Has the U.S. government gone completely insane?

15,000 Federal Programs give away $350 billion dollars to 20 million perfectly ordinary citizens this year.

In this letter:

HOW TO GET YOUR SHARE OF THIS FREE MONEY!

Dear Friend:

Forget the insanity of Monica-gate and other White House scandals.

The latest lunacy from Capitol Hill makes Clinton's escapades look tame by comparison.

For reasons only the stuffed-shirt bureaucrats in Washington, DC understand, the tax-happy U.S. government is actually giving away money as fast as they can print it!

Right now, for example, just look at what a well-placed phone call or letter aimed at the right government agency can bring to your door ... in most cases, absolutely FREE!:

- $3,500 to volunteer to help kids – FREE!
- $30,000 to go to school in Hawaii – FREE!
- $12,000 to attend a cowboy festival in Australia – FREE!
- $22,000 to get job training for yourself – FREE!
- $5,000 to train your employees – FREE!
- $15,000 to write your novel – FREE!
- $50,000 to open your own bakery – FREE!
- $10,000 to become a quilt-maker – FREE!
- $30,000 to tag grizzly bears – FREE!
- 3-month extension on your unemployment insurance – FREE!
- $20,000 to produce your own TV show – FREE!
- $10,000 to become a freelance photographer – FREE!
- And much, much more – FREE!

But there's a catch: These programs are not widely advertised. In fact, 92% of all Americans never see a dime from any one of them!

And that's where I come in – to help you get your fair share of all the thousands of cash grants, direct payments, low-interest loans, and loan

(over, please)
guarantees the government is doling out this year.

Hello. My name is Matthew Lesko. And in a minute, I will show you exactly what to do, where to go, and how to ask for — and get — FREE MONEY from the U.S. government ... through one of the 15,000 give-away programs they’re running right now.

*How do I know about these programs — and how to unlock money from the government vaults and put it directly into your pockets?*

As a highly paid information consultant to Fortune 500 companies, I have devoted most of my professional life to unraveling the government’s information-disseminating infrastructure. The result: I’ve successfully pinpointed the prime sources of the best free programs.

And, I’ve mastered the strategies you need to get these government agencies to *send you money*. For instance, one of my readers, John Sennett, was a bar manager. After using my methods and information, he received $25,000 from the government to go back to school ... and is now marketing director for a hot new Internet company.

Does my name or face look familiar to you? You may have seen my TV programs or my guest appearances on *Larry King*, *David Letterman*, *Jay Leno*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *Oprah* ... where I’m regularly featured as the nation’s top expert on government freebies.

Or maybe you’ve seen the many articles and columns -- by or about me -- in the *New York Times*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Parade*, *Maturity News Service*, *Miami Today*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and other major media across the nation.

But enough about me. Let’s get to those great government give-aways ... and the unique directory I’ve compiled to make it easier than ever for you to grab your share of all this FREE MONEY. Introducing the fully revised and updated Second Edition of ...

*Free Money to Change Your Life.*

The most accurate, comprehensive, and easy-to-use guide to government freebies ever compiled.

I’ve written over 80 reference books on how to get free information and money from the U.S. government and other sources.

Several have been *New York Times* best-sellers ... and two won the prestigious *Best Reference Book of the Year Award* from the American Library Association.

But none even comes close to my newest book, *Free Money to Change Your Life.*
It's truly my "magnum opus" ... the culmination of a lifetime of getting the most and best free stuff from the U.S. government.

