



# Kerry Short Film Bursary Award 2024

This award is funded by Kerry County Council Arts Service and the Arts Council of Ireland. Its aim is to foster talent, creativity, and activity in filmmaking in County Kerry.

We are seeking applications from filmmakers who have a script that has been developed, seen by a Director and has had input from a Producer. The Award is in the form of a grant of €10,000 towards the cost of production of a short drama or documentary film of 10-12 min duration to be shot in Kerry and delivered in 2024.

We are looking for original, entertaining stories by talented filmmakers who, if selected, must shoot their film in Kerry. The Kerry County Council Arts Office will offer support and guidance on local crew, locations and services available.

## What is required to make an application:

- A fully completed Application Form
- A synopsis of the project (500 words max.) including a general plot outline
- A copy of the full script (without the writer's name attached – so it can be read blind)
- A project plan outlining general shoot requirements
- Insights on the script from the Director and the Producer
- A Financial Projection including all costs including the potential bursary award
- A Tax Clearance Access Number from the Irish Revenue Commissioners
- Confirmation that you have full legal access to the script you are submitting

Applications should be emailed to [arts@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:arts@kerrycoco.ie) by 1pm on Thursday 11th April.

All submissions made on time will receive an email confirming receipt.

## **Selection Process:**

This is a two-stage open competition.

**Stage One:** Shortlisting from Applications received.

**Stage Two:** Interviews are due to take place online on in mid-May. Dates will be advised to shortlisted applicants. The full team of Writer, Director and Producer must attend.

## **Bursary Award Guidelines and Conditions:**

1. High quality propositions are encouraged from filmmakers who have developed a capacity in filmmaking.
2. One of the core creative team (Writer/Director/Producer) must be from or living in Kerry (proof of personal address will be required from shortlisted applicants).
3. Applicants must have a short drama script or documentary treatment, of 10-12 minutes in duration with a keen interest to shoot in Kerry. The guidance on film length and duration is 10-12 minutes. Film proposals longer than 15 minutes are not eligible to apply.
4. Applicants must have full legal rights to the material they are submitting.
5. Applications must show seriousness in terms of intent and ambition for the award. Applications need to include a 500-word synopsis of the project, a general plot outline, a full script, a project plan in terms of general shoot requirements, as well as insights from a director and a producer. Applications need to display a knowledge of Kerry as a location for filming.
6. A maximum of five applications per person/organisation or legal entity will be accepted. A separate application must be submitted for each application.
7. Opportunities to have the film screened in Kerry will be generated.
8. Kerry County Council as the local statutory body of the State cannot undertake to support a proposition that would be in conflict with its mandate as a local authority.
9. Short Dramas that need significant additional finance, have been part-shot or have been shot entirely are not eligible to apply.
10. The Bursary Grant is to a maximum of €10,000. If a balance of funds is required, then the source must be identified clearly and detailed in your proposal.
11. The shoot must take place in Kerry. Applicants should be in a position to have the production completed including all post-production within the calendar year of 2024.
12. If a production has not commenced within three months of Kerry County Council announcing the successful applicant, then Kerry County Council retains the right to award the Bursary to number two on the panel.
13. All applicants must have an Irish Revenue Tax Clearance Access Number from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland, for tax clearance purposes, and must include this with their application.

14. Codes of Practice Observance; Child First Guidelines including appropriate Garda Vetting procedures, Health and Safety Regulations, Equal Opportunities policies and procedures must be in place and adhered to in all cases.
15. Public Liability Insurance indemnifying Kerry County Council to the value of €6.5 million and Employers Liability Insurance indemnifying Kerry County Council to the value of €13.5 million will be required.
16. Kerry County Council, the Arts Council and Screen Kerry must be acknowledged by the promoter/applicant on all websites and social media platforms, publicity, press and marketing material produced in connection with the Film and Film Bursary Award.
17. Kerry County Council's logo, the logo of the Arts Council of Ireland and the Screen Kerry logo must be included in the final cut, in all associated printed material, on posters, flyers etc. and on all websites. Copies of all such material produced must be sent to the Kerry County Council Arts Office.
18. Please note that Kerry County Council reserves the right not to award the bursary if none of the applications received are deemed to be suitable. In this instance Kerry County Council reserves the right to pursue a different procurement process.
19. Eligibility and compliance with these guidelines and conditions does not guarantee receipt of an award.
20. Acceptance of these conditions and guidelines is implied by submission of an Application to the Film Bursary Award.

### **Freedom of Information**

Kerry County Council proposes that the following information relating to this bursary award application will be made available on request: the name of the successful applicant/s and the reason/s an applicant did not qualify for grant consideration. Kerry County Council undertakes to use its best endeavours to hold confidential, any information provided by applicants subject to its obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 1998 and 2003. Applicants are requested to consider if any of the information supplied should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. If this is the case, candidates should, when providing the information, identify same and specify the reasons for its sensitivity. If such information is not identified as sensitive and Kerry County Council upon consideration does not deem it sensitive, then such information is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further consultation with the applicant. Kerry County Council will consult with any candidates about sensitive information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information Act request received.