



Federal Shuttered Venue Operators Grants (SVOG), aka Save Our Stage (SOS) Grants

Note: For the latest information from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/shuttered-venue-operators-grant>

The above website has information directly from the SBA, the best source of information for these grants since the SBA will administer the program. Via the link, you can find up-to-date facts covering program details, who can apply, grant amounts, how to apply, allowable uses of funds, video tutorials, and more.

Background

On December 27, 2020, the Shuttered Venue Operators (SVO) Grant program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act and signed into law. The program includes \$15 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for SVO 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.

New Resources (Updated List)

As of March 5, 2021, the SBA released several new, detailed resources for potential applicants, linked below:

- [SVOG Preliminary Application Checklist](#) (published 03-05-21)
- [SVOG Eligibility Requirements](#) (published 03-05-21)
- [SVOG Frequently Asked Questions](#) (updated 03-05-21)
- [SVOG Tutorial on Eligibility for Museum Operators](#) (posted 03-05-21)

Tips to Prepare

As the SBA readies its application platform, below are some tips from the SBA to prepare your application:

- 1) If you don't have one, register for a [DUNS number](#), which is needed to apply for federal grants.
- 2) If you haven't already, register in the federal System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](#)), which is also necessary to apply for federal grants.
- 3) Gather documents that demonstrate: a) your number of employees and b) your monthly revenues. This way, you will be able to calculate the average number of qualifying employees you had over the prior 12 months, which will likely be needed to apply.
- 4) Determine the extent of gross earned revenue loss you experienced between 2019 and 2020.
- 5) Gather additional information, such as floor plans, contract copies, and other evidence, which will also likely be needed to apply.

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