

Special Notice

It has come to our attention that a few individuals unknown to Cummings Foundation have used the Foundation's name to scam unsuspecting people out of their money.

In the United States

An individual identifying himself as [Patrick Sawyers](#) has created a social media presence misrepresenting himself as a Foundation "agent" who is available to assist individuals with their grant applications. This person has reached out to people via Facebook requesting personal information, including social media details, under the guise of offering financial aid services.

Another individual has assumed control of other parties' Facebook messenger accounts and reached out to their contacts. In the Facebook message, the individual reports that s/he has received a Cummings grant and indicates that the contact is also eligible for funding through Cummings Foundation, provided that s/he first satisfies tax obligations by sending money through a payment link to the IRS.

- No such grant programs have been authorized by Cummings Foundation
- The payment website to which the second individual mentioned above refers is NOT in any way affiliated with the Cummings organization or the IRS

In Zambia

An individual claiming to have a personal affiliation with Bill and Joyce Cummings has solicited payments from individuals, churches, nonprofits, and other businesses with the promise of future funding from Bill Cummings himself. The individual has introduced himself as Apostle Paul Keys Kanyembo, the country director of Hope and Charity Welfare for Philanthropist.

- No such grant program has been authorized by Cummings Foundation or Bill and Joyce Cummings
- The Foundation is not active philanthropically in Zambia
- Although it supports a limited number of nonprofits in Rwanda, the Foundation's primary focus area is Massachusetts

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

The Foundation DOES NOT solicit grant requests via social media messenger platforms.

Cummings Foundation NEVER collects taxes related to grants, as all of its grant recipients are tax-exempt organizations.

To review the eligibility requirements and application process for the Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program, please visit www.cummingsfoundation.org/grants.

Thank you to those who have made us aware of these fraudulent schemes. If you believe that you have fallen victim to the scams described above, please 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 was 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.