

# The American Rescue Plan Webinar

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## IRS has already begun sending out **3<sup>rd</sup> Stimulus Checks** to 159 million households

- Up to **\$1,400 per Single** tax filer if AGI is **≤ \$75,000** based on last filed tax return (2019 or 2020) Line 8b
  - Stimulus amount phases out completely at \$80,000 AGI
- Up to **\$1,400 per Head of Household** tax filer if AGI is **≤ \$112,500** based on last filed tax return (2019 or 2020) Line 8b
  - Stimulus amount phases out completely at \$120,000 AGI
- Up to **\$2,800 per Joint Married** tax filers if AGI is **≤ \$150,000** based on last filed tax return (2019 or 2020) Line 8b
  - Stimulus amount phases out completely at \$160,000 AGI
- Plus **\$1,400 for EACH dependent** (regardless of age) based on last filed tax return (2019 or 2020)

*If you don't file a tax return but receive Social Security, the IRS will still coordinate a stimulus payment using your S.S. information.*

# Stimulus Payment Calculations and Status Check

<https://my.kiplinger.com/kiplinger-tools/taxes/third-stimulus-check-calculator/index.php>

STEP 1

What filing status did you use on your 2020 tax return?

*Use your 2019 return if you haven't filed your 2020 return yet.*

- Single
- Married filing jointly
- Married filing separately
- Head of household
- Qualifying widow(er)

STEP 2

How many dependents did you claim on your 2020 tax return?

*Use your 2019 return if you haven't filed your 2020 return yet.*

STEP 3

What's the adjusted gross income reported on your 2020 tax return?

*Use your 2019 return if you haven't filed your 2020 return yet.*

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SUBMIT

CLEAR FORM



[www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment)

## Get My Payment

If you need additional help, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required.

**Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax ID Number (ITIN) \***

Enter your 9 digit Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN).

**Date of Birth \***

Enter your Date of Birth in MM/DD/YYYY format.

**Street Address \***

Enter your Street Address in "123 Main St NW #7" format. Do not enter City/Town or State.

**ZIP or Postal Code (\* Required except for countries without ZIP or postal codes)**

Enter your 5 digit ZIP or Postal Code.

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# Child Earned Income Credit for Tax Year 2021

- Child Earned Tax Credit temporarily increases the credit in 2021 from \$2,000 to **\$3,000 per child** under 18 yrs old.
  - **\$3,600 per child** for kids under the age of 6 years old.
- Tax filers will get the full child tax credit for each dependent child if their adjusted gross income is as follows:
  - **Single** tax filer with AGI  $\leq$  **\$75,000** and phases out \$200,000
  - **Head of Household** tax filer with AGI  $\leq$  **\$112,500** and phases out \$200,000
  - **Joint Married** tax filers with AGI  $\leq$  **\$150,000** and phases out 400,000
- Also, monthly "**child allowance**" payments made to families from July to December 2021.
  - First half the total credit amount will be paid in advance.
  - Second half of total credit amount will be claimed on the 2021 tax return.

# Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

[www.CareerOneStop.org](http://www.CareerOneStop.org)

## Federal pandemic unemployment assistance

- Additional **\$300 per week** federal assistance on top of the state unemployment amount
- Extended through **Labor Day, September 6, 2021**
- Eligible to all out-of-work **W2, 1099, and self-employed individuals**
- Be sure to update your **weekly certifications**. If your state experiences a delay in updating their portals, don't worry, you will get the money you are owed **retroactively**.
- The first \$10,200 per tax filer of unemployment benefits is not reportable as income in both 2020 & 2021.
- **Cannot collect Unemployment** during covered period of your **PPP**. Stagger it.

Q & A

# Jay Dick

*Senior Director of State and Local Government Affairs  
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## State and Local Block Grants

- Congress appropriated \$350 billion to help states, counties, cities and tribal governments to:
  - Provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue
  - Mitigate economic harm from the Covid-19 pandemic **by addressing its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality.**
  - Make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure
- An additional \$12 billion for Coronavirus Capital Projects and Public Land Counties
- **Deadline to spend the funds is 12/31/24**
- At least 50% of funds to be distributed **no later than 60 days** from enactment and the remaining funds no earlier than one year after the first distribution.
- State would have to distribute funds to smaller towns **within 30 days** of receipt of funds.
  - A town cannot receive more than 75% of its budget as of 1/27/20.

