



# MONEY MATTERS

A state-by-state look at the incentives offered to visiting productions

## ALABAMA

Offers a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase or lease of many goods and services used in production. Also offers a lodgings tax exemption

## ALASKA

No state sales or individual income tax

## ARIZONA

Transaction privilege tax and use tax exemption on many production-related costs. Also offers a refundable/transferable income tax credit of 10%-20% of a company's investment in eligible production costs

## ARKANSAS

Offers a refund of state sales tax paid on local businesses, services and state citizens hired as cast and crew

## CALIFORNIA

Reimburses production companies certain costs associated when filming on public property. Reimbursements cover personnel (public employees), permits, public property fees and public equipment fees. The program is capped at \$300,000 per production. The state also has the STAR program, which provides unused state properties such as health facilities and vacant office structures at no charge or for a nominal fee to filmmakers.

## COLORADO

Hotel stays exceeding 31 days are subject to a rebate on sales tax per the hotel's discretion.

## CONNECTICUT

Waives the 6% sales and use tax for the purchase, rental or lease of most equipment and materials used in production. The state also provides a number of fee-free locations, and the hotel tax is waived for days numbering beyond 30. In addition, a five-year exemption on local property tax is provided on machinery and equipment used in motion picture, video and sound master recordings.

## FLORIDA

Offers a 15% reimbursement of qualified expenditures for productions spending at least

\$850,000 — with a maximum reimbursement of \$2 million per production. Also offers a sales and use tax exemption on the purchase or lease of certain production items

## GEORGIA

Provides a base tax credit equal to 9% of all in-state expenditures for companies that spend a minimum of \$500,000. There is an additional 3% credit on wages paid to Georgia residents and another 3% credit for filming in disadvantaged areas. Companies that spend more than \$20 million annually on TV productions receive an additional 2% credit. Also offered is an immediate point-of-purchase sales tax exemption for the purchase, lease or rental of materials and services used in production.

## HAWAII

For production entities looking to establish a long-term presence, Hawaii offers a 100% investment tax credit, paid out over five years (capped at \$2 million per qualified investment). Also offers a royalties tax exemption. For visiting productions, Hawaii offers an income tax credit of up to 4% on total production expenditures and 7.25% on hotel room tax.

## IDAHO

No sales or lodging taxes for stays of 30 days or more. Starting July 1, the state will offer a rebate on the 5% sales tax when \$200,000 is spent on a wide variety of qualifying expenses.

## ILLINOIS

The Illinois Film Production Tax Credit provides a transferable 25% credit on state income tax for wages and benefits paid by a production company to each employee who is a resident. There is an additional 10% tax credit for wages paid to residents who reside in an economically disadvantaged area. Production companies also must be willing to promote diversity by making a good-faith effort to commit to hiring a percentage of minorities or participating in a job-training, education or recruitment program. The tax credit is limited to the first \$25,000 in wages paid to each employee of the production.

## IOWA

No state permits or permitting fees and state

property and park availability for shooting without fees. The hotel occupancy tax also is waived after 30 consecutive days of stay.

## KANSAS

Offers a state tax reimbursement of 4.9% on certain film, TV or commercial projects. Productions must spend a minimum of \$200,000 per project in the state to qualify.

## KENTUCKY

Offers a sales and use tax refund for qualified production expenditures

## LOUISIANA

Motion picture productions qualify for a 25% investor tax credit (on investments totaling \$300,000 and up) and a 10% employment tax credit. Also offers an infrastructure tax credit of 15% of the investment for the construction of new production facilities or studios

## MAINE

Offers tax rebates to qualified productions equal to 10% of the wages paid to out-of-state workers, 12% to residents. Also offers a sales and use tax exemption on certain items or services, as well as a long-term lodging tax reimbursement

## MARYLAND

Offers a sales and use tax exemption on goods and services used in connection with filming activity. Also provides a wage rebate up to \$12,500 per eligible employee on projects spending more than \$500,000

## MASSACHUSETTS

Offers a 20% tax credit on all state source payroll, a 25% tax credit on qualifying expenses and a sales tax credit for qualifying productions

## MINNESOTA

TV spot production is exempt from state sales tax. Offers a lodging tax exemption beyond 30 days

## MISSISSIPPI

Offers a 10% tax credit on payroll paid to residents and a 10% rebate on all local expenditures, excluding payroll. Also provides a sales and use tax exemption on many production materials and a reduction on equipment