"Soft Prep" Payment Chart

PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT BUDGET	WEEKLY PAYMENT TO DIRECTOR	MAXIMUM WEEKS OF SOFT PREP PAYMENTS	WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT OF 3 OUT OF 4 INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW TRIGGER SOFT PREP PAYMENT TO DIRECTOR
High Budget Theatrical	+\$11 million	\$5,000	10	 Freelance UPM or line producer Production designer Location manager or location scout VFX supervisor
Level 4c Low Budget Theatrical	+\$8.5 million to \$11 million	\$4,500	5	 Freelance UPM or line producer Production designer Location manager or location scout Casting agent
Levels 4a and 4b Low Budget Theatrical	+\$3.75 million to \$8.5 million	\$3,700	5	 Freelance UPM or line producer Production designer Location manager or location scout Casting agent
Level 3 Low Budget Theatrical	+\$2.6 million to \$3.75 million	\$1,500	5	 Freelance UPM or line producer Production designer Location manager or location scout Casting agent
Levels 1 and 2 Low Budget Theatrical	\$0-\$2.6 million	Negotiable	Negotiable	Negotiable