# State and Local Block Grants

- Provides \$195.3 billion to states and the District of Columbia.
  - \$25.5 billion would be equally divided to provide each state and DC \$500 million.
  - \$169 billion would be allocated based upon the states' share of unemployed workers over a three-month period, from October–December 2020.
  - \$1.15 billion in additional aid for the District of Columbia.
- Provides \$130.2 billion to Local governments
  - \$65.1 billion for counties (based on population or modified CDBG formula, whichever is greater)
  - \$45.6 billion for metropolitan cities (using modified CDBG formula)
  - \$19.5 billion for towns w/ fewer than 50K people (based on population and distributed through the state)
- Provides \$4.5 billion to U.S. territories
- Provides \$20 billion to tribal governments
- Provides \$10 billion for Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (related to work, education and health monitoring, including remote options in response to Covid-19)
- Provide \$2 billion for local assistance and tribal consistency fund. (public land counties)

# CARES Act 2020 State & Local Block Grants for Arts

[Link to Google Form](#)

Cities and Counties		Many cities gave these funds to Local Arts Agencies to award relief grants to artists & arts groups.	
Austin, TX	7,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/economicrecovery">https://www.austintexas.gov/economicrecovery</a>
Boston, MA	1,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.boston.gov/news/1-million-arts-and">https://www.boston.gov/news/1-million-arts-and</a>
Charlotte, NC	4,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://artsnc.org/500k-for-arts-relief-in-guilford-">https://artsnc.org/500k-for-arts-relief-in-guilford-</a>
Columbus, OH	1,500,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://columbus.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.a">https://columbus.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.a</a>
Dallas, TX	1,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.keranews.org/arts/2020-08-20/fede">https://www.keranews.org/arts/2020-08-20/fede</a>
Dayton County, OH	3,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/see-full">https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/see-full</a>
Denver, CO	1,200,000	Local CARES Act	Relief fund for artists and venues; holiday Arts thr
Douglas County, NE	\$10,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.douglascounty-ne.gov/30-covid-relie">https://www.douglascounty-ne.gov/30-covid-relie</a>
El Paso, TX	1,500,000	Local CARES Act	for production equipment to allow municipal muse
Guildford County, NC	\$700,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://greensboro.com/blogs/gotriad_extra/a-lif">https://greensboro.com/blogs/gotriad_extra/a-lif</a>
Howard County, MD	\$750,000	local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/c">https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/howard/c</a>
Houston, TX	2,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2020/r">https://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2020/r</a>
Fulton County, GA	\$1,500,000	Local CARES Act	
King County, WA (Seattle)	\$2,000,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/news/2020/">https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/news/2020/</a>
Long Beach, CA	1,500,000	Local CARES Act	<a href="http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&amp;I">http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&amp;I</a>

# American Rescue Plan Distribution of State & Local Block Grants

[Link to the tables](#)

