



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

T.E.S.T. GEORGIA EXPANDED ACCESS TO HIV TESTING

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# DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

## T.E.S.T EXPANDED ACCESS TO HIV TESTING

<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	<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>In 2009, Healthcare Facility Regulation was created at DCH from sections transferred from the former Department of Human Resources Office of Regulatory Services. At that same time, the Divisions of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness and Response transitioned to the DCH.</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>
<b>PROGRAM BACKGROUND</b>	<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"> <li>• HIV Counseling and Testing</li> <li>• HIV Prevention Interventions</li> <li>• HIV Prevention Community Planning</li> <li>• Pregnant Women and HIV Testing</li> </ul>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>The T.E.S.T. Expanded Access to HIV Testing grant provides funding to increase HIV testing opportunities for Georgia populations disproportionately affected by HIV – primarily (1) African American and Hispanic men and women, and (2) men who have sex with men (MSM) and (3) injection drug users (IDUs), regardless of race or ethnicity – and increase the proportion of HIV-infected persons in these populations who are aware of their infection and are linked to appropriate services. The program has two categories – the first HIV Screening in Healthcare Settings is broken down into three types Hospital Emergency Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The second category is Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The program will identify strategies to maximize the yield and sustainability of routine HIV screening programs in healthcare settings.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award twenty- three (23) grants totaling \$820,000 to increase HIV testing opportunities for Georgia populations disproportionately affected by HIV to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FQHCs - J.C. Lewis Health Center of Union Mission, St. Joseph's Mercy Care, West End medical Center</li> <li>• HBCUs – Albany State University, Clark Atlanta University, Fort Valley State University, Morehouse College, Paine College, Savannah State University and Spelman College</li> <li>• CBOs – Aid Atlanta, Atlanta Harm reduction Coalition, Inc., Central City AIDS Network/The Rainbow Center, Community Advanced Practice Nurses, Empowerment Resource Center for Young Women, Inc. My Brothaz Home, Positive Impact, Positive Response, Recovery Consultants of Atlanta. Sisterlove, Inc., Someone Cares, inc., Southeast Georgia Communities Project, Stand, Inc.</li> </ul> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the above named recipients meet the federal grant requirements and as such were named as recipients in the federal grant application.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ \$820,000.00</b>

### TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Kristal Y. Thompson – Black, Grant Administrator at [kblack@dch.ga.gov](mailto:kblack@dch.ga.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 2010