



## **Economic Development & Planning Economic Development Unit Durban Film Office**

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### **CALL-OUT: REQUEST FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OFFER PANELIST SERVICES – MICRO-BUDGET FILM FUND**

The eThekweni Municipality's Economic Development Unit, Durban Film Office Department, invites qualified and experienced individuals or service providers to submit their applications to be part of the evaluation panel for the **Micro-Budget Film Fund**. This panel will support the assessment process over a one-month period, from **February to March 2026**.

The Durban Film Office (DFO) seeks to engage dedicated professionals to assist in evaluating the submitted film proposals. The selected panellists will be responsible for thoroughly reviewing project submissions, providing detailed comments, and scoring each proposal based on established criteria. Their insights will be instrumental in shortlisting the top 10 projects, which will advance to the interview stage. Ultimately, the top three projects, selected through scoring and interviews, will be awarded funding to realize their micro-budget films.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Micro Budget Film Fund</b>	<b>Phase 1:</b> Review and evaluate 43 film project proposals	16 February 2026 – 27 February 2026
	<b>Phase 2:</b> Provide comments and scores for all 43 proposals	02 March 2026 – 05 March 2026
	<b>Phase 3:</b> Shortlist of 10 projects and conduct interviews	16 March 2026

**Note:**

The second phase involves conducting interviews, where project owners will present their proposals and plans to make their projects feasible. The interviews are scheduled for **16 March 2026**, and the Durban Film Office invites panellists to participate actively in this crucial stage.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of **10 years of proven experience** in one or more of the following fields:

- **Script Writing & Development:**
  - At least **8 years** of experience
  - Minimum of **5 credits** as a published screenwriter
- **Creative Producing:**
  - At least **8 years** of experience
  - Minimum of **6 credits** as an executive producer
- **Skills Training in Script Writing/Development:**
  - At least **5 years** of accredited experience
- **Creative Production & Production Budgeting/Scheduling:**
  - At least **8 years** in creative production
  - Proven experience in production budgeting and scheduling
- **Micro-Budget & Made-for-TV Films:**
  - Understanding of micro-budget filmmaking
  - Proven track record of **at least 5 micro-budget films produced**
- **Executive Producing:**
  - Minimum of **5 years** in executive producing

**Additional Conditions:**

- Must be a **Durban-based individual or service provider**
- Demonstrated expertise in the field of film production, especially in micro-budget projects

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Interested service providers are invited to submit their profiles for consideration. Please email your detailed CV and proof of relevant experience to:

- **Nosipho Hlophe:** [nosipho.hlophe@durban.gov.za](mailto:nosipho.hlophe@durban.gov.za)
- **Fezile Peko:** [fezile.peko@durban.gov.za](mailto:fezile.peko@durban.gov.za)

**Closing Date: 20 February 2026 at 11:00 AM.**

*Please note that late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.*

### **For Further Inquiries**

Contact the Durban Film Office Development Programmes Team at **031 311 4781**.