

REACH PLUS Objective

To support the growth of companies building infrastructure and providing inward investment and jobs.

SHOULD YOU APPLY?

This grant award is only available to SME business winning organisations who can prove they have an office in the region, are a legitimate business and will use the fund to develop their company infrastructure or commissions. **Using the money to support company growth in the region, the fund should lead to new markets, contracts and/or commissions.**

An SME is defined as a small or medium-sized enterprise OR an unincorporated business such as a sole trader or partnership with an annual turnover not exceeding €50m. Undergraduate students are not eligible to apply.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITY CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

- Slate development
- Writer fees
- Director / Producer fees
- Appointment of an executive producer or consultant
- Legal costs
- Budgeting and scheduling
- A new post to drive forward a particular project or activity

The following elements are not eligible for REACH support:

- Capital purchase of equipment or building work
- Corporate commercial products (advertising and training videos)
- Fundraising or live events
- Party political projects or proposals that promote or denigrate specific religions or cultures

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

Before applying, you must meet with a member of the Senior Management Team. If you have any queries regarding your eligibility please email Reach@northeastscreen.org to confirm eligibility and suitability and to arrange a meeting. Eligibility is a condition of the application, and you may not be approved to apply.

Application forms can be obtained from our Senior Management Team after the meeting. Please make sure to include all requested documents in your application.

North East Screen will assess your application with an external panel and make a decision to approve or decline funding. You will receive a decision within 4 weeks of the submission deadline as long as all the necessary supporting paperwork has been received.

If we need more information, we will contact you. If your application is ineligible, we will return it to you with the reason for its return.

REACH PLUS GUIDELINES

- The award is only to be used for expenditure incurred after the date of the offer.
- Project Match Funding: You must provide written evidence of all match funding awarded before the Project is due to start. Please include this information when you return this Award Acceptance. If you do not provide this information, the payment of your award will be delayed until this information is received.
- SME Eligibility: Please complete the Business Eligibility Form and return the completed form with your application. If you do not provide this information, the payment of your award will be delayed until this information is received.

- It is a requirement of funding that you provide us with copies of all invoices and receipts, copies of all relevant credit card and bank statements showing defrayal of such amounts applicable to your project. You should provide the evidence as early as possible during your project. Project payments will not be made until this evidence is provided. Further details of the evidence required is outlined in the funding guidance notes.
- You will comply with all monitoring and evaluation required by North East Screen, including any special terms set out in your offer letter.
- Health & Safety: You agree to identify risks and take reasonable measures to ensure participants, in particular children and vulnerable adults, are not endangered by taking part in The Project. People working on your project, including volunteers, may be required to obtain appropriate documentation from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). You are advised to consult the relevant authorities before your project is due to start to ensure compliance with this requirement. Any production or associated work carried out under this Project must follow UK government guidelines regarding Covid-19 in force at the time of the activity.

Data Protection / Privacy Policy

We are committed to safeguarding your privacy and operate within General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which applies in the UK and EU. Our full Privacy Policy is available on our website [Privacy Policy - North East Screen](#)

Complaints procedure

This can be viewed on our website [Complaints and Appeals Policy - North East Screen](#)