

CSBG Fraud Scheme Alert

The Department of Social Services (DSS) warns Missourians to be alert of new fraud activity involving Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. Individuals are reporting that they are getting messages from social media profiles that impersonate their friends or family asking for a \$500 gift card in exchange for a large sum of money through CSBG funds.

"The Department of Social Services will not email, text, call, send a message on social media, or ask anyone else to contact an individual to ask for money or gift cards in exchange for more money," said Robert Knodell, Acting Director of the Department of Social Services. "We want to make sure Missourians are aware of this fraudulent activity and remind them that it is important to report any suspicious emails, texts, messages, or calls immediately to prevent this from happening to others."

If you suspect you have received a fraudulent text, call, email, or message on social media, do not respond. Instead, report it immediately to the [Welfare Investigations Unit online](#) or by phone at 877-770-8055.

Security Tips

For more tips on keeping your information secure, visit the Missouri Attorney General's website on Identity Theft & Data Security at <https://www.ago.mo.gov/civil-division/consumer/identity-theft-data-security>.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a federal block grant provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that helps fund a network of 19 Community Action Agencies that help create, coordinate, and deliver programs and services to low-income Missourians across the state. For more information about CSBG and the services available [visit the DSS website](#).



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