivery date or project type, it is focused on helping support the selected filmmaker reach their creative goal.
- Support from Oregon Film and other supporting sponsors.

How To Apply:

- [Email](#) us your application - opens 9 AM PST Monday, April 22, 2024 and closes 5PM PST, Friday, May 31, 2024 (Email: makeit@oregonmade.org.)
- Please include your name(s) and “TYSG Submission 2024” in your subject line.
- Please include an “Application Cover Form” in your application [available here](#).

What To Include In Your Application:

1. Who are you?

- *Tell us about your filmmaking background (experience, training, and connection to the film and material being proposed.) Are you working as a team or doing this solo? What’s your personal/creative story? What are your goals and what are the next steps in your career?*

2. Why do you want this grant?

- *How specifically will it help you and what's your timeframe to achieve your stated goal(s)?*

3. What are some good examples of your work?

- *Please provide descriptions and links.*

4. Apart from grant funds, what aspects of this grant are attractive and/or helpful to you?

- *Are there specific reasons why this grant and this structure will help you?*

5. How would you specifically use the grant funds to achieve your goals?

- *Where do you think the funding will be spent anyhow will that help you on the next steps of your career path?*

6. Please complete an online “Application Cover Form” for your application [available here](#).

Limit your application to 2500 words or less (not including supporting images or footage.)

Please note: Application assistance from the board and staff of the Oregon Made Creative Foundation and Oregon Film are available to applicants if needed.

Contact the Oregon Made Creative Foundation at makeit@oregonmade.org with questions.

Restrictions:

- Only one application per individual, or team, is permissible.
- Organizations pitching or creating promotional or marketing materials are not eligible.
- No person, or their immediate family, who is employed by a sponsoring partner, may apply.
- No previous winners or their immediate families of the Tell Your Story Grant can apply.

The Grant Will Not Fund:

- Capital construction (i.e. studio renovations).

Description Of Participating Parties:

Oregon Film (OFVO), Oregon Made Creative Foundation (OMCF), Desert Island Studios.

How Will The Submissions Be Reviewed?

- Oregon Film will assemble a Review Committee of industry personnel, and/or film & video professionals who will review each application, assemble to hear the live pitches of the finalists, if needed, and make final recommendations for the granting of the award.
- Applications will be considered on the applicant's past work, proposal for future work, the proposed use of the funds and the originality and creativity of the proposal.
- The Review Committee may also consider their subjective response to the applicant's proposal in comparison to other applications submitted.
- Applicant should be available to further explain their proposal to the Review Committee, if requested.

Conditions Of Awards:

- A shortlist of potential candidates may be invited to speak, and "pitch" their project, to the Review Committee prior to a final decision being made.
- A Financial Report and Completed Project Form verifying the use of the funds and the status of the filmmaker's project and career path must be submitted to the Oregon Made Creative Foundation by a mutually agreed upon date.
- If a project is completed utilizing these funds, those projects must include the following statement in the credits, presented at a readable speed, "This project was supported by the Creative Opportunity Program and Oregon Film" and include the following approved logos: Oregon Made and Oregon Film as well as any other financial or in-kind sponsor designated by the Oregon Film.
- The filmmaker will retain ownership and all rights to the completed project(s). However, OFVO will retain a perpetual, non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, display, and publish information about the work product subject to coordination and non-interference with the Filmmaker's general development, production and/or release plan. OFVO will retain the right to speak about and generally present non-confidential information about the funded work, if any, at events, on their websites, for their publicity and funding purposes as well as special screenings and events.
- The filmmaker will enter into a more formal agreement with the Oregon Film and/or Oregon Made Creative Foundation.
- The filmmaker and team will agree to social media guidelines as outlined by all parties prior upon acceptance of award.

Oregon Film will make every effort to safeguard submitted application materials but is not responsible for loss or damage to the work.

QUESTIONS?

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