

# Locarno Region Film Fund

Regulations

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## 1. Purpose

The Locarno Region Film Fund is an instrument established to encourage investment in the territory of the Locarno urban area (hereafter referred to as the "territory of reference") by independent audiovisual production companies, whether based in Switzerland or abroad. By "territory of the Locarno urban area," we mean the municipalities of Ascona, Brione sopra Minusio, Brissago, Cugnasco-Gerra, Gambarogno, Locarno, Losone, Minusio, Muralto, Ronco sopra Ascona, Tenero-Contra.

The Fund allows production companies to receive a credit for direct expenses incurred with companies, facilities, services, and professionals located in the territory of reference while filming.

The Fund also has the secondary purpose of promoting the image of the territory.

## 2. Capital and management

The Fund consists of a total annual capital of CHF 60'000 (sixty thousand Swiss francs), financed by the municipalities within the reference territory. The Fund is managed by the Ticino Film Commission (TFC), which reviews and approves subsidy applications upon receipt. The final accounts are approved by the TFC and the municipalities of the relevant territories, following the submission of actual costs duly justified by valid invoices.

Requests are processed in chronological order of receipt, and funds are guaranteed only until the capital is exhausted.

## 3. Admission criteria

Access to the Fund is open to independent production companies that have been active for at least three years and intend to use the facilities of the territory of reference for filming fiction or documentary projects in the form of short films, feature films or television series. Commercials are excluded.

A financial coverage of the project of (at least) 80% of the total budget is required to apply for a financial incentive.

## 4. Eligible expenses and amount of grant

All expenses incurred in the making of film sequences with any type of professional, service provider or company having its domicile or registered office in the territory of reference (see attached map) between January 1st and December 31st of the current year are eligible. A maximum of CHF 20'000 (twenty thousand Swiss francs) is eligible for each individual entity.

The maximum grant that can be awarded to each project is 20% of the eligible expenses in favour of any suppliers active in film business (for example, technicians, service companies, production companies, catering, etc.) and 40% for all others (for example, accommodation, catering, storage, location rentals, related expenses, etc.). The grant may not exceed the Fund's available capital.

The TFC makes an assessment based on the characteristics of the project and the budget for the expenses foreseen in the territory and issues a decision.

## 5. Request for subsidies

The request must reach the TFC at least 30 days before the start of filming. No incentive can be granted for filming in progress or for expenses already incurred; exceptions are only possible following a previous agreement with the TFC and if the Fund's capital allows it.

Productions must send a dossier consisting of:

- Project title and synopsis
- Brief presentation (cast, crew and other information deemed important)
- CV of the production compan(ies) and director
- Budget
- Financing plan
- List of confirmed funding
- Form "List of expenses LRFF" partially completed with the estimated expenses
- Specific production plan within the territory of reference (dates and locations of filming)

The TFC reserves the right to request additional documents if necessary.

## 6. Payment of subsidy

The payment shall be made upon submission, within 3 months after the end of filming, or at least January 15th of the year following the subsidy's attribution, of:

