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## **The KwaZulu- Natal Film Commission's invitation for Community Safety Heroes Short Film Slate proposals.**

### **Background**

The KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission (KZN FILM) launched its Film Fund in July 2014. The Fund is for the production and development of television, feature films, short films, animation, and documentary content. The Film Fund also caters for Marketing and Distribution, Audience Development and Markets and Festivals.

The vision of the KZN FILM is to position KwaZulu-Natal as a globally competitive, diverse, and sustainable industry and choice film destination. The Film Fund is designed to stimulate the economy in the film and TV Industry and supporting industries. With the KZN industry being a distant third to Gauteng and Western Cape in terms of market size, it is important to grow the industry from within while attracting lucrative productions from outside the province.

Crime remains one of the most prevalent social issues facing the province and it is important to highlight the grassroot heroes who are fighting it every day, without recognition. KZN Film aims to celebrate the heroes that provide daily safety to their community; either SAPS officials or other formal protection structures; individuals or community organisations or other ways. These heroes could use technology, communication tools, patrols; or other ways to ensure the safety of their homes and their neighbours. The aim is to teach how others are using crime prevention measures in their areas.

Filmmakers with existing short films or partly made short films are encouraged to apply. The films can be in the style: short documentaries, short 2-D animation, info-graphic shorts, short fictitious films; or a combination all based and crediting real community heroes.

### **Purpose**

KZN FILM is therefore inviting eligible KZN filmmakers to submit proposals to participate in the Crime Prevention Campaign slate which will fund research and production of Crime prevention 2 minutes shorts covering all KZN districts. We are looking for four companies who will manage the research and production at R200 000 for each short. KZN reserves the right to select districts to be covered by each company.

The Crime Prevention Campaign will include an evaluation and selection process where the successful beneficiaries will be invited to pitch to a panel at the KZN FILM. Successful proposals will go through a research process, which entails attending a series of workshops over one week to assist the filmmakers through the research process. After a month, scripts will be submitted to the KZN FILM for evaluation before production.



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At the end of the research process, all developed projects will go straight to production and IP will belong to KZNFILM.

### Eligibility

Tier 3	Emergent (A)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Produced short films.</li> <li>2. 4-7 years in industry</li> <li>3. No formal training at NQF level 6</li> <li>4. Worked in industry as crew/assistant.</li> <li>5. Produced Micro-budget film/television/fiction or non-fiction.</li> </ol>	<p>Can apply for:</p> <p>Short films, micro budget, short doccies</p>
	Emergent (B)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed degree or 3 national SETA certified diploma PDI Male and female.</li> <li>2. Recent graduate</li> <li>3. Portfolio of Evidence</li> <li>4. 0-3 years in industry</li> </ol>	<p>Can apply for:</p> <p>short films, micro budget, short doccies</p>
Tier 2	Intermediate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Filmmakers with limited experience but who have developed and produced 1-2 theatrical feature films, television fiction or non-fiction, +5 short films or commercials seeking to venture into feature film development and production.</li> <li>2. Graduates with 4 – 7 years' experience</li> <li>3. 7-10 years in industry (non –graduates)</li> </ol>	<p>Can apply for:</p> <p>Short films, micro budget, short doccies, TV series, animation &amp; feature films</p>



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<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Established</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Experienced filmmakers who have a proven track record for developing and producing 3-5 theatrically released feature films, television fiction or non-fiction.</b></li> <li><b>2. Graduates with +7 years' experience</b></li> <li><b>3. +10 years in industry (non – graduates)</b></li> </ol>	<b>Can apply for short films, micro budget, short doccies, TV Series, animation and feature films</b>

- Preference will be given to females, youth (below the age of 35) and persons with disabilities.
- Applicants must be persons whose primary province of residence is KZN and KZN born applicants who currently reside elsewhere (able to provide proof of such through an **unabridged** birth certificate).
- Tier 1, 2 & 3 applicants can apply (reference made above)

#### Compulsory documentation:

- **One-page motivation letter**
- **Proposal (including crime prevention hero archetypes, districts you wish to cover & their crime stats and a visual treatment)**
- **Detailed budget with KZN expenditure**
- **Detailed research & production schedule**
- **Detailed writer/Content Producer and producer's CV**
- **Proof of residence for both the writer and producer**  
(in the form of a municipal councillor's letter, a municipal bill in their name that is not older than 3 months or a signed lease agreement)
- **SARS Tax Clearance Certificate or Tax PIN**
- **Certified ID copy (valid for 6 months)**
- **Company registration documents (where applicable)**
- **BBBEE Certificate (where applicable)**

All projects are to be shot 100% in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. All projects are to employ 80% KZN crew, and 80% KZN service providers are to be utilised.



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All application queries must be directed to [KZNfilmfund@kznfilm.co.za](mailto:KZNfilmfund@kznfilm.co.za) with the subject heading : **Crime Prevention Slate Application**

**Closing date: 30 July 2023**

Applicants are encouraged to engage the KZNFC prior to the closing date should they require further clarification.

Applicants are to note that attachments sent in multiple emails will not be considered and the application will be Null and Void. **Links to folders containing the application will not be considered**, attachments are strictly to be attached or ZIP folded in a **single** application email.

**No applications or additional documentation will be accepted after the closing date. Please note that proposals that do not adhere to the above criteria will be disqualified.**