

Good afternoon,

The California Department of Social Services is aware of a scam targeting IHSS participants regarding an “IHSS Grant”. The message falsely claims IHSS participants can receive a financial grant in exchange for a \$500 payment fee. This is a scam designed to steal IHSS participants money and personal information.

This message has been posted at the ESP Banner Page located at <https://www.etimesheets.ihss.ca.gov/login>.

SCAM ALERT: IHSS Program Grants

If you receive an email or any message regarding an “IHSS Grant”, please do not respond. The message falsely claims you can receive a “financial grant” in exchange for a \$500 payment fee. **This is a scam designed to steal your money and personal information.** Please do NOT respond, do NOT click any links, and do NOT send money. **Report all suspicious emails.** Learn more at: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>

Stay Informed, Protect Yourself and Others

This scam is a type of social engineering attack that uses fraudulent messages to trick people into sharing sensitive information, such as account credentials and/or banking information. This can be conducted through emails, text messages, QR codes, phone calls, and voicemails. “Threat Actors” move quickly to incorporate current event-based themes into the subject matter of their phishing emails, text messages, and even crowdfunding or fundraising campaign scams on social media.

Be Aware

- Verify the sender’s authenticity before clicking links or sharing information.
- Avoid unsolicited messages requesting personal or financial details.
- Learn more about the latest scams at the Federal Trade Commission website: consumer.ftc.gov/scams

Please follow your current quality assurance and program integrity process to report possible IHSS related fraud.