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**ERLANGER LIFE FORCE AIR AMBULANCE GRANT
Erlanger Medical Center #12002G**

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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.</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 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.• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.
RENEWAL AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance Grant was created 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 a component of the Health Care Access and Improvement program.</p> <p>The Georgia Department of Community Health has renewed the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance Grant with Erlanger Medical Center under the same terms, conditions and the price in effect at the time of renewal in the amount of \$600,000.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance was identified by the General Assembly as a component of the Health Care Access and Improvement program.</p>
RENEWAL AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$600,000.00