

SCREEN DEVON FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Devon's filming landscape is growing rapidly. According to data captured by Screen Devon we have already surpassed the target for 2025, with **3x feature films and 4x high-end TV productions** choosing Devon — exceeding projections.

Major studios such as **Lionsgate**, **Netflix**, **Universal**, **BBC**, **and Warner Bros** are now engaging with Screen Devon to explore our potential for filming and production. This momentum presents a critical opportunity for the county to consolidate its position as a recognised **Film Friendly Destination**.

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP (2026–27)

Screen Devon is seeking a **12 month funding commitment of £10,000 (2026 to 2027)** from each local authority.

Funding will:

- Formalise Screen Devon's Screen Agency function, ensuring continued professional management of enquiries, filmmaker engagement, and location support.
- **Develop the local crew pipeline** through training, outreach, and collaboration with education partners.
- Enhance economic data capture and reporting, tracking spend, jobs, and screen tourism impact.
- Scale services sustainably to meet rising national and international production demand.
- **Support Screen Devon** in achieving sustainable long-term results allowing us to work to an in-depth strategy, plan effectively and build on the new connections made during 2025, leading to more resilience and evolution.

OUTCOMES - 1-2 YEARS

The majority of requested funding will support the skilled team responsible for delivering Screen Devon's core Film Office services. These roles are essential to achieving Screen Devon's intended outcomes.

Because our work is service-based, the most significant investment is in our people — The Manager and Film Officer. This ensures that funding directly supports high-quality, evidence-based delivery rather than administrative overheads.

With continued partnership and investment, Screen Devon will:

- Increase the number and scale of productions choosing Devon through a combination of quick response and reaching out.
- Grow the local crew base through training and on-set opportunities.
- Grow the Devon location and supplier database through targeted outreach.
- Deliver a consistent stream of economic data and case studies evidencing film and TV's contribution to Devon's economy.
- Build Devon's reputation nationally as a leading Film Friendly destination, aligned with the region's creative, cultural, and economic growth strategies.
- Support the region's wider culture and skills development strategies as well as coordinate with Screen Tourism opportunities.

SUMMARY ASK

Screen Devon seeks a 12 months funding partnership with Devon's Local Authorities (£10,000 per year for 2026–27) to secure continuity, attract major productions, and deliver measurable economic and cultural benefits for the county.

Devon is on the cusp of becoming a nationally recognised production hub; modest investment now will secure a disproportionately high economic return. With global studios already knocking on the door, funding Screen Devon ensures that this demand is captured locally—translating directly into local spend, job creation, skills development, long-term screen tourism impact and a strengthened year-round creative economy.