



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY MOBILE HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND  
INTEGRATION PILOT STUDY GRANT**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WASHINGTON COUNTY MOBILE HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND INTEGRATION PILOT STUDY GRANT**

<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	<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>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<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 &amp; 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"><li>• Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources;</li><li>• Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance;</li><li>• Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs;</li><li>• Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems; and</li><li>• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.</li></ul> <p>The purpose of the Washington County Mobile Healthcare Access and Integration Pilot Study Grant is to evaluate the effectiveness of combining findings from previous independent efforts directed toward care coordination into one integrated project.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Washington County Mobile Healthcare Access and Integration Pilot Study Grant will offer a program to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Develop and complete a strategic assessment program designed to evaluate all aspects of current EMS business operations with the intent of improving financial and operational efficiency;</li><li>b. Develop a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program for Washington County to be delivered by Washington County Emergency Medical Services; and</li><li>c. Design a comprehensive plan to evaluate the clinical and financial feasibility of transporting appropriately screened and qualified patients to a receiving facility other than a hospital emergency department. This plan will include a pilot program designed to evaluate the benefit, value, and cost of transport to an alternate destination while monitoring provider competencies and patient safety.</li></ol>
	<p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award to Washington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to combine mobile integrated healthcare, mobile telemedicine, emergency medical service (EMS) transport to alternate destinations, and proactive care coordination initiatives within one designated community.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$100,000.00</b>

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

Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at [jmitchell@dch.ga.gov](mailto:jmitchell@dch.ga.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, December 8, 2017.