**Section 532.80 Approval/Denial of Theater Tax Credit Award**

a) When an applicant submits its request for a theater tax credit award, the Department will review and verify the applicant's final diversity hiring numbers for crew, vendors and talent to determine whether it met the goals outlined in its diversity plan before issuing the theater tax credit award.

b) In the event the applicant fails to meet the goals of its diversity plan, the applicant must then demonstrate it made good-faith efforts to achieve its diversity goals in order to receive a theater tax credit award. To be considered, the applicant must submit an affidavit attesting to its good-faith efforts. Good-faith efforts that the Department will consider include, but are not limited to, documentation demonstrating that the applicant communicated (written correspondence, phone call, email, meetings) with minority, female and disabled vendors, applicable unions, and talent and workforce agencies/entities. The applicant may also submit any other documentation to the Department demonstrating its good-faith attempts.