

1. *American Southern BanCorp, Inc.*, Roswell, Georgia; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of American Southern Bank, Roswell, Georgia (in organization).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 14, 2005.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 12% for the quarter ended March 31, 2005. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: April 14, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Addressing Asthma From a Public Health Perspective: Part A; Enhanced; Notice of Availability of Funds

*Announcement Type:* New.

*Funding Opportunity Number:* RFA 05044.

#### *Catalog of Federal Domestic*

*Assistance Number:* 93.283.

*Key Dates: Application Deadline:* June 6, 2005.

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

**Authority:** This program is authorized under Sections 301 and 317 of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 241 and 247b), as amended.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the program is to provide the impetus to further develop program capacity to address asthma from a public health perspective to bring about: (1) A focus of asthma-related activity within the state; (2) an increased understanding of asthma-related data and its application to program planning through development of an ongoing surveillance system; (3) an increased recognition, within the public health structure of a state, of the potential to use a public health approach to reduce the burden of asthma; (4) linkages of the state to many agencies and organizations addressing asthma in the population; and (5) participation in intervention program activities.

This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of Environmental Health, Occupational Safety and Health, and Respiratory Diseases.

Epidemiological surveillance is: "the ongoing systematic collection, analysis, and interpretation of health data essential to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health practice, closely integrated with the timely dissemination of these data to those who need to know. The final link in the surveillance chain is the application of these data to prevention and control. A surveillance system includes a functional capacity for data collection, analysis, and dissemination linked to public health programs." Refer to citation in Attachment I, "The Public Health Surveillance of Asthma," for more information. (All attachments will be posted with this program announcement on the CDC Web site.)

Measurable outcomes of the program will be in alignment with the following performance goal for the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH): Reduce the number of deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, school or work days missed, and limitations on activity due to asthma.

This announcement is only for non-research activities supported by CDC. If research is proposed, the application will not be reviewed. For the definition of research, please see the CDC Web site at the following Internet address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/ads/opspoll1.htm>.

**Activities:** Awardee Activities for this program are as follows:

- Enhance the existing asthma surveillance system to include (at a minimum) asthma hospitalizations, morbidity (measures from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) or equivalent), mortality, and work-related asthma. Conduct analysis of and interpret surveillance data; and disseminate these data through reports to local, state, and federal partners and agencies.

- Implement a defined subset of interventions described in the State Asthma Plan.

- Improve provider compliance with the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program's (NAEPP)

- "Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma" (refer to citation in Attachment I for more information).

- Improve the skills of patients and families affected by asthma to manage the disease.

- Review legislation and policies impacting people with asthma.

- Identify environmental factors that contribute to asthma prevalence and morbidity, and reduce or eliminate exposure to these factors.

- Facilitate communication between those implementing and those affected by planned activities.

- Develop and implement an evaluation plan that measures the effectiveness of your program as a whole, as well as each intervention. Systematically document lessons learned.

- Maintain existing, and expand, as appropriate, statewide coalition and partnership activities; include a workgroup to address work-related asthma, if one does not exist; and evaluate effectiveness of collaboration.

- Maintain a strong commitment within the state to support continued efforts of the asthma program.

- Participate in CDC convened meetings and periodic conference calls for grantees to share experiences, data, and materials.

In a cooperative agreement, CDC staff is substantially involved in the program activities, above and beyond routine grant monitoring. CDC Activities for this program are as follows:

- Provide consultation and guidance to awardees to enhance and expand existing asthma surveillance activities, including data collection methods and data analysis.

- Collaborate with awardees on analysis of asthma data, interpretation