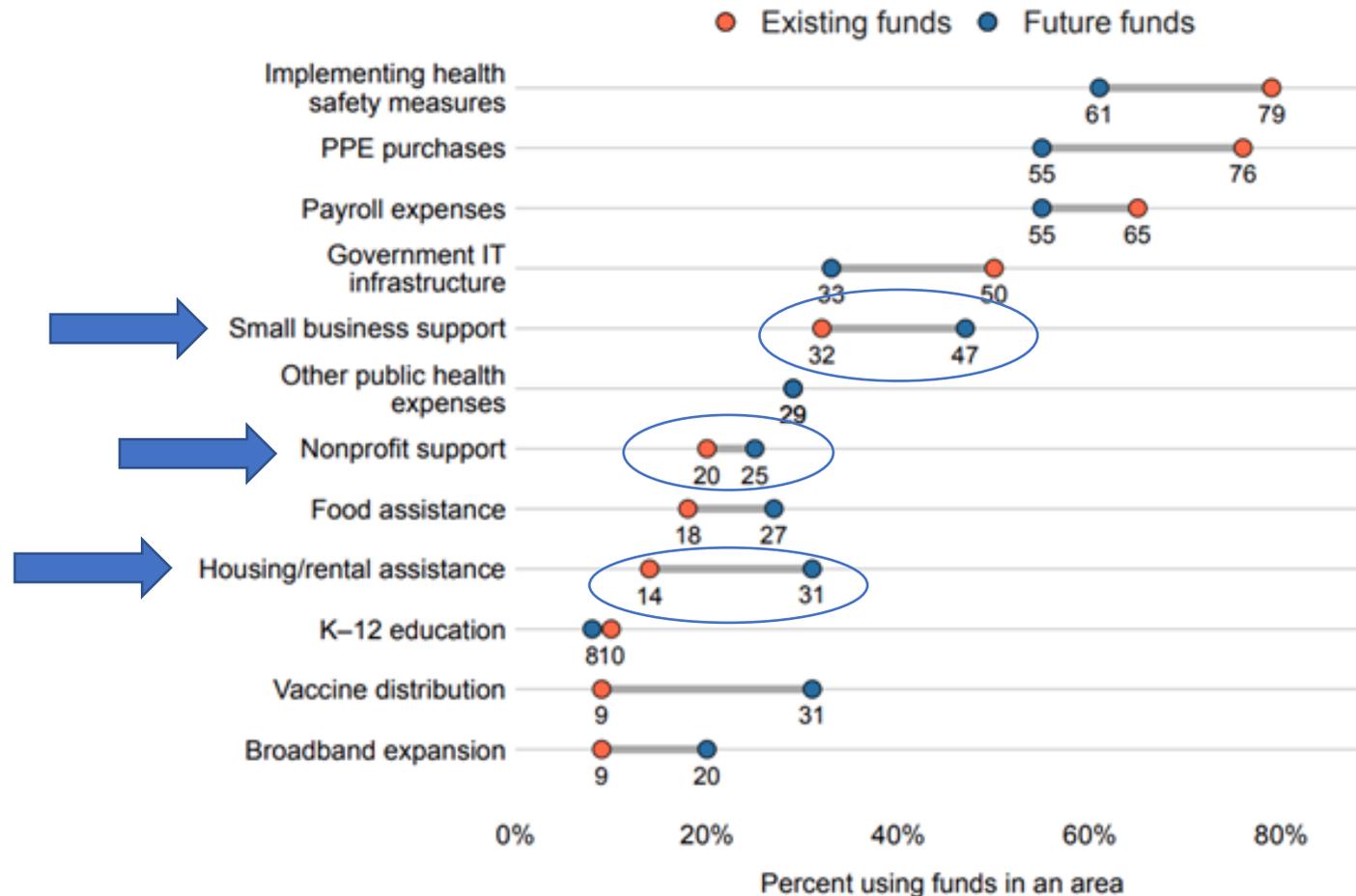
STATE	ESTIMATED ALLOCATION
Alabama	\$950,942,537
Alaska	\$187,223,541
American Samoa	\$9,397,742
Arizona	\$1,411,662,340
Arkansas	\$585,284,502
California	\$8,128,133,252
Colorado	\$1,293,868,146
Connecticut	\$691,465,459
Delaware	\$188,855,531
Florida	\$4,329,289,307
Georgia	\$2,240,356,555

NAME	STATE	TOTAL ESTIMATED
Kiowa County	Colorado	\$272,685
Adair County	Iowa	\$1,387,086
Adams County	Iowa	\$698,586
Allamakee County	Iowa	\$2,654,509
Appanoose County	Iowa	\$2,409,946
Audubon County	Iowa	\$1,065,915
Benton County	Iowa	\$4,973,690
Black Hawk County	Iowa	\$25,450,862
Boone County	Iowa	\$5,087,923
Bremer County	Iowa	\$4,860,621
Buchanan County	Iowa	\$4,106,761

# How States & Locals Will Use their Money Differently

[Link to the article](#)

## Spending Changes for Local Governments



Source: CivicPulse (February 2021)

# Mitch Menchaca

*Executive Director*

*City of Phoenix Office of Arts + Culture*



In 2020, the Phoenix City Council approved using **\$2.6 million** in federal Coronavirus Relief Funding to help artists, along with nonprofit arts and culture organizations, hurting financially because of the global health emergency.

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture administered a program that offered:

- relief grants to individual artists support working artists, teaching artists, and other arts-based workers;
- emergency relief grants to arts and cultural nonprofits; and
- professional development and technical assistance programs.

