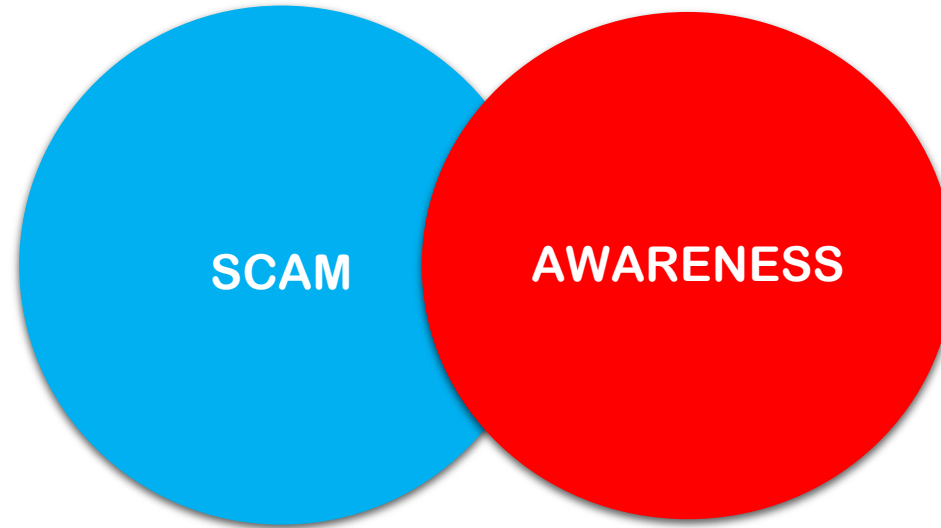




## **Social Media Scam**

The National Endowment for the Arts is aware of social media scams and has issued a warning at the following link:

<https://www.arts.gov/news/2016/national-endowment-arts-warns-public-about-grant-scam>



- The National Endowment for the Arts never notifies individuals or organizations recommended for a grant through Facebook, and never requests money as a condition to release grant funds.
- The National Endowment for the Arts suggests that you be cautious and do not provide any personally identifiable information to unsolicited contacts.
- If anyone contacts you claiming to be an Arts Endowment employee via Facebook, email, or phone to inform you that you have received a grant and must provide seed money to an account to release the grant funds. You should:
  - Not send them money or provide any personal information.
  - Consider the incident a potential scam and report it to the:
    1. National Endowment for the Arts Office of Inspector General at <https://www.arts.gov/oig>
    2. Federal Trade Commission at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>, and/or
    3. Federal Bureau of Investigation at <http://www.ic3.gov>.