

## FilmSF – Desktop Research/Other Film Offices - Chicago

City	<b>Chicago</b>
Organization Name	Chicago Film Office
Name of Executive Director	Kwame Amoaku, Director
# of staff in Film Office	5 (Director/Deputy Director/Policy Analyst/Independent Film Coordinator/Cultural Affairs Coordinator)
Phone Number	312.744.6415
Office Email	<a href="mailto:filmoffice@cityofchicago.org">filmoffice@cityofchicago.org</a>
Website URL	<a href="https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/provdrs/chicago_film_office.html">https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/provdrs/chicago_film_office.html</a>
Permits or other forms downloadable	Yes ( <a href="https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/permits.html">https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/permits.html</a> ) Permit page includes a “how to” video on permit applications
Anything interesting/unique about the site?	No – part of the City of Chicago site
Organizational Structure (what department, part of Mayor’s Office, part of CVB?)	A division of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, director of which is appointed by the Mayor
Any recent press articles that can be found about filming in that location/key quote or info from the article	<a href="https://www.chicagobusiness.com/forum-ideas-culture/city-chicago-will-invest-our-citys-creative-economy">https://www.chicagobusiness.com/forum-ideas-culture/city-chicago-will-invest-our-citys-creative-economy</a> “To strengthen our local TV & film industry—one of the largest and most diverse in the U.S.—our Chicago Film Office led the city's efforts to bring a record 15 productions to Chicago this fall, at an estimated economic value of \$750 million this year alone.”  <a href="https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/provdrs/chicago_film_office/news/2021/december/chicago_made.html">https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/provdrs/chicago_film_office/news/2021/december/chicago_made.html</a> “The Chicago Film Office at DCASE has partnered with management consulting firm XD-TECH to deliver an innovative workforce development program that aims to transform the region’s TV and film workforce — by offering job training and placement to Chicago residents ages 24 to 50, primarily from underserved areas of our city, to help meet the industry’s increasing demand for skilled workers.”
Incentive/Rebate? (include link to page)	<a href="https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_film_office4.html">https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_film_office4.html</a> “The State of Illinois offers a 30% transferable Tax Credit for qualified productions.”
Social Media	
Twitter	@ChiFilmOffice
- Following	1,035
- Followers	1,841
Instagram	N/A – no specific Chicago Film Office Instagram page
Facebook	Chicago Film Office
- Followers	2.4k
LinkedIn	N/A – no specific Chicago Film Office LinkedIn page
YouTube	N/A – no specific Chicago Film Office YouTube channel
SnapChat	N/A – no specific Chicago Film Office SnapChat
Do they offer any grants to filmmakers, or any specific programs for filmmakers?	N/A
Anything else you learned that’s worth sharing?	The city of Chicago = along with the Film Office and overall industry – benefit tremendously from the close proximity to Cinespace Studios ( <a href="https://www.chicagofilmstudios.com">https://www.chicagofilmstudios.com</a> ) , where thousands of films and TV shows have been filmed over the years.

## FilmSF – Desktop Research/Other Film Offices - Cincinnati

City	<b>Cincinnati</b>
Organization Name	Film Cincinnati
Name of Executive Director	Kristen Erwin Schlotman, Executive Director
# of staff in Film Office	Crew of Cincinnati is listed on website with all contact info by department <a href="http://www.filmcincinnati.com/crew-cincinnati">http://www.filmcincinnati.com/crew-cincinnati</a>
Phone Number	513-784-1744
Office Email	kristen@filmcincinnati.com
Website URL	<a href="http://www.filmcincinnati.com/">http://www.filmcincinnati.com/</a>
Permits or other forms downloadable	Nothing to download or permits. They do have a Gear area to purchase apparel
Anything interesting/unique about the site?	The site under crew-Cincinnati lists all departments & contact info of each person. <a href="http://www.filmcincinnati.com/crew-cincinnati">http://www.filmcincinnati.com/crew-cincinnati</a>
Organizational Structure (what department, part of Mayor's Office, part of CVB?)	<a href="https://development.ohio.gov/business/ohio-film-office/contact-resources">https://development.ohio.gov/business/ohio-film-office/contact-resources</a>  Doesn't appear to be part of CVB...cincyusa.com
Any recent press articles that can be found about filming in that location/key quote or info from the article	<a href="http://www.filmcincinnati.com/filmcincinnati/news/2022/2/9/cincinnati-leads-the-state-again-on-moviemakers-best-places-to-live-and-work-for-moviemakers">http://www.filmcincinnati.com/filmcincinnati/news/2022/2/9/cincinnati-leads-the-state-again-on-moviemakers-best-places-to-live-and-work-for-moviemakers</a> *The entire top 25 list of Best Places to live & work as a moviemaker
Incentive/Rebate? (include link to page)	<a href="https://development.ohio.gov/business/ohio-film-office/08-ohio-film-office">https://development.ohio.gov/business/ohio-film-office/08-ohio-film-office</a> The Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit provides a refundable tax credit of 30 percent on production cast and crew wages plus other eligible in-state spending. It was created in 2009 to encourage and develop a strong film industry in Ohio.
Social Media	
Twitter - Following - Followers	@filmcincinnati 184 1,663
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/filmcincinnati/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/filmcincinnati/?hl=en</a> 2,824 Followers
Facebook - Followers	12,435
LinkedIn	Women in Film Cincinnati account but no recent posts. <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/women-in-film-cincinnati-58b050155/recent-activity/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/women-in-film-cincinnati-58b050155/recent-activity/</a>
YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrUeP_ETB9CPNCKFnRBDpjQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrUeP_ETB9CPNCKFnRBDpjQ</a>
SnapChat	N/A
Do they offer any grants to filmmakers, or any specific programs for filmmakers?	N/A
Anything else you learned that's worth sharing?	Donate Now page is prominent on home page <a href="https://secure.squarespace.com/checkout/donate">https://secure.squarespace.com/checkout/donate</a>  Lists the Local Union offices they work with