Q & A

# Peter Gordon

*Director of Federal Affairs  
Americans for the Arts*



## Pending & Future Legislation

- **Paycheck Protection Program Extension**
  - House overwhelmingly passed an extension to apply for loans to May 31, 2021.
  - Senate prospects unsure. Senate will consider the bill this week or early next week.
- **Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations**
  - Goal is for the House to pass bills by end of July. Senate to take them up in the Fall.
- **Future Recovery Legislation/Infrastructure Package**
  - No definite path forward yet. House and Senate Democrats are working with White House on drafting bills now.
- **Attend the National Arts Action Summit!**
  - April 5 – 9, 2021
  - Full registration support is available to anyone.  
[www.AmericansForTheArts.org/Events/National-Arts-Action-Summit](http://www.AmericansForTheArts.org/Events/National-Arts-Action-Summit)

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## Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - \$125 billion still available

- Self-Employed workers **Cannot** collect unemployment during your PPP covered period.
- Covered period can be **8-to-24 weeks**.
- No longer have to subtract out EIDL Advances on PPP Forgiveness Forms.
- **March 31<sup>st</sup> is the application deadline**, but many banks have created artificially early deadlines.
- As of 3/11/21 – **Dual eligibility**. You **can** now apply for PPP **before** applying for SVOG for a net award, but forms have not been updated since 3/3/21 to remove the certification to not apply for an SVOG.
- Congress may extend deadline to May 31<sup>st</sup>, but SBA says you cannot apply for PPP **after** receiving an SVOG as per SVOG FAQs.

# Paycheck Protection Program

## Small Business (Non-Schedule C filers) certification problem on Forms 2483 & 2483-SD

- I understand that loan forgiveness will be provided for the sum of documented payroll costs, covered mortgage interest payments, covered rent payments, covered utilities, covered operations expenditures, covered property damage costs, covered supplier costs, and covered worker protection expenditures, and not more than 40% of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs. If required, the Applicant will provide to the Lender and/or SBA documentation verifying the number of full-time equivalent employees on the Applicant's payroll as well as the dollar amounts of eligible expenses for the covered period following this loan.
- The Applicant has not and will not receive another loan under the Paycheck Protection Program, section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) (this does not include Paycheck Protection Program second draw loans, section 7(a)(37) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(37))).
- The Applicant has not and will not receive a Shuttered Venue Operator grant from SBA.
- The President, the Vice President, the head of an Executive department, or a Member of Congress, or the spouse of such person as determined under applicable common law, does not directly or indirectly hold a controlling interest in the Applicant, with such terms having the meanings provided in Section 322 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act.
- The Applicant is not an issuer, the securities of which are listed on an exchange registered as a national securities exchange under section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f).
- I further certify that the information provided in this application and the information provided in all supporting documents and forms is true and accurate in all material respects. I understand that knowingly making a false statement to obtain a guaranteed loan from SBA is punishable under the law, including under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 3571 by imprisonment of not more than five years and/or a fine of up to \$250,000; under 15 U.S.C. 645 by imprisonment of not more than two years and/or a fine of not more than \$5,000; and, if submitted to a federally insured institution, under 18 U.S.C. 1014 by imprisonment of not more than thirty years and/or a fine of not more than \$1,000,000.
- I acknowledge that the Lender will confirm the eligible loan amount using required documents submitted. I understand, acknowledge, and agree that the Lender can share any tax information that I have provided with SBA's authorized representatives, including authorized representatives of the SBA Office of Inspector General, for the purpose of compliance with SBA Loan Program Requirements and all SBA reviews.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

SBA Form 2483 (3/21)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

# Paycheck Protection Program – Breaking News

## SBA released Interim Final Rules this afternoon

[SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 13 CFR Parts 120 and 121 \[Docket Number SBA-2021-0013\] RIN 3245-AH77 Business Loan Program Temporary Changes; Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by American Rescue Plan Act](#)

### New certification language to be released on PPP Loan Forms:

“The Applicant has not been approved for a Shuttered Venue Operator (SVO) grant from SBA as of the date of this loan application, and the Applicant acknowledges that if the Applicant is approved for an SVO grant before SBA issues a loan number for this loan, the Applicant is ineligible for the loan and acceptance of any loan proceeds will be considered an unauthorized use.”

