



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20416

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Susan Minson
SBA 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 substantive revisions to the collection of information for the *Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program* (SVOG), OMB Control Number 3245-0420. This information collection is currently approved under emergency procedures until September 30, 2021. This request for emergency processing includes a request for waiver of the requirement to publish the 60-day and 30-day public comment notices in the Federal Register.

The revisions to the SVOG information collection are necessary to incorporate systems requirements in the electronic application portal established by SBA for the program, revise the information collection for accuracy and completeness, and implement amendments to the program under the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2), enacted on March 11, 2021.

The SVOG program was originally authorized under the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (P.L. 116-260), enacted on December 27, 2020, to provide grants up to \$10 million 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 the harm to the affected small businesses from the COVID-19 pandemic, SBA cannot comply with the standard review and approval procedures. Accordingly, SBA is requesting that OMB review and approve the revised information collection under the emergency procedures set forth in 5 CFR 1320.13.

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