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Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

Emergency assistance for eligible venues affected by COVID-19

Provided by the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)

Program Details

The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over \$16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees.

Supplemental Documents

- [Frequently Asked Questions about SVOG](#)
- [Eligibility requirements](#)
- [Preliminary application checklist](#)
- [Cross-program eligibility on SBA COVID-19 relief options](#)

Who Can Apply

Eligible entities include:

- Live venue operators or promoters
- Theatrical producers
- Live performing arts organization operators
- Relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria
- Motion picture theater operators
- Talent representatives
- Each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements

Other requirements of note:

- Must have been in operation as of February 29, 2020
- Venue or promoter who received a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, will have the SVOG reduced by the PPP loan amount

Grant Amount

Grant amounts will reflect either of the following instances:

- For an eligible entity in operation on January 1, 2019, grants will be for an amount equal to 45% of their 2019 gross earned revenue OR \$10 million, whichever is less.
- For an eligible entity that began operation after January 1, 2019, grants will be for the average monthly gross earned revenue for each full month you were in operation during 2019 multiplied by six (6) OR \$10 million, whichever is less.

How to Apply

SBA has announced that the grant program will be available starting April 8, 2021. To apply, visit the SBA's online portal at <https://www.svgrantportal.sba.gov/s/>.

Note: On January 20, 2021, SBA updated the proposed plan for issuing grants during the first and second priority periods. To clarify, priority awardees will not need to satisfy the small employer set-aside. During the first 59 days of opening SVOG, SBA will reserve no less than \$2 billion of program funding for grants to entities that have no more than 50 employees.

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