## FilmSF – Desktop Research/Other Film Offices - Cleveland

City	<b>Cleveland</b>
Organization Name	Greater Cleveland Film Commission (GCFC)
Name of Executive Director	Marcie Goodman, ex officio David St. Pierre, Chair, Board of Directors
# of staff in Film Office	2-10 employees
Phone Number	216.623.3910
Office Email	info@clevelandfilm.com
Website URL	<a href="https://www.clevelandfilm.com/">https://www.clevelandfilm.com/</a>
Permits or other forms downloadable	No downloadable forms, has a page on the process. <a href="https://www.clevelandfilm.com/film-in-cleveland/permits/">https://www.clevelandfilm.com/film-in-cleveland/permits/</a>
Anything interesting/unique about the site?	Has a page specific to the unions they work with <a href="https://www.clevelandfilm.com/union-contracts/">https://www.clevelandfilm.com/union-contracts/</a>
Organizational Structure (what department, part of Mayor's Office, part of CVB?)	<a href="https://www.zoominfo.com/c/greater-cleveland-film-commission/62510770">https://www.zoominfo.com/c/greater-cleveland-film-commission/62510770</a>
Any recent press articles that can be found about filming in that location/key quote or info from the article	<a href="https://www.clevelandfilm.com/94-oscars/">https://www.clevelandfilm.com/94-oscars/</a>
Incentive/Rebate? (include link to page)	<a href="https://www.clevelandfilm.com/film-in-cleveland/incentives/">https://www.clevelandfilm.com/film-in-cleveland/incentives/</a>
Social Media	
Twitter - Following - Followers	@Cleveland_Film 752 5,790
Instagram	#ClevelandFilm 3,727 followers 464 following
Facebook - Followers	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ClevelandFilm">https://www.facebook.com/ClevelandFilm</a> 12,561
LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/greater-cleveland-film-commission/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/greater-cleveland-film-commission/</a> 1,456 followers
YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwp5bxeklwmgqgS19hUKfyA/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwp5bxeklwmgqgS19hUKfyA/featured</a> 157 subscribers
SnapChat	N/A
Do they offer any grants to filmmakers, or any specific programs for filmmakers?	<a href="https://www.clevelandfilm.com/jobstraining/">https://www.clevelandfilm.com/jobstraining/</a>
Anything else you learned that's worth sharing?	N/A

## FilmSF – Desktop Research/Other Film Offices - Pittsburgh

City	<b>Pittsburgh</b>
Organization Name	Pittsburgh Film Office
Name of Executive Director	RUSS STREINER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
# of staff in Film Office	3 - <a href="https://www.pghfilm.org/about-us/staff/">https://www.pghfilm.org/about-us/staff/</a> Board members - <a href="https://www.pghfilm.org/about-us/board/">https://www.pghfilm.org/about-us/board/</a>
Phone Number	412-261-2744
Office Email	info@pghfilm.org
Website URL	<a href="https://www.pghfilm.org">https://www.pghfilm.org</a>
Permits or other forms downloadable	<a href="https://www.pghfilm.org/for-filmmakers/permits/">https://www.pghfilm.org/for-filmmakers/permits/</a>
Anything interesting/unique about the site?	
Organizational Structure (what department, part of Mayor's Office, part of CVB?)	N/A
Any recent press articles that can be found about filming in that location/key quote or info from the article	<a href="https://www.pghfilm.org/screening-room/">https://www.pghfilm.org/screening-room/</a> MOVIEMAKER MAGAZINE RATES PITTSBURGH AS ONE OF THE BEST SMALL CITIES FOR MOVIEMAKERS!
Incentive/Rebate? (include link to page)	<a href="https://www.pghfilm.org/for-filmmakers/incentives/">https://www.pghfilm.org/for-filmmakers/incentives/</a>
Social Media	
Twitter - Following - Followers	@PghFilmOffice 650 11.9k
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/pghfilmoffice/">https://www.instagram.com/pghfilmoffice/</a> 5,236 Followers
Facebook - Followers	19,684
LinkedIn	N/A
YouTube	N/A
SnapChat	N/A
Do they offer any grants to filmmakers, or any specific programs for filmmakers?	N/A
Anything else you learned that's worth sharing?	

