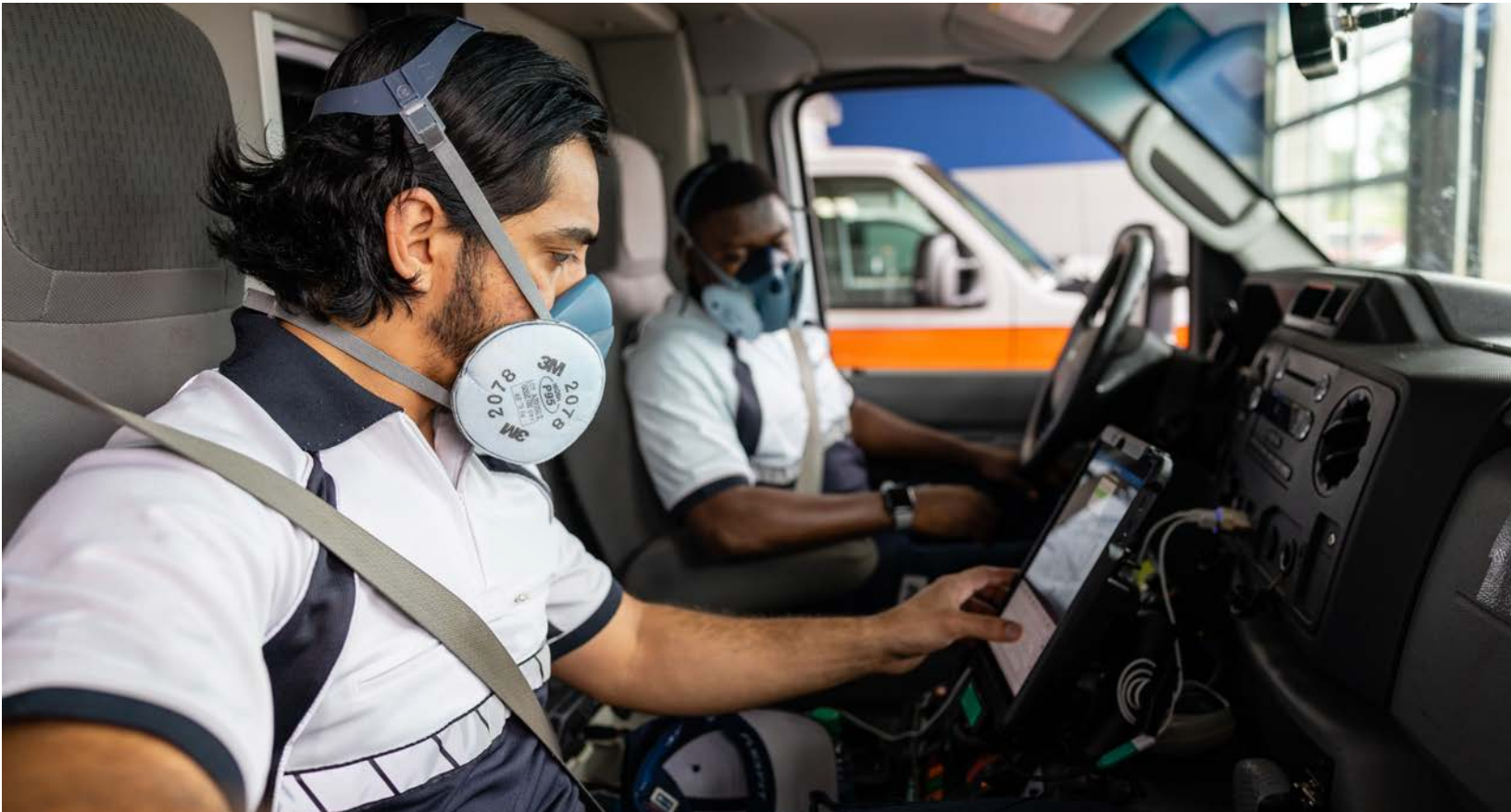




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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

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## ANNUAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 2020

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fiscal year 2020 was marked by a global pandemic that changed the healthcare landscape and challenged care delivery models. COVID-19 threatened to overwhelm the healthcare system's ability to care for critically injured patients. Trauma centers are a national resource serving multiple missions. They often treat the marginalized and underserved populations that have been hit the hardest by COVID-19. The entire trauma system, from injury prevention to rehabilitation, was impacted. Trauma system strategic initiatives appropriately took a back seat to the safety and well-being of our citizens. In collaboration with our system partners, the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) successfully responded to the pandemic by shifting funding priorities in support of efforts to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and protect the safety of our frontline providers.

Despite these challenges, the GTC was able to execute one of the largest funding injections aimed at rural trauma since its inception. One-time funding allocation for every eligible trauma center, startup grants for candidate trauma centers and financial support for national benchmarking participation were achieved with the amended budget allocation. In partnership with Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association and the Georgia Trauma Foundation, the GTC provides ongoing funding for virtual and in-person continuing education programs for frontline trauma care professionals. The GTC continues its mission-critical work around advocacy and prevention of traumatic injury through awareness events throughout the state including the annual Trauma Awareness Day at the Capitol. We look forward to the coming fiscal year focused on developing statewide benchmarking capability to drive high quality clinical outcomes and accountable care.



