

SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW: Congress created the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program to provide emergency assistance grants to eligible venues affected by COVID-19. The program is being administered directly by Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance. [More information can be found on the SBA's SVOG website.](#)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?: Live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, museum operators, zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria, motion picture theater operators, and talent representatives. For more specifics on eligible entities, see the [SBA's FAQ's](#).

To be eligible, an entity must demonstrate a qualified revenue loss. The SVOG program has three different priority periods for applicants, depending on the amount of lost revenue. The SBA will make priority determinations based on entities' application information.

First priority <i>First 14 days of grant awards</i>	Entities that suffered a 90% or greater revenue loss between April 2020 through December 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Second priority <i>Next 14 days of grant awards</i>	Entities that suffered a 70% or greater revenue loss between April 2020 through December 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Third priority <i>Beginning 28 days after first and second priority awards are made</i>	Entities that suffered a 25% or greater earned revenue loss between one quarter of 2019 and the corresponding quarter

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?: Through this program the SBA can award an initial grant up to 45% of gross earned revenue, capped at \$10 million per entity. Entities that received a PPP loan after December 27, 2020 are eligible to apply but will have their SVOG award reduced by the PPP loan amount. Overall, Congress has provided the SBA with over \$16 billion for the SVOG program.

HOW CAN GRANT FUNDING BE USED?: Payroll costs, rent payment, utility payment, scheduled mortgage payments, scheduled debt payments, worker protection expenses, payments to independent contractors, maintenance costs, ordinary and necessary business expenses, administrative costs, state/local taxes and fees, Insurance payments, some operating leases, other expenses related to producing a theatrical or live performing arts production. For more specifics on eligible use of funds, see the [SBA's FAQ's](#).

WHEN IS THE PROGRAM OPEN?: Applications open April 8th, 2021. All eligible entities are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Apply at the [SBA SVOG Portal](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APPLYING: The SBA has hosted a national informational webinar ([archived recording](#)) to highlight the application process for potential eligible entities. The agency also provided recurrent program updates and information via [frequently asked questions](#), additional [video tutorials](#), an [application checklist](#), and [eligibility requirements](#) through SBA's dedicated SVOG website - www.sba.gov/svogrant.

For additional assistance the SBA's resource partners, including SCORE Mentors, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers, are available to provide entities with individual guidance on their applications. Applicants can find a local resource partner via SBA's website at www.sba.gov/local-assistance or via a zip code at www.sba.gov/localassistance. (Per federal grant program guidelines SBA's team members are limited on responses they can provide to individual, specific questions regarding SVOG eligibility, potential grant amount, or other detailed information.)