



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

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MEDIA RELEASE

PUBLIC WARNING! PHISHING SCAM!


The Ministry of Finance is warning the general public of a phishing scam on social media, which asks them to email personal financial information to the following address: ministryoffinancefortrinidad@gmail.com. This email address is **FRAUDULENT**.


The Ministry utilises the e-mail domain: 'gov.tt' and not domains such as gmail.com, hotmail.com and yahoo.com.

Through the use of fake Facebook profiles associated with the above email address, fraudsters are purporting that grants and loans are being offered by the Ministry of Finance, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and similar bodies. To date, the Ministry is aware of the following aliases used by the fraudsters: "*Kathy Ann Thompson*" and "*Melina Haynes*". In some instances, persons have been contacted by phone and then asked to provide personal information.

The Ministry asks that persons be alert and should anyone require clarification on the services offered by the Ministry, they should contact the Ministry's Corporate Communications Unit at 612-9700 exts.2805/6/8/9 or visit the Ministry's website at: www.finance.gov.tt

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