



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM GRANT**

<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	<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 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>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>State Office of Rural Health, Hospital Services provides technical assistance and resources to rural hospitals to continue health care services to Georgia's rural residents.</p> <p>The objective of the Community Paramedic Program Grant Project is to develop and provide education and training in the nine (9) rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regions across the State and to conduct two pilot programs in two separate rural geographically areas; thus improving health outcomes among medically vulnerable populations; and to save health care dollars by preventing unnecessary ambulance transports, emergency department visits, and inappropriate hospital readmissions. Over the two year, two phase period the project will work to increase the availability and continuity of health care for vulnerable populations, by providing special training to paramedics to provide specific primary care services in the patient's home.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Georgia Association of EMS a grant in the amount of \$71,000 per year for two years to develop a the Community Paramedic Program for nine (9) rural EMS regions across the State of Georgia.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Georgia Association of EMS meets the necessary Federal requirements.</p> <p>This award has one option for renewal through May 31, 2015</p>
<b>AWARD</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$142,000.00</b> (\$35,500 x 2yrs)

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

Lloyd Richardson, Grant Specialist at [LRichardson@dch.ga.gov](mailto:LRichardson@dch.ga.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 24, 2013