



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

FQHC NEW START COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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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>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>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health recognizes the tremendous value of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).</p> <p>FQHCs are local, non-profit, community based health care providers serving low income and medically underserved communities. FQHCs successfully increase access to care, promote quality and cost-effective care, improve patient outcomes, and are uniquely positioned to spread the benefits of community-based and patient centered care. FQHCs provide comprehensive services that address the major health care needs of the target population and ensure the availability and accessibility of essential primary and preventive health services, including as appropriate, oral health, mental health, and substance abuse services.</p> <p>The State of Georgia has made significant investments in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) with the key focus of ensuring access to health care through the most efficient and appropriate health care delivery system. Georgia currently has twenty-eight (28) FQHCs with over one hundred forty-four (144) clinical sites operating in 77 Georgia counties.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, Inc. a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to further develop and expand the existing and new start Federally Qualified Health Centers in Georgia's rural and underserved areas.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the organization named was identified by the General Assembly as a component of the Federally Qualified Health Center Program.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ \$1,000,00.00