

Music Venue Assistance Program

The Music Venue Assistance Program (MVAP) was created to support our valuable music industry, and to reduce sound complaints. This program offers low interest micro loans to qualifying establishments for the purpose of enhancing the sound quality of indoor and outdoor venues, while reducing sound impact to neighboring uses.

Who is eligible?

- Owners of commercial businesses located in the Austin City Limits that have been operating at a present location or have experience operating a similar type business for a minimum of two years

Why borrow through the MVAP?

- Possible extended hours of amplified sound permit, once sound mitigation results are documented
- Free professional consultations are included, improved sound quality for your patrons
- MVAP loan interest rates are well below market (around .75%)
- City of Austin will help market your business
- Turn complaining neighbors into supporting customer base

What kinds of technological and architectural sound mitigation products are eligible?

- Directional main speaker and cardioid subwoofer systems
- Speaker trussing for ensuring optimum downward angle speaker installation
- Vestibule door systems to contain sound and maximize energy efficiency for indoor venues
- Performance area sound enclosures/band shells
- Sound blocking walls and curtains