Here's just a sampling of the treasures you'll find inside this mammoth resource:

- $50,000 to start your own small business.
- Over $3 billion in state aid for students... here's how to get your share.
- **FREE** job training if you are laid off or can't get hired.
- $9,000 to learn computers.
  - $30,000 to start a home-based video production company.
- Start your own **nonprofit organization** for just $35!
- $5,000 to become a distributor of street hockey equipment.
- **$75,000 to remodel your home.**
  - **FREE** government money for day care.
- **$43,000 to become a French Chef.**
  - **FREE MONEY** to get your Ph.D.
- **$10,000 to put on poetry readings.**
  - **FREE** tutoring to help you get into college.
- Get **paid to work for your local or federal government.**
  - **FREE** training for divorced women.
- **$46,000 to become a nurse.**
  - **FREE** help to get your invention on the market.
- **$100,000 to start an Internet business.**
  - 350 **FREE** career research services.
- **$100,000 to open your own country inn.**
  - **FREE MONEY** for fathers paying child support.
- **$25,000 to start a consulting business.**
  - **FREE MONEY** to become a pilot.
- **$15,000 to start a word processing service.**
  - **FREE MONEY** to become a bee-keeper.
- **$130,000 to open a book store ... $92,000 to start a dry cleaners.**
  - **FREE** training in over 3,000 different occupations.
- **$300,000 to start a brewery.**
  - **FREE** college degree just because you're over 55.
- **$8,000 in free legal advice.**
  - **FREE MONEY** to improve your neighborhood.

My readers achieve results.

Perhaps you bought "Free Stuff" books from other publishers and were disappointed. Me too! The stuff they were offering was either cheap junk ... or when you wrote away for the free gifts, you were told the offer was no longer valid. What a waste!

_Free Money to Change Your Life_ avoids these problems. I'm proud to say:
I do my research! There’s no fluff here. Just real programs my readers have used with success to get real free money.

For example:

- Blanca Basson is a singer in Florida. Using my guide, she received over $30,000 to start a home-based advertising business. Her specialty? Jingles, of course. And there’s a ton of FREE MONEY the government has put aside specifically for women entrepreneurs. One of my readers got a $50,000 loan to buy a building for her business. Another female reader received $3 million in lucrative government contracts. That’s right. The government became her best customer!

- James Freericke of Washington, DC, was skeptical about the whole idea of government giveaways. Imagine his surprise when he received over half a million dollars in government money to work on his project and travel overseas.

- How much would you expect to pay for a new house? How about one dollar? That’s the price at which the government sold Theresa Spencer a home. They also gave her a $65,000 low-interest loan to fix it up.

- School is expensive. But not with Free Money to Change Your Life. Ask Mary Jo Schuster. The $70,000 she received in government loans and grants enabled her to go back to college for a masters degree. After getting her graduate degree, she went from bar-tending to a $40,000 a year job with full benefits.

- Lee and Cecelia Pfeiffer’s dream was to open a day care center. Using my information, not only did they get over $200,000 to start the business ... they even got free books and posters to decorate the children’s play area!

Now to answer a question that may be on your mind: Yes, Free Money to Change Your Life is a printed directory (although, as the enclosed Request Form indicates, it is also available on CD-ROM). So as government programs change, naturally some of the information may eventually go out of date.

But the good news is: my guidebook includes simple strategies you can use to prosper when that happens. By knowing what to do and say, you can often get even newer and better give-aways, perks, gifts, grants, loans, and programs ... from the same sources where other people strike out! These strategies, which I discuss in detail, are an added bonus other “free stuff” books do not provide.

**Worth Its Weight In Gold**

Another big advantage of Free Money to Change Your Life is that in this book – and every one of my books – I make a commitment to giving my readers their money’s worth and beyond.

Check out some of the other free stuff books being offered today. Flimsy,
thin paperbacks with puffed-up descriptions of valueless offers, so they can pad their page count to justify their cover price. A pure sham and rip-off.