## FilmSF – Desktop Research/Other Film Offices – Portland OR

City	<b>Portland OR</b>
Organization Name	Portland Film Office
Name of Executive Director	N/A
# of staff in Film Office	N/A – only name available was Thalia Martinez
Phone Number	503-823-4736
Office Email	<a href="mailto:FilmOffice@ProsperPortland.us">FilmOffice@ProsperPortland.us</a>
Website URL	<a href="https://www.portlandfilmoffice.com">https://www.portlandfilmoffice.com</a>
Permits or other forms downloadable	No – they invite you to contact other city depts as needed <a href="https://www.portlandfilmoffice.com/permits">https://www.portlandfilmoffice.com/permits</a>
Anything interesting/unique about the site?	Nope
Organizational Structure (what department, part of Mayor’s Office, part of CVB?)	<p>The Portland Film Office is a collaboration among <a href="#">Prosper Portland</a>, city bureaus and regional partners.</p> <p>We are the economic and urban development agency for the city of Portland. We focus on building an equitable economy by carrying out a comprehensive range of economic development programs that support small business, improve access to workforce training, and create jobs for Portland residents. We work with partners to drive public attention and resources to different areas of the city, which helps Portland realize capital projects – parks, streetscape improvements, community centers –that would not happen on their own, making it a better place to live for all Portlanders.</p> <p>Prosper Portland is headed by an executive director who reports to a five-member, volunteer board of local citizens appointed by the mayor and approved by City Council. The structure allows us to exercise independence in program implementation and resource allocation.</p> <p>Prosper Portland is committed to growing quality jobs, advancing opportunities for prosperity, creating vibrant neighborhoods and communities, and collaborating with partners to create an equitable city, with prosperity shared by Portlanders of all colors, incomes and neighborhoods.</p>
Any recent press articles that can be found about filming in that location/key quote or info from the article	<p>Opinion: Arts and culture are leading Portland’s revival <a href="https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2022/03/opinion-arts-and-culture-are-leading-portlands-revival.html">https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2022/03/opinion-arts-and-culture-are-leading-portlands-revival.html</a></p> <p>Op-ed penned by carmen Rubio, a Portland city commissioner, who serves as the city’s arts and culture commissioner and Mingus Mapps, a Portland city commissioner who serves as the city’s liaison to Travel Portland and the Portland Film Office. Both joined the Portland City Council in 2021.</p>
Incentive/Rebate? (include link to page)	None
Social Media	
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/PDXFilmOffice">https://twitter.com/PDXFilmOffice</a>
- Following	- 624 following
- Followers	- 1403 followers
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/portlandfilmoffice/">https://www.instagram.com/portlandfilmoffice/</a>
	- 0 posts
	- 148 followers
	- 12 following

Facebook - Followers	N/A
LinkedIn	N/A
YouTube	N/A
SnapChat	N/A
Do they offer any grants to filmmakers, or any specific programs for filmmakers?	<p><a href="https://www.portlandfilmoffice.com/post-production-grant">https://www.portlandfilmoffice.com/post-production-grant</a></p> <p>The Portland Film Office, in partnership with <a href="#">Travel Portland</a>, is proud to offer a grant opportunity for Oregon-based independent film productions to support and offset the cost of the post-production process.</p> <p>The funding is designed to encourage the completion of a local feature-length film and position local producers to build toward larger, more resourced productions. Past recipients of the Post-Production Grant have included "<a href="#">Sophie Jones</a>" and "<a href="#">Clementine</a>," both picked up by Oscilloscope Studios for world wide theatrical release and streaming services.</p>
Anything else you learned that's worth sharing?	No