# Paycheck Protection Program

## Loan Application Forms and FAQs

- As of 3/11/21 [data](#), SBA has approved 2.5 million loans for **\$168.5 billion**
- **SBA FAQs** Regularly Updated [FAQs on PPP Loans by SBA and US Treasury](#)
- 3/3/21 **New Form 2483-C** [PPP Application for 1st Draw Self-Employed Filing Schedule C](#) (Gross revenue)
- 3/3/21 **New Form 2483-SD-C** [PPP Application for 2nd Draw Self-Employed Filing Schedule C](#) (Gross revenue)
  - *Must show a reduction in Gross Receipts of at Least 25% (Applicants for loans of \$150,000 or less may leave blank but must provide upon SBA request or before seeking loan forgiveness)*
  - *Keep pressure on Congress & WH to **retroactively** allow Schedule C filers to amend completed PPP loans*
- 3/3/21 **SBA Form 2483** [PPP Application for 1st Draw small businesses for non-schedule C filers](#). (Payroll)
- 3/3/21 **SBA Form 2483-SD** [PPP Application for 2nd Draw small businesses for non-schedule C filers](#). (Payroll)
  - *Must show a reduction in Gross Receipts of at Least 25% (Applicants for loans of \$150,000 or less may leave blank but must provide upon SBA request or before seeking loan forgiveness)*

# Paycheck Protection Program

Most lenders have not updated the new Schedule C forms in their portals



**Paycheck Protection Program**  
**Second Draw Borrower Application Form for Schedule C Filers Using Gross Income**  
**March 3, 2021**

OMB Control No.: 3245-0417  
 Expiration Date: 9/30/2021

**AN APPLICANT MAY USE THIS FORM ONLY IF THE APPLICANT FILES AN IRS FORM 1040, SCHEDULE C, AND USES GROSS INCOME TO CALCULATE PPP LOAN AMOUNT**

<b>Check One:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed individual	<b>DBA or Tradename (if applicable)</b>	<b>Year of Establishment (if applicable)</b>
<b>Business Legal Name</b>	<b>NAICS Code</b>	
<b>Business Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code - No P.O. Box addresses allowed)</b>	<b>Business TIN (EIN, SSN, ITIN)</b>	<b>Business Phone</b>
	<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
<b>Total Amount of Gross Income (from IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, Line 7)</b>	<b>Tax Year Used for Gross Income</b>	<b>Number of Employees (including owners and affiliates, if applicable; may not exceed 300 unless "per location" exception applies):</b>
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020	

**If you do not have any employees (other than owners), complete this table:**

<b>A. Your gross income amount from 2019 or 2020 IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, line 7</b>	\$	<b>B. Divide A by 12 (if more than \$8,333.33, enter \$8,333.33):</b>	\$	<b>x 2.5 (or x 3.5 for NAICS 72 applicants) (may not exceed \$2,000,000):</b>	\$
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# Paycheck Protection Program Forgiveness

## Forgiveness Forms and FAQs

You **must** apply for forgiveness within 10 months of end of your covered period.

SBA does **not** require you to file for forgiveness before you apply for a Second Draw, but your lender may.

- **SBA FAQs** [PPP Forgiveness by SBA and US Treasury](#)
- [New PPP Loan Forgiveness Application Form 3508-S](#) (shortest form for loans of \$150,000 or less, as well as all self-employed tax filers)
- [Application for the PPP Loan Form 3508-EZ Forgiveness](#)
- [Application for PPP Loan Form 3508 \(Long Version\) Forgiveness](#)

# Nate McGaha

*Executive Director  
Arts North Carolina*



## Resources:

- SBA SVOG Website** [Shuttered Venue Operators Grant \(sba.gov\)](#)
- SBA FAQs Regularly Updated** [FAQs on Shuttered Venue Operators \(SVO\) Grants by SBA](#)
  
- 3/5/21 [SVOG Eligibility Requirements](#)
- 3/11/21 [SVOG Preliminary Application Checklist](#)
- 3/5/21 **SBA Tutorial:** [SVOG Video for Museum Operators](#)
- 3/8/21 **SBA Tutorial:** [SVOG Video for Motion Picture Theatre Operators](#)
- 3/3/21 **SBA Tutorial:** [SVOG video for Live Venue Operators](#)
- 3/3/21 **SBA Tutorial:** [SVOG video for Talent Representatives](#)
- 2/18/21 **SBA Tutorial:** [DUNS and SAM.gov Registration Training Video](#)

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## How much are the Grant Amounts?