Then take a look at *Free Money to Change Your Life*: 1,136 oversize 8 X 11" pages ... so big it weighs 6 pounds! All packed with complete details and contact information on more than 15,000 government giveaway programs that dole out $350 billion to 20 million people each and every year! Not worthless trinkets or useless leaflets, *but real money.*

Like:

- **FREE** legal, marketing, and planning advice for your fledgling small business.
- **$2,000 to study music.**
- **FREE MONEY** to quit your job and become a freelance writer.
- **$10,000 or more to help your state prepare for a hurricane.**
- **FREE MONEY** to become an artist.
- **$50,000 to edit science magazines at home.**
- **FREE** courses to help you become a massage therapist.
- **$100,000 to start your own day care center.**
- **FREE MONEY** to build a health center in your community.
- *Learn a foreign language – for FREE.*
- **FREE MONEY** to help you prevent pollution.
- **$70,000 to study arts management.**

Earlier I said *Free Money to Change Your Life* is worth its weight in gold. Like everything else I write, that’s the literal truth – not promotional hype.

Yesterday, gold was selling at $282 an ounce. Six pounds (the weight of the book) is 96 ounces ... which in gold, would be worth $27,072. A handsome sum, to be sure.

But compare it to the FREE MONEY you can get using my book – like $205,000 to start a car wash ... $50,000 to open up a coffee house ... or $75,000 to renovate an old home ... and you’ll soon see that my book is – literally – worth its weight in gold. And then some!

**3 FREE GIFTS for YOU.**

As you can see, I’m totally obsessed with the word FREE. For example, I love to get free gifts. And I’m betting you do, too.

That’s why I have 3 special FREE GIFTS just for you. They are yours.
absolutely free, when you agree to a 90-day risk-free home trial of my *Free Money to Change Your Life* government give-away directory and guide. Best of all, they’re yours to KEEP free – regardless of whether you decide to buy my program. That way, you can’t lose.

**Free Bonus Gift #1...** the companion audio cassette album for the book. While the printed directory is a comprehensive guide to *where* to get free money and who to contact, the audio album gives you the “how-to.”

You discover how to use free government programs to start a business, expand a business, get an education, change jobs, find a new career, or achieve whatever ambitions, goals, and dreams you have … all using the government’s money. That’s fair, isn’t it? After all, it’s really your money. You paid for it through your taxes. Why shouldn’t you get some of it back … to help you get what you want out of life?

When I sell this album separately, the 8 cassettes retail for $37.95. But now it’s yours FREE… simply for agreeing to give them a try.

**Free Bonus Gift #2...** is a copy of my privately published advisory report, *Over 100 Government Grants For Your Business*. These are the best government FREE MONEY giveaways for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners currently available – billions of dollars in government grants, yours for the taking! Do you want a grant of $1,000 … $2,250 … $5,000 … $25,000 … $30,000 … $300,000? Leaf through this report – then take your pick!

This special report normally sells for $9.95. But a copy is yours free and without obligation … when you accept this special no-risk offer.

**Free Bonus Gift #3...** is titled *How I Started My Home-Based Business*. This step-by-step manual shows how I started one of the most successful information brokerage businesses in the country, going from working at a desk in my one-bedroom apartment to having 30 employees and grossing seven figures annually.

You’ll discover how to start and run your own successful home-based business in today’s information economy. And you can do it even if you have almost no savings or start-up money on hand: A recent listing of *Inc. Magazine*’s fastest-growing businesses showed that 33% started with less than $10,000 in capital!

The list price of this report is $9.95. Combined with the *Free Money* audio cassette album and *100 Government Grants report*, that’s a total of $57.85 in
bonus gifts – yours absolutely FREE when you act now.**

** (But see my P.P.S. for an even better deal!)

** Money that can change your life. Guaranteed ... or your money back.**

I really do believe that Free Money to Change Your Life can be worth its weight in gold to you. But don’t take my word for it. YOU must be the final judge. Yours is the only opinion that matters.

To examine Free Money to Change Your Life risk-free for a full 3 months, simply complete and mail the enclosed Request Form. Or call toll-free 800-247-7474. We’ll rush your Free Money to Change Your Life guide and 3 bonus gifts as soon as we hear from you.

When your material arrives, examine it carefully. Try not to get overwhelmed by the thousands of listings and free money giveaway programs you find.

