



County of San Bernardino  
Department of Aging and Adult Services  
(DAAS)

# SCAM ALERT

## Scam: Fictitious Grant Offer

### Target: Seniors

A group of criminals posing as representatives of the U.S. Government may contact you claiming that you are eligible for government grant money as an incentive for paying your taxes on time. After the scam artists have explained the “free money” offer to you, they will ask for your personal information and a “processing fee.” **Do not give out your personal information! Do not give these criminals your money!** The U.S. Government will not contact you this way. This is a scam!

Scam Artists may attempt to obtain your personal information and money through a fictitious grant offer!

If you are contacted by someone attempting this scam through the telephone, by email or regular mail, the Office of the Inspector General recommends that you:

- Hang up the telephone immediately!
- Do not respond to the email or regular mail!
- Report the contact to Health and Human Services at 1-800-447-8477, local law enforcement, or the number listed below.

**The Office of Inspector General asks you to remind friends and family not to give out their personal information to others.**

**If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.**