- Initial grants will be equal to the lesser of
  - 45% of gross earned revenue during 2019 or,
  - \$10 million.
- Entities that began operations after January 1, 2019 will receive an amount equal to their total 2019 gross revenue, divided by the number of full months (not partial months) in operation and then multiplied by six.
- Supplemental Grants of 50% of the initial grant amount already awarded, may be awarded if the entity or individual can show a 70% loss of gross revenue for the most recent calendar quarter as of April 1, 2021 (January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021) than the same period in 2019 due to the pandemic, if funding is still available
- The total of the initial and additional grants awarded may not exceed \$10 million.
- The original allocation was \$15 billion. The American Rescue Plan added \$1.25 billion. There is now a total of \$16.25 billion available. (Now that entities can receive a PPP loan first, will help funding last longer).
- Application portal is expected to open in early April. More SBA information and webinars coming (including with AFTA).
- TIP: Do not disqualify yourself. If you are in doubt, APPLY. SBA determines eligibility and priority, not you.

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## Who is Eligible?

- ❑ **Live Venue Operator or Promoter** has its principal business activity either: (1) Organizing, promoting, producing, managing, or hosting events by performing artists for which admission fees are charged and performers are paid based on a percentage of sales, a guarantee, or other mutually beneficial formal arrangement; or (2) Publicly selling tickets on average 60 days in advance of performing arts events for which performers are paid based on a percentage of sales, a guarantee, or other mutually beneficial formal arrangement.
- ❑ **Theatrical Producer** is an eligible individual or entity (including the entity that employs the performers in a theatrical production) which has the responsibility for creating, producing, or operating live theatrical productions and that have either a non-passive profit (net income or loss) interest in a theatrical production (other than as a vendor or service provider) or sole or joint rights to control a theatrical production.
- ❑ **Live Performing Arts Organization Operator** is any entity (including a theatrical management business) which meets the criteria established under the Economic Aid Act and whose principal business activity is to create, produce, perform, and/or present live performances for audiences in qualifying venues, including amphitheatres, concert halls, auditoriums, theatres, clubs, festivals, and schools
- ❑ **Relevant Museum Operator** is a public, tribal, or private nonprofit that utilizes a professional staff, and is organized on a permanent basis to fulfill cultural, educational or aesthetic purposes through the exhibition of tangible objects to the general public. Tangible objects exhibited by museums must be cared for by the museums, may be animate or inanimate, and may be owned or used by the museums.
- ❑ **Motion Picture Theater Operator** must have at least one screen with a projection booth, an area with fixed audience seating, market show-time listings by print or electronic means, and charge admission.
- ❑ **Talent Representative** is an agent or manager for whom no less than 70% of their business operations (as measured with reference to their overall revenues, costs, devotion of time, contracts, and other indicia of business activity) involves the representation or management of two or more artists or entertainers. These operations must involve booking or representing musicians, comedians, actors, or similar performing artists primarily at live events staged in venues or at festivals in exchange for compensation founded on the number of tickets sold or a similar basis.

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## Who is Eligible?

- Eligible entities** are for-profit, nonprofit, or government operated live performance venue operators or promoters, talent representatives, theatrical producers, performing arts organization, relevant museum, and motion picture theater operators;
  - Operating before February 29, 2020.
  - Gross earned revenue of one calendar quarter of 2020 was 25% less** than the same calendar quarter of 2019.
  - On the date the grant is issued, eligible entities must be operating or intending to operate in the future.
  
- As a result of the American Rescue Plan, **an entity may NOW apply for a PPP loan** (First or Second Draw) after December 27, 2020 and **THEN apply for and receive a Shuttered Venue Operator Grant**. The award will be **reduced by the amount of the PPP loan**. (You can not apply for a PPP loan after receiving an SVOG)
  
- Eligible independent entities cannot:**
  - Be issuer of securities on a national securities exchange.
  - Receive more than 10% of gross revenue from the federal government. (Except state and local governments, or public colleges and universities)
  - Offer performances, services, or merchandise of an excessive sexual nature.
  - Have more than two of the following three characteristics:
    - 1) Venues in more than one country.
    - 2) Venues in more than ten states.
    - 3) More than 500 FTE employees as of Feb. 29, 2020.

