



## **New Trauma Center Startup Grants Program FY 2010 Application**

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission has approved a “New Trauma Center Startup Grants Program” for FY 2010. Total funding for this program is limited to \$1,000,000.

All or part of these funds may be distributed to hospitals based upon a competitive application process, attached guidelines and as approved by majority vote of the Trauma Commission.

The application process will be from 01 February 2010 to 01 April 2010. The Commission will provide an application and Grants Program Question & Answer opportunity via conference call during the first two weeks of February.

Applications will be submitted electronically to: Jim Pettyjohn, Commission administrator via email at [jim@gtcnc.org](mailto:jim@gtcnc.org) 706.398.0842. Applications must be submitted complete and received by 11:59 am 01 April 2010 to be considered. The application packet will include a completed Attachment A and all supportive documentation as described in Attachment A and Attachment B.

Each submitted application will include a cover letter from the hospital’s chief executive officer agreeing to and approving application as submitted.

Hospitals receiving new state trauma center designation status between 30 June 2009 and 01 February 2010 may also apply for these funds.

A subcommittee of Trauma Commission members will determine awards and grant amounts. Grant amounts will follow guidelines described in Attachment A and additional policies adopted by the Commission. See Attachment C.

The Georgia Trauma Commission at the April Commission meeting will approve awards. Awards will result in a contract between individual hospitals and the Department of Community Health. All awards will be subject to the policies and procedures of the Department of Community Health Office of Procurement Services and Contracts Services.

### **Attachment A:**

Grants Program guidelines approved by Trauma Commission on 19 November 2009

### **Attachment B:**

Application Worksheet- an EXCEL spreadsheet to be completed as directed and submitted as part of the complete application.



**Attachment C:**

“Trauma Center Funding Statement” approved by Georgia Trauma Commission on 28 January 2010.



## Attachment A

### FY 2010 GTCNC

## New Trauma Center Startup Grants Program

Hospital MUST demonstrate a clear COMMITMENT to the Georgia Trauma System and Designation as a Trauma Center.

### Applicant hospitals<sup>1</sup> must:

- Receive a pre-application survey visit from OEMS/T and GTCNC representative(s) to:
  - Determine appropriate designation level;
  - Understand application and designation process;
  - Understand GTCNC trauma system development activities; and,
  - Begin participating in the Trauma Registry
- Receive “approval” from Regional Emergency Medical Services Council for designation and at determined designation level.<sup>2</sup>
- Present signed Letters of Commitment from:
  - Hospital Board of Directors (indicating resolution to seek designation);
  - Hospital Administrative Team; and
  - Chief Medical Officer (representing medical staff.)
  - Letters of Commitment must:
    - Indicate an understanding of standards and requirements for Level of designation sought;
    - Describe the commitment of resources and efforts to become a designated trauma center within 18 months from date of designation application;
    - Indicate immediate participation in Trauma Registry; and,
    - Describe the commitment in GTCNC-directed Trauma System development activities (pilot project and/or regionalization of trauma system)
- Provide a “Statement of Need” describing use of grant funds
- Make application for state trauma center designation

### Grant distribution and funding amount guidelines<sup>3, 4</sup>:

#2 \$300K “grants” to hospitals “COMMITTING” to designation as a Level II trauma center

#2 \$100K “grants” to hospitals “COMMITTING” to designation as a Level III trauma center

#4 \$50K “grants” to hospitals “COMMITTING” to designation as a Level IV trauma center



**Awarded hospitals will:**

- Stipulate trauma physicians (as defined by GTCNC past practices) will receive at least 25% of grant award for services rendered;
- Receive one-half (50% of award) award upon signing contract;
- Receive one-half of remaining funds (25% of award) after 6 months successful registry use; and,
- Receive remaining 25% of award upon designation within 18 months after submitting application for designation.

<sup>1</sup> There will be a 60 calendar-day window for hospitals to submit applications.

<sup>2</sup> Georgia Office of EMS – Rules and Regulations Effective June 18, 2009 – Published July 2, 2009, 290-5-30-.03 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Councils.

<sup>3</sup> Actual fund distribution among designation Levels and amount of each grant will be determined by the Georgia Trauma Commission.

<sup>4</sup> Geographic location of hospital, level of designation sought and statement of need will be considered in determining awards.



## **Attachment C**

### **TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING STATEMENT**

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission (“GTCNC”) is committed to stabilize, strengthen and thus maintain Georgia’s existing trauma centers and expand the number of trauma centers, based upon need, strategically across the State.

Beginning FY 2011, when determining whether to fund a new trauma center, GTCNC will give consideration to: 1) a hospital’s historic participation in providing trauma care to its community; 2) degree of satisfaction of applicable trauma Level designation standards; and, 3) the hospital’s geographic location within the State.

To determine the strategic need and therefore funding for additional trauma centers, GTCNC will give consideration to some or all of the following: 1) the location of and distance between proposed trauma center and the nearest existing trauma center; 2) the demographic density of the population to be served; 3) level of community support; and, 4) the commitment to trauma care and system participation exhibited by the affiliated hospital.

GTCNC reserves the right not to fund any new state designated trauma center if, in the opinion of GTCNC, said trauma center does not demonstrate need based on the criteria listed above.