



8 August 2022

12 JULY 2022: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

In your email dated 6 July 2022 you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *A list of all applications for LBSPG / NZSPG-International Grant applications that were declined from 2015 – 2020 that have subsequently been filmed or produced in New Zealand and have been publicly released. The title of the screen production only will suffice.*

No applications for LBSPG/NZSPG-International Grant applications have been declined from 2015 – 2020 that have subsequently been filmed or produced in New Zealand and have been publicly released. As this scheme is a rebate on qualifying spend, a determination of eligibility is generally made by the production prior to an application and factored into the decision about where to locate.

International productions are eligible for a cash grant of 20% based on qualifying New Zealand production spend if they meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the NZSPG Criteria for International Productions


There are a range of criteria and conditions that must be met to qualify for the international grant for example, expenditure thresholds and formats.

To be eligible for an International Grant, productions and applicants must:

- register with the NZFC, on the registration form, in the timeframe stated in clause 26;
- satisfy all of the requirements of the criteria (except to the extent that the NZFC or NZSPG Panel exercise a discretion in the criteria to waive a requirement);
- provide all information the applicant is required to provide to the NZFC or the NZSPG Panel under the criteria and the relevant application form; and
- conform with the purpose and intent of the International Grant

Productions that meet the criteria, both New Zealand and International, are eligible to submit an application which is assessed by the NZSPG Panel.

Please be aware that you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, to seek an investigation and review of our response.



Yours sincerely



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