



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

CANCER COALITION OF SOUTH GEORGIA

TERRELL COUNTY ADOLESCENT HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT

LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

**POSTING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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AGENCY BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 and has the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia, maximizing the State's health care purchasing power, coordinating health planning for State agencies and proposing cost-effective solutions for reducing the number of uninsured. Within DCH, the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) serves Georgians by improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas to improve health status and reduce health disparities.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health works to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities. SORH provides funding for institutional framework that links small rural communities with State & Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.

The primary objectives include the following:

- Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources.
- Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance.
- Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs.
- Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems.
- Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.

The purpose of the Terrell County Adolescent Health Program Grant is to increase awareness, provide direction to appropriate resources, and educate the youth in Terrell County in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and teen pregnancies. The goal of the project is to demonstrate a reduction in both STDs and teen pregnancies through heightened awareness, education within the school systems, and professionally facilitated workshops to be held in the community targeting teenagers, pre-teens, and parents of Terrell County's youth.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Cancer Coalition of South Georgia in the amount of \$25,000 as a legislative mandate to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide information, training, asset building, and focused education with the goal of reducing sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and teen pregnancies among Terrell County youth; 2. Increase awareness among teenagers, pre-teens, and their parents of the prevalence of STDs and their complications; 3. Increase awareness of STD and pregnancy screening services offered by the local health department; 4. Work directly with the DCH/SORH Grant BO to define and identify specific objectives to be included in the summary report; 5. Maintain appropriate staff responsible for the management and daily operations of the grant; 6. Ensure appropriate documentation is maintained for all deliverables and expenditures related to the agreement; 7. Submit all required DCH/SORH reports; 8. Adhere to other instructions that may be required by the DCH/SORH. <p>Through a previous collaboration between the Cancer Coalition and Terrell County stakeholders, the Cancer Coalition facilitated a strategic planning process, during which priorities, goals and objectives were established and available resources and resource needs were identified. The information was used in drafting a three-year strategic community health plan emphasizing community engagement; workforce development and job readiness; decent, safe, affordable housing; and prevention and healthcare access (including adolescent health promotion). This project is one of many initiatives identified through this prior effort.</p>
	<p>DCH presents this funding as a legislatively mandated direct award in that Cancer Coalition of South Georgia utilize funding to assist with access to quality cancer care and treatment in southwest Georgia.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$25,000.00
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p>Toni Owens, Grants Specialist at towens@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.</p>	