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Eno River Media proposes the following actions be adopted by the North Carolina Legislature this session. Each can be adopted independently of the other actions. Each action strengthens the entire Film and Entertainment Grant Program. Taken together, this would present a very viable program to filmmakers in North Carolina and the United States.

State approves 40 million dollars in a NC Film Trust

There is oversight by Finance Sub Committee composed of appointed House and Senate and Treasury members.

There is a submission and bid process for movie producers seeking funds not in excess of \$1,000,000. Once approved, the filmmaker will receive from the State of NC a line of credit issued from preferred North Carolina based banks.

Those applying for funding in the submission and bid process must show equal amount of money in a NC based bank achieved through traditional means or crowd source funding starting at \$125,000.

Filmmakers must have a distributor attached willing to give an advance on the delivery of the film.

Filmmakers must take out a completion bond.

Filmmakers must follow all state laws and follow labor laws meaning the production staff are paid minimum wage and unemployment insurance is taken out on all paid staff.

Filmmakers must have motion picture insurance.

The Bank agrees to bank roll a percentage (98%) against the line of credit.

The Bank is the lien holder of the film (intellectual property). All monies go to the bank.

The State of NC takes out an insurance policy against the line of credit.

The State of NC must be paid back first plus a managing fee to further the fund.

The state is paid back through traditional loan means or further crowd source funding or if a problem arises, can cash in on the insurance taken out against the line of credit.

To further increase the NC Film Trust, part of the trust should be invested in mutual funds or Unit Investment Trusts.

The movie portion of the Entertainment Tax from sales of movie tickets could be directed to this Trust. This would help fund the trust and grow it.