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## Who is Eligible?

- Live Venue Operators, Performing Arts Organization Operators, and Theatrical Producers which:**
  - Make at least **70% of their earned revenue** from tickets/admission charges or production fees/reimbursements for live events, concessions or merchandise at events, and/or nonprofit educational activities.
  - OR, live performance venues** that sell admission to live performances at least 60 days in advance and pay artists through a percentage, contract, or other mutually beneficial arrangement.

## AND ALSO:

- Venues must have a clearly defined **audience and performance areas** (stage).
- Charge** admission or fees for most performances (nonprofits providing free events run by paid staff are eligible).
- Advertise** events through print or online media.
- Fairly pay** staff and/or performers. (organizations with volunteer performers and paid staff are eligible)
- Engage one or more persons** doing at least **two of the following positions:**
  - sound engineer       box office manager
  - stage manager       booker
  - security personnel       promoter
- Use **certain equipment:**
  - Mixing Equipment, Public Address System, and a Lighting Rig

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## Who is Eligible?

- Relevant Museum Operators** must operate a nonprofit museum as its principal business with indoor exhibition spaces subject to pandemic restrictions, and have at least one auditorium, theater, or performance or lecture hall with **fixed audience seating and regular programming**.
- Talent Representatives** must have 70% of operations be **representing professional artists for primarily live performances** as described for live performance venues.
- Motion Picture Theater Operators** must have at least one screen with a projection booth, an area with **fixed audience seating**, market show-time listings by print or electronic means, and charge admission.
- ALL APPLICANTS must have a DUNS number and SAM account (do this NOW).**

## Calculation Notes:

- Full Time Equivalent Employees:** 30+hr./wk. = 1 FTE and 10-30 hrs./wk. =.5 FTE. (This is **NOT 1099** Workers)
- SBA will use alternate methods to determine loss of **seasonal employers**.
- CARES Act funding** should not be counted toward gross revenue.
- Accrual accounting** should be used to determine revenue. **AUDITED FINANCIALS NOT REQUIRED**

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## What is the Priority of Initial Grant Awards?

- Priority One, Day 1-14:** Awards only for **applicants with 90% loss of gross revenue** April 1st through December 31st 2020 as compared to same period in 2019 resulting from the pandemic.
- Priority Two, Day 15-28:** Awards only for **applicants with 70% loss of gross revenue** April 1st through December 31st 2020 as compared to same period in 2019 resulting from the pandemic.
- “Priority Three,” After 28 Days:** Awards for **applicants with 25% loss of earned revenue** for a single calendar quarter of 2020 as compared to same period in 2019 resulting from the pandemic.
- After Initial Grants** (Priority 1-3) are awarded, **Supplemental Grants of 50% of the initial grant amount already awarded**, may be awarded if the entity or individual can show a **70% loss of gross revenue** for the most recent calendar quarter as of April 1, 2021 (January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021) than the same period in 2019 due to the pandemic, if funding is still available.
  - TIP: Do not disqualify yourself.** If you are in doubt, **APPLY**. **SBA determines eligibility and priority, not you.**
  - SBA may award no more than 80% of total funding during the first 28 days.
  - SBA must award at least \$2 billion to entities with 50 or fewer full-time employees.

# Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

## What are the Allowable Expenses?

- Initial grants must be used for allowable expenses** incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 and paid within one year of receiving funds.
- Supplemental grants must be used for allowable expenses** incurred between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022 and paid within 18 months of receiving funds.
- Allowable expenses include** payroll, equipment, rent, utilities, insurance, worker protection expenditures, most mortgage payments, business expenses, maintenance and administrative costs, and state and local taxes, as well as advertising, travel and capital expenditures for live performances (may not be primary use of funds).
- Prohibited expenses include** the purchase of real estate or any payment on a mortgage initiated after February 15, 2020. The funds may not be re-loaned or invested, or used to make political contributions.
- Owner compensation** is payable using SVOG funds to the extent that the total amounts involved do not exceed what an owner received in compensation in 2019. **Owners may also be fully reimbursed for personal funds** they contributed to an entity to keep it in operation during the allowable expenses period with sufficient documentation.
- Grant use will be reviewed by the SBA** to determine fraud, noncompliance, or misspent funds and grant recipients will need to retain 4 years of employment record and 3 years of other records following receipt of the grant.

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