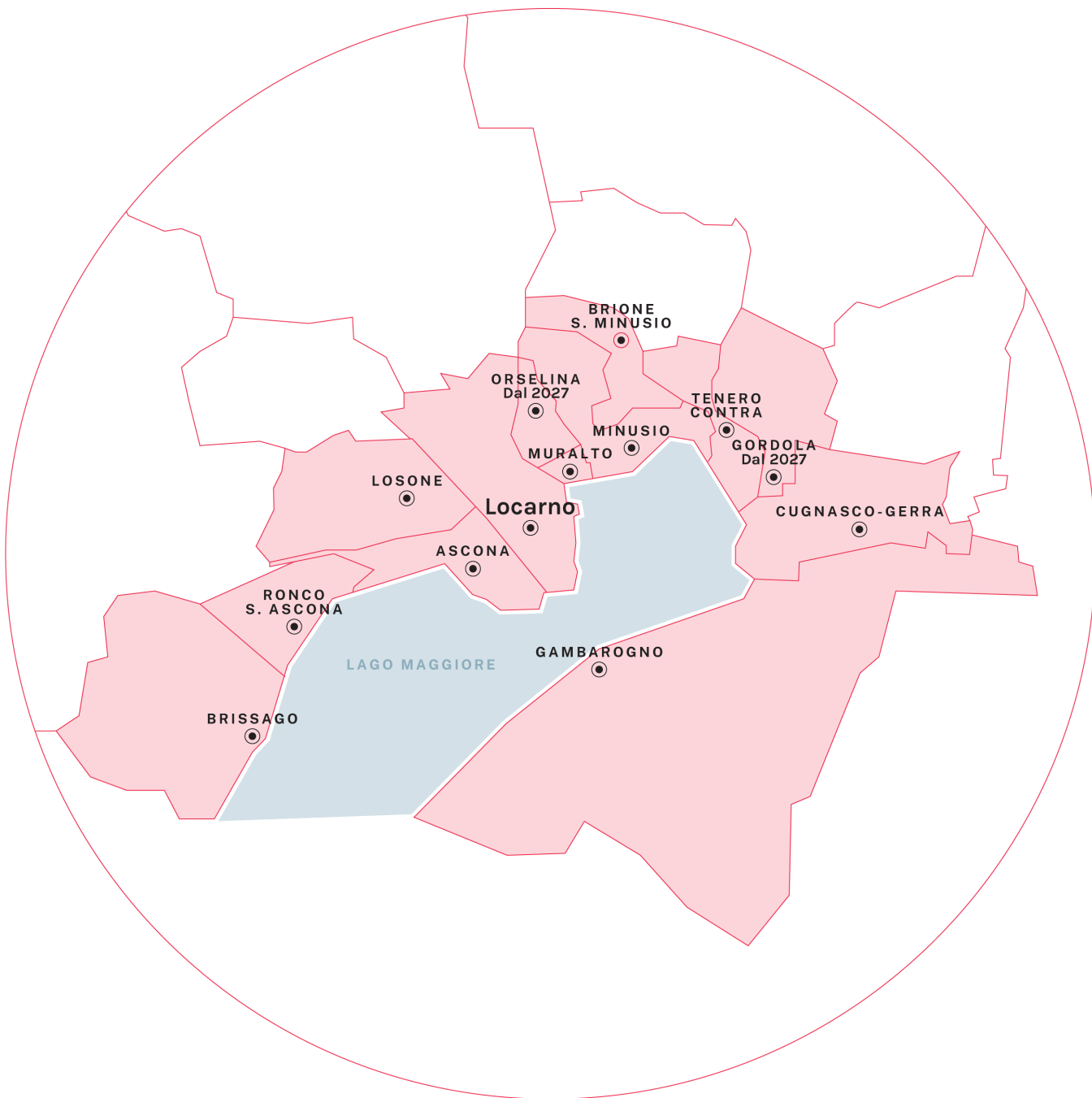
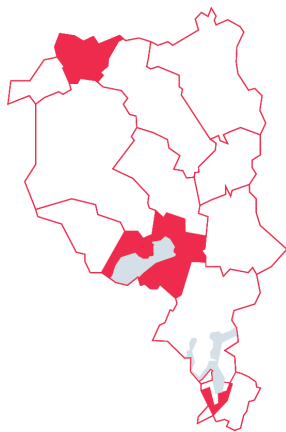
- Form "List of expenses LRFF" fully completed with all occurred expenses
- Presentation of all the related accounting documents.

The subsidy is guaranteed only up to the amount established and communicated after the request. Supplements may be attributed only if the Fund's capital allows it. TFC and the funding bodies are not required to justify their decision, even upon explicit request by the applicant. Such a decision is not subject to appeal.

## 7. Contractual requirements

If the Fund has granted a subsidy, the producers undertake to include the wording "with the support of the Locarno Region Film Fund" (LOGO) in the end credits and in the film's promotional material. At the same time, the support of the TFC must be acknowledged as follows: "The film was produced with the collaboration of the Ticino Film Commission" (LOGO) in the end credits, in the film's press kit, on all types of promotional materials, and on the website, if any.

The production also undertakes to complete the "Online Data Collection Form", which will be sent by the TFC at the end of filming in the territory.



List of expenses in the region

Film title:	<b>Test Movie</b>	Director:	M. Filmman
Production company:	Good Films SA	Shooting start:	29.02.2026
Co-producers:	Societa Estera (ITA), Film company Inc (USA)	Shooting end:	31.02.2026

**1 - Complete movie details**

#	Company / professional	Address	VAT/AVS	Budget post	Amount	PRO	Eligible
1	Cibo Buono SA	Via S. Gottardo 60, 6648 Minusio	CHE-12345678	catering	387.55 CHF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	77.51 CHF
2		Locarno		hotel	700.00 CHF	<input type="checkbox"/>	280.00 CHF
3				4 extras	200.00 CHF	<input type="checkbox"/>	80.00 CHF
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**4 - Complete with known information (municipality)**

**2 - Fill with estimates**

**3 - Check the box if the beneficiary is a professional / company active in film business**

**STEP 1  
REQUEST FOR SUBSIDY**

TOTAL:	<b>1'287.55 CHF</b>
Max possible subsidy:	<b>437.50 CHF</b>

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1	Cibo Buono SA	Via S. Gottardo 60, 6648 Minusio	CHE-12345678	catering	387.55 CHF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	77.51 CHF
2	Hotel Quiet	Piazza Grande 18, 6600 Locarno	CHE-87654321	hotel	300.00 CHF	<input type="checkbox"/>	120.00 CHF
3	Tizio Caio	A cà soa, 6616 Losone	123.1234.1234.12	extra	50.00 CHF	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.00 CHF
4	Tizia Caio	A cà soa, 6616 Losone	123.1234.1234.11	extra	50.00 CHF	<input type="checkbox"/>	20.00 CHF
5	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; color: red; text-align: center;"> <p>Complete all fields with details of the expenses made on site (attach each respective invoice or proof of payment to the balance request)</p> </div>					<input type="checkbox"/>	
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TOTAL:					<b>787.55 CHF</b>		
Max possible subsidy:					<b>237.50 CHF</b>		