My advice? Select the ones that interest you most -- and contact them with your request. Roger Scavo did this, and received $30,000 at zero-percent interest to fix up a rental property in Pennsylvania. Another of my readers, Brett Stern, got $210,000 from federal and state government agencies to work on his invention.

Then, if -- unlike Roger and Brett -- you are not 100% delighted with Free Money to Change Your Life, simply return the directory within 90 days for a prompt and full refund – no questions asked.

Whatever you decide, the bonus audio cassette album and two special reports are yours to keep – my way of saying “thanks” for giving my free money system a try.

** Will this insane government money giveaway go on for ever and ever?**

The truth is: I don’t know. The government has been giving away free money like a maniac for decades. And I hope they do so for decades more.

But the supply of free money isn’t infinite, and some day somebody in the government may wake up to this fact. When that happens, the party’s over.

In the United States today, there is currently $500 billion in cash circulating. With a giveaway budget of $350 billion, the government is giving away 70 percent of all the money out there!

That doesn’t even include the enormous public debt the U.S. government must meet — currently $5.7 trillion dollars as of this writing. Where will they get
the money to pay for it all? (No wonder 39% of Americans surveyed chose the word “bureaucratic” to describe the U.S. government, and only 6% chose “efficient”!*)

(Past “insane” U.S. government giveaways include $20,000 to build an 800-foot limestone replica of the Great Wall of China in Bedford, Indiana ... $30,000 to hire a freelance priest ... $219,592 to develop a curriculum to teach college students to watch television ... $45 million in Medicare payments to cover toenail cutting ... $1.2 million to preserve a sewer as a historical monument. Why shouldn’t you and I get money like that for something that’s really important to us – starting a business, getting an education, buying a new home, or finding a new job?)

So here’s my advice: Get your share of the $350 billion the federal government gives away this year. Who knows what next year will bring?

To take the next step, simply complete and return the Request Form. Or for faster service, call toll-free 800-247-7474. You’ll be glad you did.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lesko, “Mr. Freebie”

P.S. Remember, Free Money to Change Your Life is literally guaranteed to change your life. If you do not agree, simply return the guide within 90 days for a prompt and full refund – no questions asked. Keep all the bonuses free, with my compliments. There’s no risk ... you can’t lose!

** P.P.S. Extra Quick-Response Bonus!** Reply within 10 days and get an extra special Free Bonus Gift – my big 481-page paperback book, Gobs and Gobs of Free Stuff. In Free Money to Change Your Life, I tell you how to get gobs and gobs of free money. But money isn’t the only thing the government is giving away for free!

In this book you’ll learn who to go to, where to call or write, and how to get free gifts, posters, toys, videos, books, advice, travel, products, and much, much more ... all compliments of Uncle Sam!
For details, see the enclosed flier.

* Time magazine, 12/27/99, p. 49
4 FREE GIFTS For You!

That’s right! Request a copy of best-selling author Matthew Lesko’s massive new directory and guide, *Free Money to Change Your Life* – and get the 4 free bonus gifts below, just for agreeing to examine the book for 90 days at no risk. You may keep these gifts absolutely free, even if you decide to return the 1,136-page *Free Money to Change Your Life* directory for a refund! What could be fairer, easier, or more risk-free than that?

**Bonus Gift #1 – Free Money to Change Your Life Audio Cassette Album** (8 long-playing cassettes...retails for $37.95...yours FREE!)

Before you can change your life with free money from the government, you have to know two things: (1) *Where and how to get the money*, and (2) *What you want the money for*. This inspiring album helps you do both. It shows you how to set goals and determine your dream — whether it’s to start a business, finish school, own a home, or get a new career. Next, you learn how to use the information in *Free Money to Change Your Life* to get the government to give you the money to make that dream a reality. “Do what you really want to do in life!” is Matthew’s message to his thousands of readers throughout the world. This album shows you the steps you need to take to do just that!

