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Governor Says Film Tax Credit Resulted in Millions Spent In State

CHICAGO -- The state's effort to lure movie makers to Illinois is paying off. Governor Rod Blagojevich's office says the Film Tax Credit enacted in 2003 brought in \$155 million for Illinois last year. Blagojevich's office says that amount represents an 80 percent jump from 2006.

Blagojevich spokeswoman Ashley Cross says the figure includes all the revenue that came into Illinois because movies were filmed here.

Cross says most of that amount comes from the money film crews spent in Illinois on things like hotels and restaurants as well as the money movie companies paid Illinoisans to work on films