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Shuttered Venue Operators Grant

This grant provides emergency assistance for eligible venues affected by COVID-19.

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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 applications with up to 50 full-time employees.

Supplemental documents

FAQs: The list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) answers common questions about the SVOG program, defines terms, and provides additional guidance. **Please refer to and carefully review the FAQs for guidance as you complete the SVOG application.**

Application Checklist: The Application Checklist is provided to assist you with gathering and preparing the necessary materials (documentation, information, and technology) needed for the SVOG application. Some of these items will be required, and some are examples of items that can be submitted as supporting evidence. The Application Checklist lists materials needed by all applicants as well as applicant-specific information. The application will direct you as you go through the application portal for your specific applicant type.

Applicant User Guide: The Applicant User Guide is a tool for technical assistance to guide applicants through the SVOG application portal with step-by-step instructions. Screenshots in the User Guide are for illustration purposes only. Content in the application portal will appear differently for different applicants

- [FAQ regarding Shuttered Venue Operators Grant](#)
- [SVOG application checklist](#)
- [SVOG applicant user guide](#)
- [Cross-program eligibility on SBA COVID-19 relief options](#)

SVOG-specific information about the IRS form 4506-T

- [SVOG-specific version of 4506-T](#)
- [Instructions on how to complete the SVOG-specific 4506-T](#), including:
 - Example 4506-T
 - Visual instructions
 - Detailed, step-by-step instructions



Who can apply

Eligible entities include:

- Live venue operators or promoters
- Theatrical producers
- Live performing arts organization operators
- Museum operators
- Motion picture theater operators (including owners)
- Talent representatives

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

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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.

First priority***First 14 days of grant awards***

Entities that suffered a **90% or greater** gross revenue loss between April 2020 through December 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Second priority***Next 14 days of grant awards***

Entities that suffered a **70% or greater** gross revenue loss between April 2020 through December 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Third priority***Beginning 28 days after first and second priority awards are made***

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Available after all Priority Periods have passed

Recipients of first, second, and third priority round awards who suffered a 70% or greater revenue loss for the most recent calendar quarter (as of April 1, 2021, or later).

Allowable use of funds

Funds may be used for specific expenses, which include:

- Payroll costs
- Rent payments
- Utility payments
- Scheduled mortgage payments (*not including prepayment of principal*)
- Scheduled debt payments (*not including prepayment of principal on any indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business prior to February 15, 2020*)
- Worker protection expenditures
- Payments to independent contractors (*not to exceed \$100,000 in annual compensation for an individual employee of an independent contractor*)
- Other ordinary and necessary business expenses, including maintenance costs
- Administrative costs (*including fees and licensing*)
- State and local taxes and fees
- Operating leases in effect as of February 15, 2020
- Insurance payments

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- Buy real estate
- Make payments on loans originated after February 15, 2020
- Make investments or loans
- Make contributions or other payments to, or on behalf of, political parties, political committees, or candidates for election
- Pay for any other use prohibited by the Administrator

Grantee recordkeeping

Grantees will be required to maintain documentation demonstrating their compliance with the eligibility and other requirements of the SVOG program. They must retain employment records for four years following their receipt of a grant and retain all other records for three years.

Video tutorials

- [SAM.gov entity registration training](#)

Get technical support with the SVOG portal

For Shuttered Venue Operators Grant application portal **technical assistance** such as a password reset, browser suggestions, or how to use the multi-factor authentication with an app and the QR code, applicants can call 1-800-659-2955 or, for the deaf and hard-of-hearing 1-800-877-8339 and follow the prompts to SVOG assistance. The call center is open from 8am-11pm ET, 7 days a week.

What to expect after you have applied

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