

**A RESOLUTION
BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE GEORGIA ALTERNATIVE NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES (GANES) PROVIDERS GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$625,000.00), TO FUND PROJECT PHILANTHROPY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Department of Corrections, hereinafter (“DOC”), desires to better serve its inmates through increased on site medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Health offers grant funding for Georgia Alternative Non-Emergency Services (“GANES”); and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Department of Corrections in partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine desire to apply for the GANES grant to implement Project Philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Project Philanthropy is an initiative that utilizes the correctional facility environment as a clinical forum for various medical physician residency program specialties; and

WHEREAS, the program’s goal is to medically serve the needed population as well as to generate statistical data in relationship to communicable and infectious diseases and their impact on the general population as inmates recycle back in to the community; and

WHEREAS, Project Philanthropy also serves as an outreach program servicing indigent and transient populations who receive primary health services when incarcerated.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the GANES grant from the Georgia Department of Community Health in an amount not to exceed six hundred twenty five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$625,000.00) to fund Project Philanthropy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this grant does not require matching funds from the City.

Georgia Alternative Non -Emergency Services Provider's Grant

Program Description and Requirements

Background

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 (Senate Bill 241) with the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia to maximize the State's health care purchasing power, to coordinate health planning for state agencies, and to propose cost-effective solutions to reducing the numbers of uninsured. DCH works to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities. Rural and underserved Georgians are more likely to be under-insured or uninsured and have a greater incidence of health disparities.

The State of Georgia has made significant investments in health improvement objectives in recent years with the key focus being ensuring access to health care through the most efficient and appropriate health care delivery system.

Purpose

The Department of Community Health recognizes the tremendous value of collaboration in efforts to improve the health status of Georgia's rural underserved citizens.

It is our desire to offer the Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Medicaid and State Operations' Establishment of Alternate Non-Emergency Services Providers Grant Program to facilitate the provision of non-emergency health care services.

These providers must provide clinically appropriate services for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition contemporaneously with the provision of the non-emergency services that would otherwise be provided in an emergency department of a hospital for the diagnosis or

treatment of the condition.

Funding will support a minimum of four pilot programs. Examples of Alternate Non-Emergency Services Providers include but not limited to Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, hospital outpatient departments, physician offices, and other health care clinics.

The programmatic intent is to utilize Alternate Non-Emergency Services Providers to reduce the burden of providing primary care in the emergency departments of underserved communities. The delivery of primary care in appropriate non-emergent settings results in greatly improved patient care, coordination, and most importantly improved patient outcomes, all while simultaneously controlling costs thus reducing the financial strain of hospitals and federal and state governments.

NOTE:

The federal grant announcement for the Alternate Non-Emergency Services Providers Grant, Funding Opportunity No. HHS-2008-CMS-ANESP-0005, CFDA 93.790 may be viewed at www.grants.gov.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- a) Be located in an underserved area where Medicaid recipients do not have regular access to primary care services.
- b) Be a general-purpose local government (municipalities and counties), local government authorities and joint or multi-county development authorities, non-profit 501(c) 3 organizations. Anticipated eligible applicants depending upon organizational structure include, but not limited to:
 - 1) Federally Qualified Health Centers
 - 2) Hospitals
 - 3) Rural Health Clinics
 - 4) Rural Health Networks
 - 5) Joint or multi-county development authorities
 - 6) Other community-based public health care providers
 - 7) Local Governments

**Special
Conditions**

- Funds must be used for the sole purpose of the establishment of alternate non-emergency services providers as defined in section 1916A (e) (4) (B) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

The term alternative non-emergency services provider means, with respect to non-emergency services for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition, a health care provider, such a physician's office, health care clinic, community health center hospital, outpatient department, or similar health care provider that: can provide clinically appropriate services for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition contemporaneously with the provision of the non-emergency services that would be provided in an emergency department of a hospital for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition, and is participating in the program under this title.

- Grant recipients must comply with OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit organizations.

- Alternative primary care sites must be operational by October 1, 2009.

**Total Funds
Available**

\$1,500,000 April 15, 2008 – April 14, 2009
\$1,000,000 April 15, 2009 – April 14, 2010

Grand Total \$2,500,000 for the 2 Year Project Period
Maximum award per applicant is \$625,000

Funding cycle

Upon execution – April 14, 2009, with a one year renewal option through April 14, 2010 (dependent upon performance and funding availability).

**Funding
Preference**

- 1) Preference will be given to applicants representing both rural and underserved areas where beneficiaries may not have regular access to providers of primary care services
- 2) Are in partnership with local community hospitals.
- 3) Health Professional Shortage Designated Area (HPSA) scoring

**Types of
Projects
Eligible for
Funding**

Funding may be used to support, but not limited to:

- Clinical and Non-clinical staffing, salaries and fringe benefits
- Recruitment of health professionals
- Administrative overhead directly related to the provision of services
- Medical Equipment
- Office furniture and equipment
- Health Information Technology

**Program
Requirements**

- 1) Must fulfill **ALL** Project Goals and Objectives listed in Appendix G
- 2) Demonstrate financial need
- 3) Provide clinically appropriate services for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition consistent with the provision of non-emergency services that would be provided in an emergency department of a hospital for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition.
- 4) Be in partnership with local community hospital(s)
- 5) Demonstrate sustainability beyond grant funding
- 6) Demonstrate need and the ability to alleviate need
- 7) Delivery of non-emergent service based on community need

Deliverables

- 1) Budget
- 2) Work Plan
- 3) Sustainability Plan
- 4) Evaluation Plan
- 5) Quarterly progress reports throughout the grant period and a final project report including documentation of number of patients served, financial statements, demonstrated return on investment and cost savings to emergency providers no later than 30 days following grant termination.
- 6) Submit monthly invoices and quarterly reports to DCH in accordance with the grant agreement for payment of services rendered.

Georgia Alternative Non -Emergency Services Provider's Grant

Application Submittal

An original, five (5) hard copies, and (2) CDs of the Grant Application are due on **September 12, 2008 by 4 p.m. to:**

Mailing Address:

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Georgia Department of Community Health
Vendor and Grants Management,
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Atlanta, GA 30303-3159
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An underserved area is defined as county with a current designation based on HRSA's Health, Mental and Dental Professional Shortage Designations. A rural area is defined as a county with a population of less than 35,000 or so designated based on state or federal legislation. The links listed below provide additional information regarding Georgia's poverty guidelines, uninsured and underinsured counties, and additional socio-economic information regarding counties within Georgia. Maps illustrating the shortage may be viewed at the link below:

Shortage Designation Maps via DCH, State Office of Rural Health website:

http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0.2094.31446711_46670788.00.html

2006 Poverty Guidelines may be viewed at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml>

Georgia's underinsured counties may be viewed at:

<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwqhp/coveragepublications.htm>

Additional socio-economic information may be viewed at:

<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: GREG PRIDGEON

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Diane Jones

Contact Number: 404-865-8013

Originating Department: Corrections

Committee(s) of Purview: _____

Chief of Staff Deadline: _____

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): September 9 - 10, 2008

Anticipated Full Council Date: September 15, 2008

Legislative Counsel's Signature: *[Signature]*

Commissioner Signature: *[Signature]*

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: *[Signature]*

CAPTION

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Mayor's Staff Only

Received by CPO: _____ (date) Received by LC from CPO: _____ (date)

Received by Mayor's Office: Anne 8/27/08 (date) Reviewed by: *[Signature]* (date)

Submitted to Council: _____