**Bonus Gift #2 – Over 100 Government Grants for Your Business ($9.95 retail value – yours FREE!).**

Where can you get FREE MONEY for your business? Hint: It’s not the Small Business Administration. There are dozens of government agencies giving away grants to home-based business entrepreneurs this year. Paul Newman received government grant money to sell his salad dressing overseas, and he doesn’t even need the money! This 16-page report outlines over a hundred programs that will give you FREE MONEY for your business. *Including:*

- $425,000 to save energy.
- $300,000 to start a business in Massachusetts.
- $25,000 to improve your employees job skills.
- $25,000 to cut down on waste.
- $2,250 for each new job you create.
- $40,000 to recycle used tires.
- $30,000 to start a business in a rural area.
- $5,000 to attend trade shows overseas.

**Bonus Gift #3 – How I Started My Home-Based Business ($9.95 retail value – yours FREE!).**

After a stint in Viet Nam and a failed software venture, Matthew Lesko was stuck in a boring 9-5 job in the travel industry — until his boss asked him to do some competitive research for a possible take-over of Avis Rent-A-Car. Not knowing anything about research, he picked up the phone and started calling contacts and government agencies. Within 45 minutes, he had reached the former president of Hertz, who told him everything he needed to know, absolutely free.

Determined to become a free agent, Matthew quit his job with the travel company and became a freelance “information broker,” working out of a desk in his one-bedroom apartment. Within 3 years, he had 30 employees and a company generating more than $1.5 million annually in revenues. “I finally realized my first success,” says Matthew — and in this special report, he shows you how you too can earn $100,000 a year or more with a home-based business in the information industry.

*Here’s just a sampling of what you’ll discover:*

- 5 steps for starting an “information brokerage” with little or no money.
- How to find your business niche.
- How to get all the customers you need — without advertising.
- An easy way to get all the free publicity you need. (Remember, Matthew has been on every major TV show — Oprah, Jay Leno, Larry King, and more.)
- How to get FREE mailing lists.
- 3 secrets to keeping customers happy.
- How using a PC can eliminate the need to hire an assistant. (Matthew once had 30. Now he has 2!) How to write winning proposals that get you contracts.
- Free information you can get from the government to help your business succeed.

**Bonus Gift #4 (Quick-Response Bonus) – Gobs and Gobs of Free Stuff** (481-page paperback book...retails for $19.95 retail value – yours FREE!).

In *Free Money to Change Your Life*, Matthew shows you how to get gobs and gobs of free money. But money isn’t the only thing the government is giving away for free — and Gobs and Gobs of Free Stuff shows you how to get all the rest of the freebies the government has put up for grabs.

In this book you’ll learn who to go to, where to call or write, and how to get free gifts, products, posters, toys, videos, books, advice, travel, and much, much more. *Including how to get:*

- A free photo of the First Family.
- A free diet plan.
- Free science equipment for your school.
- Free nature and wildlife videos.
- A free volcano poster.
- Free tips on boat safety.
- A free bird-watching guide.
- Free internships.
- A free booklet on carpal tunnel syndrome symptoms and treatment.
- A free newsletter on how to help your kids learn.
- Free condoms.
- And much, much more!

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Please send me

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- **Over 100 Government Grants for Your Business** report ($9.95 retail value – yours **FREE!**).
- **How I Started My Home-Based Business** report ($9.95 retail value – yours **FREE!**).

□ I am responding within 10 days. Also send me my quick-response **Gobs and Gobs of Free Stuff** bonus book ($19.95 retail value – yours **FREE!**).

**IF I AM NOT 100% SATISFIED,**
I may return the guide within 90 days. You will give me a prompt and full refund of every penny paid – no questions asked.

Whatever I decide, all bonus gifts are mine to keep free and with no further obligation of any kind.

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“$8,000 worth of free legal advice!”
“$100,000 to start your business!”
“$2,000 to study music!”
“$6,000 for college tuition!”

Dozens more to choose from inside...
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