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## Strategic Investments in Statewide Film Industry Drive Impact

*Funding opportunities for Washington filmmakers, training programs for resident directors and producers, and competitive incentives to draw bigger budget productions all work to build momentum across the state.*

### Overall Economic Impact

As of fiscal year (FY) 2025, 149 projects have completed principal photography, driving \$492.7 million in economic activity statewide and creating more than 28,000 jobs for Washington's local cast and crew.

### Incentive Program Updates

At a time when major film studios are moving productions to international jurisdictions, Washington Filmworks is leveraging the cash back incentive and enhanced incentives to win work.

- Washington State has a national reputation for independent film, and the increased incentive is **attracting new clients with larger budgets in the \$8 - \$10 million range** (as compared to \$3 - \$5 million pre-2022).
- An investment in the future of film in Washington State, the **Small Budget Production Incentive has financially supported 32 projects creatively driven by Washingtonians.**
- Since launching the enhanced incentive for filming in rural jurisdictions, **72% of rural counties have seen film production.**
- The expanded commercial incentive is attracting more investment in the state's commercial production industry, with **five commercials approved in summer 2025.**

### Workforce Development

- Washington Filmworks is **training the next generation of producers and directors with 55 individuals participating in our Above-the-Line program** to date.
- 52% of graduates from the first education forum cohort reported that **they created 138 paid film industry jobs for local workers**

### Attraction and Profile

- In FY2025, the **Washington Filmworks fielded inquiries or provided services for an estimated 350 motion picture projects** - 40% were feature films, 20% commercials, and 14% episodic series.
- Check out the **Oscar contender film Train Dreams** available on Netflix NOW!

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