



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE
AND
IMMUNIZATION

ENHANCED COMPREHENSIVE
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING (ECHPP)

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

ENHANCED COMPREHENSIVE HIV PREVENTION PLANNING (ECHPP) PROGRAM

AGENCY BACKGROUND	<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 Division of Public Health (DPH), State Office of Infectious Disease and Immunization are responsible for disease control and prevention. This is accomplished through prevention and mitigation of certain communicable and/or notifiable infectious diseases. It is this office which houses the HIV Prevention Unit. The HIV Prevention Unit is charged with the mission of reducing HIV transmission and providing excellence in Georgia's HIV/AIDS services through innovation and community partnership. The HIV Unit is dedicated to the provision of education, information, and health care services that promote and protect the health of all Georgians.</p>
PROGRAM BACKGROUND	<p>The HIV Prevention Program coordinates the Statewide HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, develops and implements the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan, coordinates the HIV testing program and data reporting for the state, and provides capacity building and training for community partners and public health staff. The HIV Prevention Program also provides funding to community based organizations and health districts covering all 18 health districts in Georgia. The activities covered under the HIV Prevention Program include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIV Counseling and Testing• HIV Prevention Interventions• HIV Prevention Community Planning• Pregnant Women and HIV Testing
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The HIV prevention program provides funding to support the implementation of effective community-based HIV Prevention Projects that reflect local prevention priorities and serve persons at high risk for acquiring or transmitting HIV. The GRANTEE must follow DCH requirements and CDC guidelines to provide HIV prevention services to target populations, and CDC guidelines for HIV counseling, testing and referral, including but not limited to the <i>List of Minimum Quality Standards for HIV Prevention and HIV Testing Programs: HIV Unit, Georgia Department of Community Health</i>.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the Comprehensive Men's Health Initiative (CMHI) \$120,000 to facilitate the development and implementation of an Enhanced Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan in order to reduce HIV risk and incidence in the Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Comprehensive Men's Health Initiative (CMHI) meet the federal grant requirements and as such were named as recipients in the federal grant application.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$120,000

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Arnita E. Watson, Grant Manager at awatson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2011.