WETA+ and DC/DOX FILM FUND

Film Fund Terms & Conditions

1. **Application.** To be considered for a grant (a "Grant") under the WETA+ and DC/DOX Film Fund (the "Fund"), you must be a documentary filmmaker with a project based in, or primarily concerning, the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia ("DMV") region, and you must submit your application (the "Application"), along with all of the other information and deliverables listed in the Application (collectively, the "Application Deliverables"), by January 31, 2027 (the "Application Deadline"). Applicants may submit more than one project.

2. **Retention of Materials.** All Application Deliverables submitted to WETA and DC/DOX (together, the "Fund Administrators") in and with your Application will be, in the discretion of the Fund Administrators, retained or discarded, and the Fund Administrators will have no obligation to return the Application Deliverables to you. By submitting an application, you consent to receiving communications from WETA and DC/DOX.

3. **Ownership.** All applicants represent and warrant that all ideas and works contained in your Application Deliverables are your original creations, and, at the time of submission, belong exclusively to you.

4. **No Reimbursement for Application Costs.** The Fund Administrators will have no obligation to reimburse you for any expenses incurred by you in connection with preparing and submitting your Application.

5. **Selection Process.** Applications will be reviewed through a two-stage process. In the first round, each eligible Application will receive multiple independent reviews from a committee of filmmakers, industry professionals, and community representatives, with participation from both WETA and DC/DOX. Approximately 15 projects will advance to a final round for deeper review and deliberation, from which funded projects will be selected. WETA will retain final decision-making authority over all Grant selections, and all decisions of the Fund Administrators are final.

6. **Grant Agreement.** If you are selected as one of the Grant recipients, then, as a condition to receiving a Grant, you will be required to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc., ("WETA"), that will cover, among other things:

    a. An initial, non-exclusive streaming and broadcast window for the Project on WETA's local PBS and Metro channels, the WETA+ app and the PBS App localized to WETA's market, prior to or concurrent with the Grantee's pursuit of other distribution and streaming opportunities, on terms to be set forth in the Agreement.

b. Cohort participation, including an initial cohort convening and ongoing mentorship and rough-cut feedback.

c. Participation in the DC/DOX Forum (expected June 10–13, 2027), including relevant panels, industry gatherings, and the 1:1 Meetings Program.

d. Availability for curated meetings with funders, distributors, public media leaders, policymakers, and other potential partners, as arranged by the Fund Administrators.

e. Periodic progress reports, including an updated logline, synopsis, budget, and details on impact and distribution plans, on a schedule to be set forth in the Agreement.

f. An updated project sample, trailer, or rough cut of the Project to demonstrate progress, as reasonably requested by the Fund Administrators.

g. Feedback on the Grantee's experience in the Fund, including completion of any online impact survey provided by the Fund Administrators.

h. Updated behind-the-scenes photos and/or stills (optional but encouraged).

i. Appropriate attribution and credit to WETA and DC/DOX in connection with the Project, consistent with the crediting guidelines set forth in the Agreement.

7. **Programming Attendance.** The availability of you, or one or more members of your team satisfactory to the Fund Administrators, to attend cohort programming, including virtual mentorship and feedback sessions and the in-person DC/DOX Forum in June 2027 (dates subject to change), is required. The Fund Administrators will cover reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for attendance at the in-person DC/DOX Forum, on terms to be set forth in the Agreement.

8. **Required Timeline for Final Delivery of Project.** Projects must be completed within 24 months from January 30, 2027. Feasibility of completion and delivery of the project within a two-year timeline is one factor that the Fund Administrators will consider during the selection process.

9. **Attribution.** Appropriate attribution and credit requirements with respect to WETA and DC/DOX will apply to all public-facing materials related to the Project, as further described in the Agreement and pre-approved by WETA and DC/DOX.

10. **WETA Distribution.** As set forth in Section 6 (i) above, funded projects will provide WETA with an initial, non-exclusive streaming window on WETA+ and the PBS App. The intention of this window is to give WETA an opportunity to introduce these locally rooted stories to its audiences, while allowing filmmakers to pursue broader distribution and streaming opportunities afterward.

11. **Compliance with WETA's Tech Specs and Standards.** Funded projects must comply with broadcast and streaming standards (as shared with selected applicants) applicable to length, indecency, profanity, format or other reason as a condition for distribution. Funded projects must also meet WETA's Technical Specifications.

12. **Representations and Warranties.** Selected filmmaker(s) represents and warrants to WETA that they hold the copyright to the content and all permissions for any music, sound and visual images for the period of the license agreement with WETA at a minimum. Selected filmmaker agrees to indemnify, defend and hold WETA harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, costs and expenses arising out of the use of the broadcast or streaming of the program. If the filmmaker uses any generative AI, the filmmaker will notify WETA and represents and warrants that it has been checked for any potential copyright infringement, inaccuracies or misinformation.

13. **Return of Funds.** Any award funds that not have not been used for, or committed to, the project upon expiration or termination of the Agreement made with WETA must be returned promptly to WETA or applied to another mutually agreed upon purpose, as directed in writing by WETA.

14. **No Guarantee of Future Funding.** Selection for a Grant does not guarantee eligibility for, or receipt of, funding in any future cycle of the Fund.

15. **Eligibility and Compliance.** Applicants must be the project's filmmaker or producer and may not be WETA or DC/DOX staff, Board Members or family of staff or Board Members of WETA or DC/DOX. Applicants must be able to satisfy any additional eligibility, tax, and compliance requirements set forth in the Application and the Agreement, including providing any documentation reasonably requested by the Fund Administrators.

16. **Data & Privacy.** WETA will treat applicant's personal data according to WETA's Privacy Policy. Any information provided as part of the application will be shared among WETA and DC/DOX and will also be provided to the judging committee for the purposes of the entrants' participation in the Fund application/evaluation.

17. **Modification.** WETA and DC/DOX reserve the right to modify or cancel the Fund and/or any Terms at any time at their discretion.

18. **Governing Law and Dispute Resolution**. These Terms and Conditions, and any dispute arising out of or relating to the Fund, an application, or any resulting grant agreement, are governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to its conflict-of-laws principles.