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Free Grant Workshop for Filmmakers Hosted by Austin Film Society
To be held in McAllen

The Austin Film Society's Director of Artist Services Bryan Poyser will present this free informational workshop about Austin Film Society's Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund at 7pm on Thursday, May 15th. The workshop will be held at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

The Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund annually offers grants of up to \$25,000 to Texas filmmakers. Grants are given away to Texas Filmmakers who are working in all genres—narratives, shorts, documentaries, etc. Mr. Poyser will take participants through the application form step-by-step and screen work samples from successful applications.

"We try to do as much outreach as we can to the filmmaking centers outside of Austin. We do this by partnering up with local film organizations like the Dallas Video Festival, El Paso Filmmakers, and the film department at San Antonio College," said Bryan Poyser, Director of Artist Services for the Austin Film Society.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for filmmakers in the Rio Grande Valley to learn how to apply for these grants in order to further their production budget. This is a free event so all are welcome to join us," said Annabell Cortina, Director of Special Events & Media for the McAllen Chamber of Commerce.

Filmmakers residing in Texas for at least one year prior to the June 2, 2008 deadline are eligible to apply to Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, which has given out over \$830,000 in cash, goods and services to Texas filmmakers since 1996.

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For more information on the Fund, and for a schedule of other workshops throughout Texas, visit www.austinfilm.org. For information regarding the workshop in McAllen, TX, please contact the Annabell Cortina at McAllen Chamber of Commerce, 956-682-2871.

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