

CHEROKEE FILM COMMISSION CASH REBATE OVERVIEW

Cherokee Film Commission brings film and media productions to the Cherokee Nation. It connects filmmakers to assets within the reservation including its film-friendly communities, diverse locations, film studios, tribal incentive, as well as its sought-after database representing Native American talent, crew, consultants and support services.

QUALIFYING PRODUCTIONS

Feature films, scripted television, reality television, pilots, animation, music videos and documentaries.

MINIMUM SPEND

Production must spend a minimum of \$50,000 in Oklahoma of which \$25,000 must be spent within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation ("CN".)

ANNUAL PROGRAM CAP

The annual program cap is \$1 million dollars per year.

PER PROJECT CAP & SUNSET DATE

There is no project cap or sunset date.

REBATE

Rebate is awarded to the applicant upon final approval of final application and audit.

ABOVE-THE-LINE ELIGIBLE WAGES

Above-the-line rebate is only available for fees/salaries of Native Americans who are enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	QUALIFIED PRODUCTION EXPENDITURE (QPE)	REBATE RATE
Native American* Residing in Cherokee Nation	Writer Fees	25%
Native American* Residing in Cherokee Nation	Director Fees	20%** +5% Uplift
Native American* Residing in Cherokee Nation	Producer Fees	20%** +5% Uplift
Native American* Residing in Cherokee Nation	Principal Fees	20%** +5% Uplift

BELOW-THE-LINE ELIGIBLE CREW WAGES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	REBATE RATE**
Non-Native American / Non-Oklahoma Resident	10%
Non-Native American / Oklahoma Resident	15%
Native American*	20%
Cherokee Nation Citizen OR Native American* Cherokee Nation Resident	25%

BELOW-THE-LINE ELIGIBLE CAST WAGES

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	REBATE RATE
Native American***	20%
Cherokee Nation Citizen OR Native American* Cherokee Nation Resident	25%****

PRODUCTION SPEND EXCLUDING WAGES*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	REBATE RATE
Within Cherokee Nation	20%
Native American-Owned** Business in Cherokee Nation	+5%

Visit cherokee.film for more information about the incentive program and to download our administrative rules and initial application. See the administrative rules for a list of qualified production expenditures (QPE).

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*Qualifying production spend must be paid to a vendor located in the Cherokee Nation to be eligible for rebate. Also, qualifying production spend is subject to prorated rebates based on the boots-on-the-ground production requirements.

**Native American-owned businesses must be a TERO certified vendor or provide proof of 51% Native ownership.

***Tribal affiliation must be verified with documentation from the BIA or a federally recognized Tribe.

****Only wages paid for services rendered while “boots on the ground” within the boundaries of the Cherokee Nation are eligible.