



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

SOUTHEASTERN FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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| AGENCY BACKGROUND | <p>The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 to serve as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing issues in Georgia. DCH is the single state agency for Medicaid and insures 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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| PROGRAM BACKGROUND | <p>Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation (SFBF) provides assistance to families of burn patients being treated at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. This includes lodging at the Chavis House, daily meals and transportation - all free of charge. In addition, the Burn Foundation assists patients upon their discharge with services related to their return to independent living. This includes medication, anti-scarring garments and transportation for follow up medical visits.</p> <p>Today, the Joseph M. Still Burn Center is the largest burn unit in the United States. As the Burn Center grows, so do the needs of the SFBF. In 2011,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2120 patients were admitted to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center• 44% of those patients received assistance from Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation• 877 guests received free lodging• 921 patients received services including transportation, medication, and anti-scarring garments |
| PROGRAM OVERVIEW | <p>SFBF funding will be used to ensure the continuation of services to indigent burn victims and their families. The core initiatives will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Housing</u>. GRANTEE shall provide temporary and/or transitional housing for burn victims and immediate family members (Immediate family includes: mother, father, brother, sister, spouse, children and grandparents). “Immediate family” also includes any other person who resides in the employee's house and is recognized by law as a dependent of the employee.• <u>Food and Clothing</u>. GRANTEE shall provide food, clothing to include anti-scarring burn garments (which are NOT covered for adults by Medicaid), toiletries and other necessities.• <u>Medical Assistance</u>. GRANTEE shall provide medical assistance to include follow up clinic visits and initial prescriptions when there is no documentation or no other source of payment is available.• <u>Transportation</u>. GRANTEE shall provide transportation, escort and cash assistance for burn victims and their families to include hospital visits and clinic follow-up and travel reimbursement for gas.• <u>Utilities</u>. GRANTEE shall provide assistance to burn victims and their families with household utilities such as electric, water, sewer and gas. |

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| | As a part of its mission to support the immediate needs of burn victims, this initiative will provide the funding to alleviate some of the financial and medical needs of the indigent burn victims and their families. |
| AWARD JUSTIFICATION | <p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Southeaster Firefighters Burn Foundation, Inc. in the amount \$25,000 to support the indigent burn victims and their families.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the Georgia General Assembly has appropriated funds that meet the federal grant requirements.</p> |
| AWARD(S) | TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$25,000 |
| <p><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p>Arnita E. Watson, Grant Manager at awatson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2014.</p> | |