



**GEORGIA ACTS ACCESS TO CARE, TREATMENT,
AND SERVICES
Reducing Breast Cancer within the Indigent Program**

Q&A

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>1. Floyd Medical Center's New Mobile Mammography Outreach Program will provide mammograms to the uninsured, underinsured and women with a lack of access to mammography in Floyd, Polk and Chattooga counties in Northwest Georgia. The Program includes a digital mammography mobile coach, breast education, an outreach program coordinator and a participant tracking program to ensure that targeted women are captured, diagnosed and followed through any disease life cycle. Is this program eligible to receive funds from the Georgia Department of Community Health-GEORGIA ACCESS TO CARE, TREATMENT, and SERVICES Reducing Breast Cancer within the Indigent Program?</p>	<p>Yes, that program would be eligible to receive funds under this initiative.</p>
<p>2. Are FQHC's, Rural Health Clinics, Volunteer Clinics and Rural & Critical Access Hospitals the target group for this grant opportunity?</p>	<p>FQHC's, Rural Health Clinics, Volunteer Clinics and Rural & Critical Access Hospitals are listed to give examples. Community based organizations, public/private hospital facilities, other non-profit organizations would also be eligible applicants.</p>
<p>3. Please indicate the correct due date for the grant application.</p>	<p>The due date is July 21, 2008 by 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>4. Page 4 - Eligibility - Organizational Status - States that the applicant must be a public health agency and a public or private entity, FQHC, Rural Health Clinics, Volunteer Clinic, Rural and Critical Access Hospital. The organizational statuses are often mutually exclusive. The use of the word "and" creates a lot of confusion. Please clarify.</p>	<p>The statement should have read eligible applicants must be a public health agency, a public or private entity, FQHC, Rural Health Clinics, Volunteer Clinics or Rural and Critical Access Hospital.</p>
<p>5. Page 4 - Eligibility - Services Available - While applicants may form partnerships with organizations that have secondary and tertiary care services, particularly organizations</p>	<p>Access and referral arrangements will be appropriate.</p>



<p>applying to conduct the educational and preventative component may not perform services of this nature. Do you mean have access/referral arrangements to secondary and tertiary services or must the applicant organization itself provide those services as indicated in the RFP? Please clarify.</p>	
<p>6. Page 4 - Eligibility - Regional Cancer Coalitions -The 6 regional cancer coalitions are not clinical entities, would they be eligible for funding under this RFP. Please clarify.</p>	<p>You do not have to be a direct provider of clinical services to be eligible for these funds, however, if you are applying for a treatment project you would have to have a strong partnership agreement in place with a clinical services provider, i.e., a hospital, community health center, so forth, but the regional cancer program centers of excellence are eligible to apply as applicants.</p>
<p>7. Page 4 - Eligibility - Price of Services - Is preference being given to institutions that have affordable and reasonable prices, e.g., sliding scale?</p>	<p>Not necessarily. Cancer treatment is very expensive and to reach as many women as possible, facilities would need to agree to provide some care at reasonable and fair prices.</p>
<p>8. Page 5 - Priority Areas of Focus - Treatment Services - Is there another group that this program would expect to be served with its funding? Please clarify the use of funds for treatment services in light of the existence of the Women's Health Medicaid Program and the Cancer State Aid Program. Would ACT funds be a payer of last resort if neither of these programs could pay?</p>	<p>The intent of the program is to reach the indigent women or uninsured women who have no other access to care and do not qualify for any other public health program or public health initiative, like the breast and cervical cancer program or cancer state aid. The expectation is for the applicant to have a system in place to check and make sure that the patients that come through are not eligible for other programs and this would be used as a payer of last resort.</p>
<p>9. Page 8 - Funding Preference - The RFP states that there will be a 12-month contract and does not address any future funding. Does this mean that the program is presently intended to be one-time only funding?</p>	<p>Currently this program will be funded one time. The funding source for this grant program is the indigent care license tag program. As the indigent trust fund replenishes we would be able to present this program to the legislature for approval to continue.</p>
<p>10. Page 8 - Funding Preference - Please clarify the requirement for each [collaborating] agency that is part of a project to meet the minimum eligibility requirements.</p>	<p>Partnerships are encouraged in this process. The lead applicant however, on this program, would have to meet the minimum eligibility requirements. The partners then would need to have clearly identified roles in the implementation of the project but would not necessarily have to meet all the minimum requirements, only the lead applicant would have to meet the minimum requirements.</p>
<p>11. Page 9 - Program Requirements - Treatment - Are treatment projects</p>	<p>Treatment projects can be regional or local in scope.</p>



