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Owner drops plan to sell Brillobox and could reopen with the help of shuttered venue grant money

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Brillobox, which enjoyed a 15-year run hosting a range of different musical acts while serving a menu with a cross-section of vegetarian and vegan offerings, may soon get a new life.

After the [business went up for sale last summer](#) when the pandemic made running any kind of live performance venue untenable, the ownership of the Brillobox has turned down offers to sell and is listed as a recipient of the federal Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program administered by the Small Business Administration.



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According to a database of the recipients of the venue grant program, Brillobox is listed to be awarded \$245,000 through the program, a value that's a considerable portion of the \$290,000 list price at which Ross-based Speciality Group was marketing the business.

Lou Ickes, who owns Brillobox with his wife Jenessa Walter, wasn't immediately available for comment.

Terri Sokoloff, a principal of Specialty Group who was representing the business for sale, reports her clients opted not to follow through with selling it.

"We marketed it and yes we did have offers but they were hoping they could reopen the venue," said Sokoloff.

The SBA disclosed the recipients of the program on August 2, revealing a broad variety of Pittsburgh-area venues in line to get funding through the program, including many of the performance organizations of the cultural district downtown as well as movie theater operators and a mix of other clubs and venues.

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