



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

March 5th, 2021

Susan Minson  
OMB Desk Officer  
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Ms. Minson,

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures in 5 CFR Part 1320, SBA requests emergency review of a new collection of information that is required to implement the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program (SVOG). SBA also requests a waiver from the requirement to publish the 60-day and 30-day public comment notices in the Federal Register. The SVOG Program was recently authorized by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (“Economic Aid Act”), Pub. L. 116-260, Div. N, Title III, Sec. 324 (December 27, 2020), to provide grants up to \$10 million dollars to operators of shuttered venues subject to the statutory eligibility requirements and the availability of funds. Given the current urgent need and to help mitigate harm to the affected small businesses, SBA requests approval of this new information collection by March 15, 2021. If this request for emergency processing is approved, SBA will subsequently take the necessary steps to comply with the notice requirements. SBA appreciates your prompt attention to this matter and looks forward to receiving your emergency approval.

Sincerely,

James E. Rivera  
Associate Administrator  
Office of Disaster Assistance