



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

ERLANGER MEDICAL CENTER

ERLANGER LIFE FORCE AIR AMBULANCE GRANT

**POSTING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

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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 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.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<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 & 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">• 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; and• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care. <p>The purpose of the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance Grant is to provide funding identified by the General Assembly to support operating expenses of the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance Program in Northwest Georgia. This enhanced air ambulance coverage for Northwest Georgia is to be accomplished as part of the Health Care Access and Improvement program. This grant will be enforced as funded. Additional scope implementation may be assigned should funding be added through and amendment.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The General Assembly seeks to designate \$600,000 for operating expenses of the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance program in the Health Care Access and Improvement program. The department is authorized to provide air ambulance services in Northwest Georgia in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.</p> <p>The grantee agrees to provide grant funds for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coverage of costs for the air ambulance transport of patients in Northwest Georgia for the purposes of improving health care access and patient outcomes as a component of the Health Care Access and Improvement program of the Department;• Coverage of costs of highly trained professional staff that support and make clinical care available to patients in Northwest Georgia through the air ambulance program;• Coverage of costs to offset maintenance expenditures for the air ambulance;• Coverage of costs to offset the expenditures for staff to operate, maintain, and support the air ambulance program;• Coverage of costs for insurance coverage associated with the air ambulance program; and• Coverage of other costs not listed above that are associated with operation of the air ambulance program.
	<p>DCH presents funding as a direct award to Erlanger Medical Center for on-going operating cost for the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance program.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$600,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at jmitchell@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, June 23, 2017.