



## Special Notice

It has come to our attention that parties unknown to Cummings Foundation are attempting to use the Foundation's name to swindle individuals who are seeking financial support.

Please be advised that Cummings Foundation has one official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cummingsfoundation>. Any other pages purporting to be Cummings Foundation or Bill and/or Joyce Cummings are fraudulent.

Several individuals have reportedly been referred to "Cummings Foundation CFDA grant program," a fraudulent Facebook page, by a known contact who reached out to them via Facebook messenger. This "contact" (likely someone who has hacked into the contact's Facebook profile) reports that s/he has received a Cummings grant and directs the individual to the fraudulent page, where a messenger chat with a so-called "Foundation agent" (frequently identified as **Julie Leach**) will ultimately culminate government grant funding—provided the individual first pays for the "clearance and delivery" of the funds.

***Cummings Foundation awards grants ONLY to nonprofit charitable organizations. It does not issue grants to individuals.***

***Cummings Foundation NEVER requests payment for delivery of grant funds.***

To review the eligibility requirements and application process for the Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program, please visit [www.cummingsfoundation.org/grants](http://www.cummingsfoundation.org/grants).

Thank you to those who have made us aware of this fraudulent activity. If you believe you have been preyed upon by this scheme, you may wish to contact local law enforcement to file a report. If applicable, you may also wish to report the contact to the social media channel used and/or to the party whose social media account may have been appropriated to generate the communication. You are also welcome to contact Cummings Foundation at 781-935-8000 to confirm the authenticity of these or like communications.