<p>expected to be statewide or can they be regional in scope?</p>	
<p>12. Page 14 - Match Funds - Item 4 A specific requirement for the amount /% of match is not included in the RFP. Is a match required or is it optional? And, if required, what is the percentage that is required?</p>	<p>Match is not required however it is encouraged and DCH does not specify the amount of match. Match can also be in kind.</p>
<p>13. Is there any chance of receiving 1/2 of the cost reimbursement at the time the contract is signed and 1/2 at the 6mo progress report?</p>	<p>DCH practice going forward is to have more of a cost reimbursement structure. However, consideration may be given for cash advances upon a case by case basis. Some recommendations have been outlined as to when we would give that consideration. For example, a brand new non-profit that has not had the opportunity of additional funds for sustainability, may need some level of an advance and that would be considered on a case by case basis.</p>
<p>14. Another issue is the monthly reporting issue. Why the change? I would think quarterly or every 6 months would be adequate?</p>	<p>Respective to the monthly progress reporting, it was based upon program managers' need to see results on an ongoing basis. Some programs may be more reasonable for quarterly. In this initiative it was decided that a monthly report would be required.</p>
<p>15. Is this grant geared more towards governmental/public agencies?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>16. I am assisting Dr. Cheeks and his staff with the proposal for the breast cancer treatment services through his medical practice and the educational and preventative services through the Women's Academy of Health and the National Legacy Foundation. Dr. Cheeks is affiliated with these organizations. The project will benefit underserved women in Augusta, Georgia. (a) Is this grant geared more towards governmental/public agencies? (b) Approximate date of the award? (c) Any potential conflict with Dr. Cheeks and his position as Chairman of the Medical Board of Georgia?</p>	<p>(a) This grant program is not geared towards more towards either governmental or public agencies. (b) The approximate date of award will be in September. (c) There is not a conflict with Dr. Cheeks and his position.</p>
<p>17. Will members of the undocumented community be able to receive treatments this money?</p>	<p>This is a question regarding undocumented and we will take that under consideration as it relates to the undocumented. We currently have our legal team looking at what kind of requirements or restrictions we have in terms of spending any public dollars on undocumented care for undocumented aliens</p>



	or people of that nature so we will take that under consideration but we cannot give you a yes or no answer at this time on that particular issue.
18. Can two entities under the same umbrella apply for separate grants and be fairly considered for each?	There should only be one application from the same grantee. For instance, if DeKalb has two different departments or divisions within the hospital and one division would like to apply for treatment and one would like to apply for screening, we would not favorably consider that.
19. Can this money be used for diagnostic procedures (i.e. the woman has not been diagnosed with breast cancer yet, but has a highly suspicious lesion or lump; to pay for diagnostic mammos, MRIs, ultrasound, biopsy, etc)?	Yes, the funds can be used for diagnostic procedures.
20. Can this money be used to pay for treatment within the context of an NCI-approved clinical trial?	Without being too restrictive or prescriptive, what we are trying to accomplish is to provide treatment services for indigent women who either have breast cancer or are trying to prevent cancer through the mammography screening part of this initiative. The purpose of the grant is not necessarily meant to fund projects for research or for clinical trial, but more specifically for treatments and preventive measures.
21. Please clarify: Section IV states "With limited exceptions, the current cap (on indirect funding) is set at up to and no more than 10%; although, applications requesting no direct costs are strongly encouraged." Did you mean "no Indirect costs"?	Yes, it should have read indirect costs.
22. As a 501c3 primary care provider, could write a grant to provide education services to patients.	An application that provides direct education services to patients would be eligible for consideration. However, applying entities are encouraged to make appropriate referrals to where appropriate.
23. Do applying entities have to provide clinical services themselves?	Applying entities that do not provide clinical services are encouraged to work with organizations that provide such services.
24. What is the approximate date of the award?	September 1, 2008
25. If you are not a non-profit what documentation do you need in terms of the status of the organization?	If you have a license in the state of Georgia, you would need to provide your business license.
26. Is it required that people are not eligible for BCCP?	If there are additional people and you cannot receive any more funding from BCCP for



