

# Alert: Beware of Scams and Frauds Related to COVID-19 and Grant Funding

It has come to our attention that there are scammers contacting HUD grantees with erroneous grant funding opportunities requesting up-front fees to disseminate the funding.

**Know it.** HUD never contacts grantees asking for up-front costs or fees to disseminate grant funding. HUD does not send grant announcement notifications via informal channels such as a personal email to an individual. If you suspect that communication you have received could be a scam, [contact your local field office](#) to verify the information before responding or clicking on any links. Review the other [scams related to coronavirus](#) reported by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

**Avoid it.** Avoid clicking on hyperlinks to websites asking for personal information or direct deposit information, even if the communication looks official.

**Report it.** Report potential scams or suspicious communications to:

- HUD Office of the Inspector General (OIG): [hotline@hudoig.gov](mailto:hotline@hudoig.gov)
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC): Complaint Assistance: [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov)
- Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force (FFETF): [ffetf@doj.gov](mailto:ffetf@doj.gov)

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