



Answers to Overflow Questions from 'Live Webinar with NZFC'
Thursday 25th March 2021

Te Puna Kairangi – The Premium Production Fund related:

- **Regarding the "bible" that is required for development funding applications, could you please send us a list of what you require? Is it set in stone, or can we just include the following: the story, the tone, plots, characters, evolution over the series etc.?**

Answer

Polly: Page 4 of the submission guidelines for the Development Fund includes some suggestions for inclusion which are: One-Page Synopsis, The World, Tone, style and Themes, Characters or Subjects and Series Outline.

- **Is TVNZ OnDemand released content considered 'commercially released' content? do durations of shows have an impact as to whether a producer is eligible for this fund?**

KAY: Yes that would be considered commercially released content. There are no minimum durations of shows stated in the guidelines. It is important to note that the producer credit needs to be in the same format they are applying for.

- **What is your best guess for a deadline for the 2nd Development round?**

KAY: Unfortunately we don't have this information at this time. We will update the industry as soon as decisions are made about the timelines for the 2nd Development and Production rounds.

- **From a regional film office perspective, should we be gearing up staff wise for a busy October shooting season to service a higher level of location shooting?**

KAY: Assessments for the first Te Puna Kairangi, Premium Productions Fund round are currently underway with the Panel meeting to make selections on 3rd May. We do not know at this stage which projects the panel will select, therefore cannot predict what the shooting location requirements nor schedules of successful projects will be.

- **May the producer with commercial credit in format be an overseas producer?**

Polly: Yes they can. The Lead Applicant has to be a NZ citizen or Permanent Resident but any member of the producing team can have the 'produced by' credit.

- **Will you be offering less funding than requested in order to allow more project to go forward?**

Polly: We are not planning to do this at this point as it's incompatible with the speed to market aspect of the Fund. The Premium Fund is intended to be the last part of the financing puzzle to complete the funding of that project.

