



## Special Notice

It has come to our attention that an individual unknown to Cummings Foundation – using the name **Heidi McKenna** – has misrepresented herself as an employee or an “account executive” of Cummings Foundation and has contacted people soliciting “grant applications.” In her outreach, she informs people that they have qualified for a grant, but they must first satisfy the tax obligations by sending her cash or a check.

***\*\*No such communication has been authorized by Cummings Foundation. Neither Heidi McKenna nor the website to which she refers ([cumminsfoundation.fordfnd.org](http://cumminsfoundation.fordfnd.org)) is in any way affiliated with the Cummings organization.\*\****

Cummings Foundation does not solicit grant requests via social media, and it never collects taxes related to grants, as all of its grant recipients are tax-exempt organizations. The Foundation rarely collects funds for any other purpose. One exception to this is the Foundation’s receiving of proceeds from the sale of Bill Cummings’ new book, [\*Starting Small and Making It Big\*](#). Those proceeds will, in turn, be used for charitable purposes.

Thank you to those who have made us aware of the attempted impersonation of Cummings Foundation. We are taking steps to try to prevent this individual from using our name without our permission or authority. If you are contacted by her, we encourage you to report the contact to us and to the social media channel through which you receive the communication. If you have any doubts about the authenticity of any communication that purports to originate from Cummings Foundation, please contact us directly at 781-935-8000. We would be pleased to clarify any confusion.