



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

FAITH BASED MSM PREVENTION PROJECT

**POSTING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

**ARNITA E. WATSON, GRANT MANAGER
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION
2 PEACHTREE STREET, NW, 35TH FLOOR
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-3159
TEL: (404) 651-6184 E-MAIL: awatson@dch.ga.gov**

DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

FAITH BASED MSM PREVENTION PROJECT

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>In 2009, Healthcare Facility Regulation was created at DCH from sections transferred from the former Department of Human Resources Office of Regulatory Services. At that same time, the Divisions of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness and Response transitioned to the DCH.</p> <p>Within DCH, the Division of Public Health (DPH), State Office of Infectious Disease and Immunization are responsible for disease control and prevention. This is accomplished through prevention and mitigation of certain communicable and/or notifiable infectious diseases. It is this office which houses the HIV Prevention Unit. The HIV Prevention Unit is charged with the mission of reducing HIV transmission and providing excellence in Georgia's HIV/AIDS services through innovation and community partnership. The HIV Unit is dedicated to the provision of education, information, and health care services that promote and protect the health of all Georgians.</p>
PROGRAM BACKGROUND	<p>The HIV Prevention Program develops and implements the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan, coordinates statewide HIV testing and implementation of behavioral interventions programs targeting individuals at high risk for contracting HIV. The program is responsible for evaluation and data reporting for the state, and provides program oversight, technical assistance, capacity building and training for community partners and public health staff. The HIV Prevention Program provides funding to community based organizations and health departments covering all 18 health districts in Georgia.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The Faith Based MSM Prevention project provides funding to support the implementation of counseling, testing and referral services, an effective behavioral intervention, group and or individual counseling and linkage to care services specifically targeting HIV infected MSMs and their sex and/or needle sharing partners. The GRANTEE must follow DCH requirements and CDC guidelines to provide HIV prevention services and HIV counseling, testing and referral activities, including but not limited to the <i>List of Minimum Quality Standards for HIV Prevention and HIV Testing Programs: HIV Unit, Georgia Department of Community Health</i>.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Victory for the World Church and The Vision Church of Atlanta \$100,000 each to implement HIV Prevention Programs serving HIV infected MSMs and their sex and/or needle sharing partners. Each GRANTEE will implement a multi-level primary and secondary HIV prevention strategy targeting congregants and community members.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Victory for the World Church and The Vision Church of Atlanta meet the federal grant requirements and as such were named as recipients in the federal grant application.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$200,000

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Arnita E. Watson, Grant Manager at awatson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.