



Media Statement

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SCAM ALERT – The NLC does not charge for applications or funding

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It has come to the attention of the NLC that there are syndicates targeting organisations that have applied for funding for good causes. This has been a trend in the past and the NLC would like to caution members of the public against these schemes.

How the scam operates (Modus Operandi)

Individuals using various aliases contact beneficiaries that have applied for funding with news that their applications have been successful.

They then request that money be deposited into their accounts as admin fees to release the grant payments.

Those who have been targeted soon discover that the apparent officials do not work for the NLC.

The NLC is working in close co-operation with law enforcement agencies to trace the people behind these scams and bring them to book.

Advice for applicants

- The NLC does not employ agents to facilitate applications and grants payments;
- The NLC does not require payment for the processing of applications, or to pay out grants;
- Report these activities to your local police station and contact us if your organisation has been approached in this manner
- Contact the NLC anti-fraud line 0800 212 129 if you notice any suspicious activities related to the NLC;
- Call us on 08600 65383 to verify information if you are contacted by so-called agents for any reason; and
- Members of the public can access information and assistance at our provincial offices free of charge

Fraud and corruption are criminal offences, and those found guilty of such will be prosecuted.

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