



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

FY18 RURAL HOSPITAL STABILIZATION PROJECT GRANT

LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

**POSTING DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION
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AGENCY BACKGROUND	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.
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 FY18 Rural Hospital Stabilization Project Grant is to provide funding to rural community hospitals for the development of community specific projects based on the identified "Hub and Spoke" model adopted by the Georgia Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the identified FY18 Rural Hospital Stabilization Project eligible organizations identified in this NOA below in the amount of \$250,000 per organization to provide assistance with reducing over utilization of emergency room care for primary care services, to enhance or develop additional access points for healthcare delivery, to ensure patients are being transported to the appropriate facilities, and to direct all patients within the community to a medical home for their healthcare needs and to reduce healthcare cost.</p> <p>The funding is legislatively mandated as a direct award to Bacon County Hospital, Chatuge Regional Hospital, Cook Medical Center, Donalsonville Hospital, Effingham Hospital, Irwin County Hospital, Jasper Memorial Hospital, Liberty Regional Medical Center, Memorial Hospital & Manor, Mitchell County Hospital, South GA Medical Center – Lanier Campus, and Washington County Regional Medical Center.</p>

AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$3,000,000.00
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TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at jmitchell@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 16, 2017.