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TO: Local Government Officials

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SUBJECT: Federal Stimulus Information

Local units of government must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number in order to apply for **discretionary Federal grant funds, which include Stimulus Funds**. Those of you that already receive Federal money should have a DUNS number in place. Those of you that do not currently have a DUNS number and plan to seek federal stimulus funds will need to apply. See the information below to apply for your DUNS number.

Registration Information for Federal Government Grants:

The federal government uses a central website for all discretionary grant applications, known as FedConnect. While this website does not always have all the details on every grant, local governments will be required to register on this website for funding. Local governments can pre-register with FedConnect now. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The web link for submitting applications through FedConnect is:

[https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect Ready Set Go.pdf](https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect%20Ready%20Set%20Go.pdf).

Before submitting an application through FedConnect each organization must complete the following steps:

- Step 1: Request a DUNS Number at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>
- Step 2: Register with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov/>.
- Step 3: E-Business Point of Contact must register in FedConnect at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>.

Due to a backlog at FedConnect, please allow 21 days to complete the registration process.

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