



BBB SENIOR ALERT

Stimulus Package Scams

After the president signed the stimulus package, scams immediately started to surface.

One senior received information stating:

"The Obama Administration has made billions of dollars in free government grants available to couples. Send \$50 and we'll send you a list of grants and how to apply." **WRONG! WRONG! WRONG!**

1. Our government does not give grants to couples or individuals.
2. Grant information is FREE from your public library or FREE on www.grants.gov.
3. Applying for a government grant takes time, effort and skill. Grant applications can be challenging even for professional grant writers.

Seniors notified our BBB that telemarketers are calling them stating that because of the stimulus package, the *Better Business Bureau* is able to reduce the amount of their debt and provide credit cards with a lower interest rate. **This is absolutely absurd!**

Those crooks are using the BBB's good name to trick seniors into giving their credit card numbers and personal information.

The BBB is a private business ethics organization.

We are not government.

We are not involved in reducing anyone's debt.

We are not involved in lowering interest rates.

If anyone tries to pull one of these scams on you, get as much information as you can - then tell them you are reporting them to the Better Business Bureau.

We can be reached at (419) 531-3116 or toll free 1-800-743-4222.

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