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The Board of Directors of the COGECO Program Development Fund announces its decisions for projects submitted at the July 2004 deadlines.

The Fund is pleased to congratulate the following companies on receiving development loans, production financing for MOWs and Pilots, and feature film development loans:

Development Loans

PROJECT	PRODUCTION COMPANY	BROADCASTER
<i>The Program</i>	House of Films Inc.	Showcase
<i>The Adventures of a Country Vet</i>	Force Four Productions Ltd.	CBC
<i>City Suites</i>	Burke & Burke Inc.	CBC
<i>Macha and Friends</i>	Cirrus Productions inc.	SRC
<i>Les nouvelles aventures tumultueuses de Jack Carter</i>	Cirrus Productions inc.	SRC
<i>Blaise le blasé</i>	Spectra Animation inc.	Teletoon
<i>Le Négociateur II</i>	Les Productions Sovimage inc.	Groupe TVA
<i>Le Gentleman</i>	Duo Productions inc.	TQS
<i>Crises</i>	Les Productions Videofilms tele	SRC
<i>70 \$</i>	Cirrus Productions inc.	Series+
<i>On attend quoi? (Phase 2)</i>	Match TV inc.	Groupe TVA

MOWs

PROJECT	PRODUCTION COMPANY	BROADCASTER
<i>Endgame in Kosovo: The Louise Arbour Story</i>	Galafilm Productions	CTV
<i>Playing House</i>	Blueprint Entertainment Corporation & Alberta Filmworks	CTV

TV Pilot

PROJECT	PRODUCTION COMPANY	BROADCASTER
<i>Getting Along Famously</i>	Canadian Accents	CBC

Cogeco's Theatrical Feature Film Fund received numerous applications this year from production companies across Canada, in both English and French. This program supports the work of feature film production companies with a slate of at least three feature films in development over the next year. Eligible companies must have an established track record, and funding recipients receive loans of up to \$35,000.

Feature Film Loans

Great North Artists Management	<u>FILMS:</u> Living with the Foleys, Shit Loves Linda, You Are Here, Too Close to the Falls
Voice Pictures Inc.	<u>FILMS:</u> Blue Eden, Frozen Milk, Goose 2, The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus, Click, Sex Files, Rebellion
Cinémaginaire	<u>FILMS:</u> je suis devenu stupide, Road Movie, Le Prix de l'art
Max Films	<u>FILMS:</u> Out of Z, Le Secret du phAre, Dédé, Pervers

Cogeco's latest program is the Director Advisor Program. Funded by the DGC, this program provides a \$5,000 grant to contract an experienced director who will guide a television series, MOW or feature film through its development, and work with the screenwriter and producer.

DGC Program

Devine Entertainment Corporation	<u>Project:</u> Red
House of Films	<u>Project:</u> The Program

The COGECO Program Development Fund offers two programs to support the Canadian television industry: the Development Program offers approximately \$500,000 annually to Canadian independent producers for the development of dramatic television series, MOW's and mini-series, and since July 1999, also includes feature film development. The Production Program offers over \$1.5 million annually contributed by Cogeco Cable Inc., and provides equity investments for the production of MOW's, mini-series and pilots for dramatic series.

Deadlines for application are February 1, April 1, July 15 and October 15 for the television development and production financing programs, and July 1 only for the Theatrical Feature Film Development Program. The COGECO Fund is administered by the Independent Production Fund.

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