## FilmSF – Desktop Research/Other Film Offices - Seattle

City	<b>Seattle</b>
Organization Name	Seattle Office of Film and Music
Name of Executive Director	Chris Swenson? ( <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/chris-swenson-5943338/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/chris-swenson-5943338/</a> )
# of staff in Film Office	Looks like 6: <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/contact-us">http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/contact-us</a>
Phone Number	(206) 233-3948
Office Email	filmoffice@seattle.gov
Website URL	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film">http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film</a>
Permits or other forms downloadable	Yes - <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film/film-permits">http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film/film-permits</a> <a href="https://app.apply4.com/filmapp/usa/seattle">https://app.apply4.com/filmapp/usa/seattle</a>
Anything interesting/unique about the site?	Key selling points of why film in Seattle are on the home page Provide links to economic impact studies (last one done in 2003!) ( <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film/economic-impact-study">http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film/economic-impact-study</a> )
Organizational Structure (what department, part of Mayor's Office, part of CVB?)	Part of City of Seattle Economic Development
Any recent press articles that can be found about filming in that location/key quote or info from the article	None – last newsletter was published in June 2019  “For years, Seattle film industry insiders have said they need two things to have a fighting chance against thriving movie production centers like Portland and Vancouver, British Columbia: a decent tax incentive and a major indoor film studio. Now, in a stroke of auspicious timing, the local sector is getting both.” <a href="https://crosscut.com/culture/2022/03/wa-courts-hollywood-new-movie-studio-and-film-tax-incentive">https://crosscut.com/culture/2022/03/wa-courts-hollywood-new-movie-studio-and-film-tax-incentive</a>
Incentive/Rebate? (include link to page)	No city incentive, but there is a WA state incentive – “Washington Filmworks offers funding assistance for qualified in-state expenditures of up to 30% for motion pictures and episodic series with less than six episodes, and up to 35% for episodic series with at least six episodes. For commercials, Washington Filmworks offers funding assistance for qualified in-state expenditures of up to 15% for commercials.” <a href="https://www.washingtonfilmworks.org/funding/production-incentive-program">https://www.washingtonfilmworks.org/funding/production-incentive-program</a>
Social Media	
Twitter - Following - Followers	<a href="https://twitter.com/seattlefm">https://twitter.com/seattlefm</a> - 1,391 following - 10.3k followers
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/seattlefilmandmusic/">https://www.instagram.com/seattlefilmandmusic/</a> - 212 posts - 2,297 followers - 507 following
Facebook - Followers	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/SeattleOFM">https://www.facebook.com/SeattleOFM</a> - 5000 followers
LinkedIn	N/A
YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/SeattleCityofMusic">https://www.youtube.com/user/SeattleCityofMusic</a> (link not featured on their home page)
SnapChat	N/A
Do they offer any grants to filmmakers, or any specific programs for filmmakers?	No grants to filmmakers  They do host monthly mixers - <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/events">http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/events</a>

Anything else you learned that's worth sharing?

They don't have a "Film Commission," they have a "Film task Force" - The Film Task Force is the group of film industry and community stakeholders assembled to advise the Office of Film + Music in its advocacy for, and policy related to, the City of Seattle's support and equitable growth of the local film industry and community.

<http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film/film-task-force-members>

The Mayor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Film is presented each year to an individual or entity which has raised the profile of the City of Seattle and its film industry through an outstanding film-related achievement, or major contribution to the growth, advancement, and reputation of Seattle as a filmmaking city.

<http://www.seattle.gov/filmandmusic/film/mayors-film-award>

The Office of Film + Music is committed to grow the creative economy through support and promotion of film, music and related industries, and create equitable opportunity for local creatives in their fields. It does this by developing policies and providing leadership that builds commercial markets for film and music business growth, advances safety and economic growth in the nightlife industry, and logistically coordinates permits for film and special events. While OFM extends support to multiple creative industries, the office focuses on advancing four primary sectors: film, music, special events, and nightlife.

**The mission of the office is to support and equitably grow the creative economy, with a focus on strengthening the film, music, nightlife, and special events sectors.**

To accomplish the mission, the office delivers services to:

- Support and promote the local **film industry** and provide a one stop shop with a positive customer service reputation for Seattle by acting as the city's liaison for film and media
- Work with departments, neighborhoods, and agencies to coordinate and issue **Master Film Permits**, and support the growth of Seattle's film industry
- Manage and support the **Seattle Music Commission** workplan to advance the **City of Music 2020 Vision** by cultivating partnerships, developing policy, and facilitating connections between the community and the music industry to make Seattle a place where musicians thrive, communities are strengthened, and live music and music businesses flourish
- Support City of Seattle economic and cultural policy by leading coordination of large public events that provide arts, entertainment, and recreation for the residents of Seattle and the region
- Manage citywide special events, by coordinating **Special Event permits** and chairing the **Special Events Committee**
- Partner to grow the nighttime economy, and improve urban vibrancy and public safety in Seattle **nightlife industry**
- Grow Seattle's national reputation as a thriving and equitable creative economy, centered in film and music production, creative industries, nightlife business and special events