



Definitions of Key Terms

Above-The-Line (ATL)

Key creative personnel in a film production, typically including the director, producers, writers, and principal cast.

Beauty Shots

Visually appealing footage or images that showcase the attractive aspects of Pinellas County, such as beaches, sunsets, cityscapes, parks and cultural attractions.

Cash Rebate

A monetary reimbursement paid directly to the production company based on a percentage of their total qualified local expenditures.

CPA Attestation

A formal declaration by a Certified Public Accountant verifying the accuracy and legitimacy of the production's reported total qualified local expenditures.

Conditional/Distribution-Related Uplift Payment

A portion of the incentive that is only paid out after the production company provides proof that certain conditions have been met, such as distribution or completion of specific marketing deliverables.

Distribution Deal

An agreement with a company to release and market the finished production to audiences through theaters, television networks, streaming platforms, or other media outlets.

Location-Based Promotional Content

Marketing materials created specifically to highlight Pinellas County locations featured in the production. Examples include behind-the-scenes videos, location guides, or interactive maps.

Marketing Value

The estimated worth of the exposure and promotion Pinellas County receives as a result of the production, including but not limited to on-screen visibility, social media mentions, press coverage, and promotional events.

Out-of-Market Visitors

Individuals who travel to Pinellas County from outside the county, typically staying overnight, as a result of the production or subsequent tourism inspired by the production.

Positive Portrayal of Pinellas County as Itself



A project that represents Pinellas County authentically as Pinellas County or one of its destinations. While the project may depict a fictitious location, it must not present Pinellas County as another real place, for example Miami, the Florida Keys, or other island destination. "Positive portrayal" means that the project should foster a favorable impression of Pinellas County, without creating negative perceptions or discouraging potential visitors. The determination of whether a project meets these standards will be made at the discretion of the FilmSPC review committee.

Press Junket

A promotional event prior to the production's release where media representatives and journalists are invited to interview the cast and crew of a production, often including tours of filming locations.

Qualified Local Expenditures

Total expenditures incurred in Pinellas County directly related to the production. This includes but is not limited to:

- Wages paid to Pinellas County residents
- Payments for goods and services provided by Pinellas County-based businesses
- Accommodations in Pinellas County
- Location fees for Pinellas County properties
- Vehicle and equipment rentals from Pinellas County-based providers
- Services such as law enforcement, reserved parking, and city/county staff assistance

Recognizable Locations

Distinctive and identifiable places in Pinellas County that viewers can easily associate with the area, such as specific beaches, landmarks, or notable buildings.

Room Night

Each night that a Pinellas County hotel room or other accommodation is occupied as a direct result of the production.

Uplift Incentives

Additional percentage points added to the base incentive rate, awarded for meeting specific criteria that provide extra marketing value and/or tourism impact for Pinellas County.

