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## **ALERT!**

### **AVOID THE FREE GRANT MONEY SCAM!**

Have you received a call or e-mail stating you qualify for thousands of dollars in grant money? With our economy in turmoil, con artists are using the words “stimulus grant money” as a means to coax their victims into falling for this scam.

In order to obtain these funds, the victim is required to give their personal banking information for an up-front \$249 fee. They are told that after this fee is received, the grant money will be deposited into their account. The fee is withdrawn immediately, but grant funds are never received.

An employee in my office received a call offering free grant money. Although the caller sounded professional, after being questioned extensively, she became flustered and hung up.

**Do not provide your personal information to anyone. You can apply for different grants, but the U.S. Government will not contact you offering free money.**

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