

Government Grant Scam

Thousands of dollars in government grants could sound like a huge relief, but scammers could leave you short of money.

Using phone calls and social media, scammers are targeting people searching for financial relief with promises that they've been selected for a free government grants. Scammers might say "All we need is your bank account information and the funds will be transferred directly to your account," or "We just need you to pay a registration fee to receive the grant by going to a local drug store, purchasing a \$250 prepaid debit card, and calling us back with the code on the back of the card."

Remember: Legitimate government grants do not require a fee and are not offered to individuals to cover personal expenses.

You should never your give banking account information to someone you don't know and with whom you didn't initiate contact. If you receive a phone call or a message like this, hang up or delete it. If you believe you're the victim of this scam, contact your bank immediately and report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

[Federal Trade Commission](#)

You can also report scams to the Better Business Bureau's [Scam Tracker](#) and check what scams are being reported in your area, the state, and across the country.