



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (SHIP)  
ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION/SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM GRANT**

**GEORGIA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (GRHA)**

**POSTING DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016  
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (SHIP)**

### **GRHA ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION/SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM GRANT**

<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	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.
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>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 &amp; Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.</p> <p>The primary objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources.</li><li>• Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance.</li><li>• Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs.</li><li>• Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems.</li><li>• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.</li></ul>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Georgia Rural Health Association in the amount of \$19,443 to provide the Accountable Care Organization/Shared Savings Program education and training programs utilizing subject matter experts. The session will be open to all 2016-2017 Georgia SHIP eligible hospitals and affiliated entities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The ACO/Shared Savings program will include two distinct programs:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <u>340B Program Guidance Education and Training Program</u>:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Two (2) comprehensive education and training conferences to be held regionally to engage the greatest number of SHIP eligible hospitals; and</li><li>ii. Development and distribution of a "340B Program Toolkit".</li></ol></li><li>b. <u>Financial Reports for Governance Education and Training Program</u>:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Develop and deliver a comprehensive program on best practices in financial reporting for effective board. Based on the needs identified by the subject matter experts this program may include face to face and/or webinar learning environments; and</li><li>ii. Development and distribution of best practices checklist.</li></ol></li></ol></li><li>2. Ensure appropriate documentation is in place for all expenditures related to the Agreement.</li></ol> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Georgia Rural Health Association is a component of the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program that meets the federal grant requirements and as such were named as recipients in the Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) federal grant application.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$19,443.00</b>

#### **TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at [jmitchell@dch.ga.gov](mailto:jmitchell@dch.ga.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5, 2016.