

Schwarzenegger touts film project incentives to boost California economy

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger
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On Monday, actor-politician **Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger** confirmed the state of California's new production incentives, as many as 36 new film and television productions are set to shoot in Hollywood during the current quarter as a direct result of the program. The projects have a combined budget of at least \$467 million.

Schwarzenegger said in a statement, *"Productions that were slated to shoot outside of the state have shifted gears and are now shooting in California because of our film and television incentive. This is not only great news for our production workers but for the thousands of small businesses that support film and television production in California and our state's economy as a whole."*

The announcement noted that Sony Television's new drama for FX, **"The Lawman"**, will begin production shortly in Santa Clarita--even though the show is set in Kentucky and the pilot was primarily shot in Pennsylvania.

The California Film Commission, which administers the program, said that 50% of the approved projects are independent features, 22% are studio features, 8% are direct-to-DVD, 14% are telefilms and 6% are tv series. Some of those project have already begun shooting while others will go into production next year.

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