	<p>instance, then you would qualify. We would look at those additional people as not being able to be covered, so that would qualify. In the application you would have to demonstrate you have the capacity to get your cap very soon.</p>
<p>27. Can we demonstrate based on previous performance the ability to achieve the half very quickly?</p>	<p>Yes, you would have to demonstrate based on previous performance.</p>
<p>28. St. Joseph Mercy Care Services is interested in applying for prevention while St. Joseph is interested in applying for treatment. We are two separate entities and have two separate Title 501(c) 3s but we still fall under the umbrella of St. Joseph's Health System. Would we qualify to submit two separate applications?</p>	<p>This case scenario is different, although you fall under the same umbrella you have two different 501(c) 3s.</p> <p>The applications are not going to be considered in tandem so you won't look at your treatment service and your educational services to decide are you together, they would be evaluated separately.</p>
<p>29. Can two separate entities submit applications one for prevention and one for treatment from each entity?</p>	<p>Yes because they are two separate entities. Ok clarified, thank you.</p>
<p>30. If there are two separate entities applying and then those two separate entities form a partnership, could they reference each other in their applications?</p>	<p>Absolutely.</p>
<p>31. Is the font size 11 or 12?</p>	<p>Yes, the font size is 11.</p>
<p>32. The statement of meaning mentions see paragraph 3. Is it synonymous with page 6, where it references priority areas of focus?</p>	<p>Yes, that is correct; Reference Page 6 Priority Areas of Focus.</p>
<p>33. Is it necessary to divide part E, F, and G out as low samples or can all of the information be provided by using graphs and timetable formats?</p>	<p>You are to provide all the information that is required. You won't have to necessarily divide out your responses on the application, just make sure that the application is concise, clear and it meets all the goals and objectives of specific activities that we outline in there.</p>
<p>34. Is a letter of intent required?</p>	<p>No, letters of intent are not required.</p>
<p>35. Are the grants going to be divided into 6 - \$50,000 grants for education and 3 -- \$300,000 grants for treatment?</p>	<p>Those amounts were given as examples. The amount of the awarded will depend on the amount or applications received and how strong they are for their perspective area, treatment or screenings.</p>
<p>36. Would transportation for treatment qualify for funding?</p>	<p>You would be eligible to submit an application and applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis.</p> <p>It is important to meet all the requirements in the grant and demonstrate that by providing transportation services that's an effective use of resources.</p>



37. Would a program qualify that provides gift packs to women who are going to have surgery, supplying items that they would need following their surgery?	Please follow up with that additional question in writing to dgreer@DCH.ga.gov .
38. Can the money be used to provide refreshments for a reception?	It is going to be a very competitive process so we want the most impact to Georgia cities to provide education and treatment and we are going to look for the dollars to be focused on those areas.
39. How soon will we be notified of the results?	We are looking at around the first of September.
40. If the start date is September 1, 2008 will we be notified by August 15 th ?	We are going to do our best to process and review the grant and notify applicants as quickly as possible. We will give you a reasonable time to start.
41. Who should I contact to receive a grant application package?	Please visit the DCH website at www.dch.georgia.gov ; look under hot topics on the front page, you will see the Georgia Acts Program on the right; click on that link and the application will come up.
42. Earlier it was stated that a screening project would be awarded \$50,000 and how much would a treatment project be awarded?	Please refer to page 5 in the grant application.
43. If there are additional questions after this call, do they have to be submitted via email?	Administrative questions will be taken at this point. Questions can be emailed to Dana Greer at the address provided on the cover of the grant application. dgreer@dch.ga.gov
44. Are health fairs prohibited? Can patients be referred for mammograms and can we do follow-up?	No, health fairs are not prohibited. Yes, patients can be referred and follow-up can be done.
45. When will the answer regarding services to the undocumented population be available?	We will take providing services to the undocumented under consideration.
46. Where will the answers to these questions be posted again?	The questions will be posted on the DCH website under hot topics.
47. With the Breast Test Program for the state, how does this grant apply or how does it, can it work together with what we are doing and we have to reach our goals in the state, or just give me a little bit about that.	The program is separate from other programs that may be offered or are part of the state, this is license tag dollars that have to be spent on indigent women related to breast cancer so it's separate from some of the other state programs, it is independent of that.
48. Regarding application content: does the 15 pages include every item listed under letters A through O, and all of its bullet points?	This is the general guideline, we're generally not sticklers on page numbers but what we do not want is a lot of propaganda, promotional materials, things that we would have to filter through and as James reflected, please keep it to facts and to the point of the requirement.



49. Is the copy of the certified 501(c)3 and all of the required forms that are requested in the application a part of the proposal or is that considered part of the application?	Those are attachments that need to be submitted with the application.
50. For clarification and you may have already answered it, but if you put in a justification not to exceed by a type written pages, is that inclusive of the 15 pages?	Yes.