

Government Green Grant Fund (GGF) Scam

GGF is supposed to stand for Government Green-Grant Funds. The scammers are using the term “grant” or “free” to make people think that they are going to be receiving 10s of thousands of dollars because they are underprivileged. The government is using these funds to help eradicate poverty! **WHAT A NOBLE PLAN!**

They are calling customers, spoofing a Facebook account of our customer’s relative and/or texting them making them think that it is our customer’s friend or relative that is on the other end. Then the so called “relative” gives the customer a phone number to call to contact the GGF and find out how much they will be receiving. The “relative” has already received a “grant” and even attaches a picture of the US Cash that were delivered by UPS/FedEx.

After the scammers think you are hooked, they ask for personal information so that they can assure you will only be able to claim your “grant” once. This “eradication form” needs to be filled out before they will send you your money. My customer knew this was a scam so she played along to see what they would do. She told them that she wanted the personal info form sent to her. She would not give the information to him over the phone or via texting. She told them to send it to her assistant so that she could help fill it out. At that point they got very excited and told her to not share her good fortune with anyone until she had received the cash for which she was eligible. They said it was a privacy and security issue. Because they were sending cash they didn’t want anyone to know about the delivery because someone could possibly intercept, steal the package. They wanted to send the form directly to her not an assistant.

Along with the form, they then needed \$1000 to cover the tax filing fee and delivery fee because she could not come to the office to pick up her grant. She told them to just take the tax filing fee and the delivery fee out of the funds they were going to send out and give her a net figure. They couldn’t do that because the money was going to the delivery man. She told them she would have the cash for the UPS/FedEx delivery guy when he arrived with her package. That wouldn’t work either.

Once they said the fee was for delivery to her address, she asked for their address and offered to physically drive to their location to pick up the package of money. They must have finally decided that she had as many excuses as they did. She hasn’t received a text since she asked for their address. Her contact was an Austin Williams with a phone number of (202) 656-8083.

Warn your customers that if they are contacted regarding winnings or grants that they do not need send any funds before receiving their winnings!!!!