



Lao
Filmmakers
Fund

Luang Prabang Film Festival

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Call for Applications

The Luang Prabang Film Festival (LPFF) is pleased to announce its fifth call for applications for the Lao Filmmakers Fund. The Fund is publicly generated, and allows Lao filmmakers to apply for small grants to help make their film projects possible. Grants are currently available once per year. Successful projects will be chosen by the LPFF's Board of Directors, based on the merits of the project, as well as an organized and feasible plan for execution.

For the 2018 year, the maximum grant request is \$15,000 USD (about 81,000,000 kip), though that does not guarantee that any one project will be given this amount. The number of grants will depend on amount of funding requested and awarded. In addition to the financial award, LPFF will support the attendance of one representative from each film project to attend the film festival in December 2018. The filmmaker will have access to valuable opportunities to network with other Southeast Asian filmmakers, producers, and distributors and to learn from the event's public discussions, Q&A sessions, and screenings.

Project Eligibility:

- Either the film's director must be a Lao national (and preference will be given to those who are), or the project must employ at least 75% Lao crew
- At least half of the film must be shot in Laos
- Film concept and script must be original and belong to the filmmakers
- Film must not be a project commissioned by a company or organization
- Preference will be given to projects that focus on Lao identity, ideally featuring a population in Laos that is not often represented in mainstream media. This may include, but is not limited to, the following communities: the young, the elderly, ethnic minorities, LGBTI, disabled, and women.

To Apply:

Follow the guidelines carefully and email the following materials to lff@lpfilmfest.org no later than **13 March 2018**. As international grants are generally submitted in English, we encourage you to submit your application in English. However, Lao applications will be accepted.

All applications must include the following information, in the same order:

Cover Sheet

1. Project Name

2. Name, mailing address, email address, and phone number for the main contact person for the project (typically the film's director or producer)

Project Topic

1. Provide one to four keywords that generally characterize what the film is about. (For example: Climate, Education, Change, Race, Human Rights...)
2. Include a short description of the film using less than 50 words. You might want to start with "This film is about..."

Narrative (1000 words maximum)

1. Describe the film in greater detail, providing a clear sense of the film's theme, format, structure, style, and point of view.
2. Please include the current status of the project, and explain how LPFF funds will be used to advance the project.

Distribution

1. Who is the target audience for this project, and how will it reach them?
2. What do you plan to do with this film?

Project Personnel (100 words each)

1. Provide a short bio of each key member of the production team, which includes his or her filmmaking experience.

Requested Budget and Current Funding

1. The amount of the total production budget.
2. List any income (and its source) already secured or confirmed.
3. The amount you are seeking from LPFF.
4. Your detailed budget must be completed using the provided template.

Reporting Requirements

All individuals applying for support from the Lao Filmmakers Fund must be prepared to keep detailed financial records of any expenditure of the grant funds, and report these to LPFF on a quarterly basis for the duration of time during which the grant funds are being spent. Original receipts must also be submitted alongside the final narrative and financial reports.

Project Selection

All projects selected for funding by the Luang Prabang Film Festival's Board of Directors will be notified by 31 March 2018, at the latest.

Assistance

LPFF is available to assist filmmakers with the application process, if needed. Please send an email to lff@lpfilmfest.org with any questions you may have.