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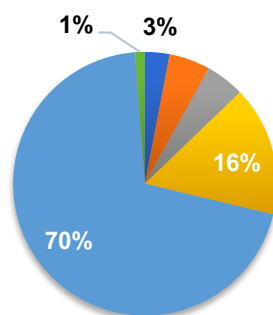
# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## FISCAL YEAR 2020 FUNDING

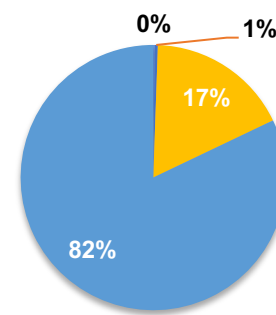
The GTC's annual budget is allocated based on established funding formulas for critical trauma system infrastructure and funding priorities. The amended FY 2020 budget provided an additional \$6.4M to the GTC budget in support of the Georgia Trauma System. The GTC distributed amended funds in support of the following trauma system initiatives and enhancements:

- Trauma center participation in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) for all Level III trauma centers
- Increase base funding in Georgia's rural level III and IV trauma centers to offset costs of education and system participation both regionally and nationally
- Trauma center startup grants for candidate hospitals
- One-time readiness funding allocation for centers not currently participating in GTC funding
- Increased trauma center readiness funds across all levels of designated, funded trauma centers in Georgia
- Equipment grants for Georgia's 911 emergency response vehicles

### FY 2020 BUDGET



### AFY 2020 BUDGET



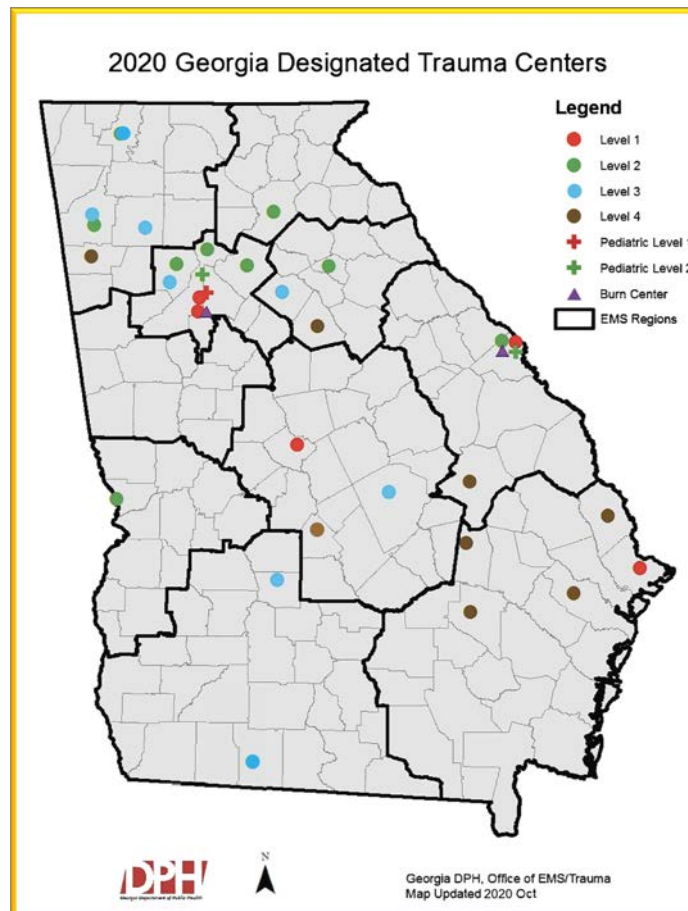
STATE OEMST	\$482,437.00
OPERATIONS	\$807,812.00
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	\$761,764.00
EMS	\$2,558,247.00
TRAUMA CENTERS	\$11,232,986.00
GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION	\$192,000.00

STATE OEMST	\$25,930.67
OPERATIONS	\$10,000.00
EMS	\$1,123,977.00
TRAUMA CENTERS	\$5,314,984.00

# TRAUMA CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

## TRAUMA CENTER PERFORMANCE & QUALITY OUTCOMES

Designated Trauma Centers are a critical component of a functional trauma system. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) Verification, Review & Consultation program provides an objective, external review of a trauma center's resources and performance. A team of trauma experts completes an on-site review of the hospital. The team assesses relevant features of the program including commitment, readiness, resources, policies, patient care, and performance improvement. By fiscal year-end, eight Georgia trauma centers have achieved ACS Verification. All Level I and II trauma centers have completed ACS consultative visits, the first step towards successful ACS Verification.



### PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

*In partnership with Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma, trauma center performance reporting evolves each fiscal year with a focus on high quality patient outcomes.*



# TRAUMA CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

## TRAUMA CENTER ALLOCATION

The FY 2020 and AFY 2020 funding allocation provided for a distribution of over \$16M across all levels of Georgia's trauma, pediatric trauma & burn centers. Funding supports trauma center readiness, registry and uncompensated care. Key features of trauma center funding include:

- The performance-based pay program (PBP) assigns a percent at risk to a portion of the trauma readiness funding based on performance metrics
- Uncompensated care funding (UCC) is allocated to level I & level II trauma centers as well as burn centers and is based on center-specific historical data, audited annually by a third party and subject to available funds

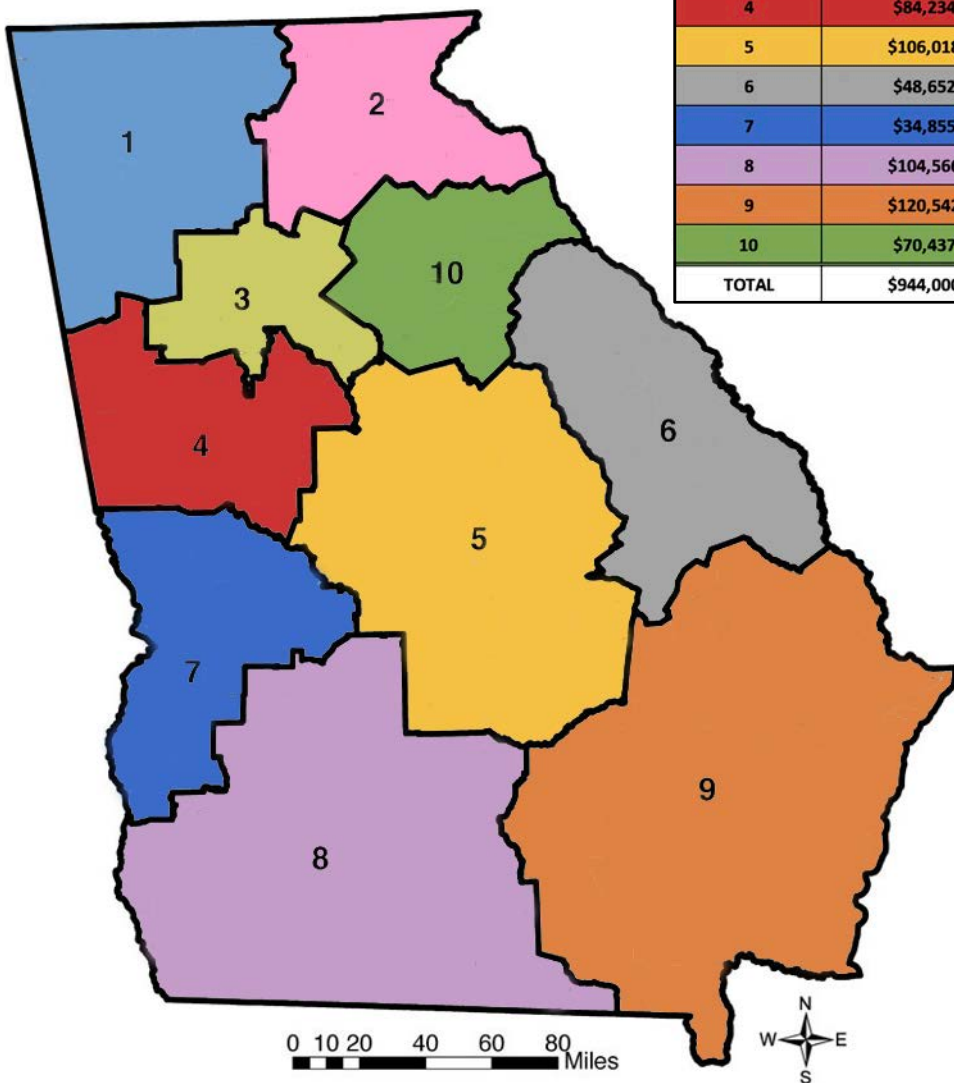
FY 2020 Budget : Trauma Center Allocations						
Trauma Center	Readiness Payments	Potential PBP Payments	Total Readiness Payments	CY 2017 UCC	Registry Funds	Total Funds
<b>Level IV</b>						
Morgan	\$6,500	\$3,500	\$10,000	N/A	\$3,676	\$13,676.00
Emanuel	\$6,500	\$3,500	\$10,000	N/A	\$3,676	\$13,676.47
Effingham	\$6,500	\$3,500	\$10,000	N/A	\$3,676	\$13,676.47
Meadows	\$6,500	\$3,500	\$10,000	N/A	\$3,676	\$13,676.47
<b>Level III</b>						
Archbold	\$18,500	\$31,500	\$50,000	N/A	\$7,353	\$57,353.00
Taylor	\$18,500	\$31,500	\$50,000	N/A	\$7,353	\$57,353.00
Clearview	\$18,500	\$31,500	\$50,000	N/A	\$7,353	\$57,352.94
Crisp	\$18,500	\$31,500	\$50,000	N/A	\$7,353	\$57,352.94
Redmond	\$18,500	\$31,500	\$50,000	N/A	\$7,353	\$57,352.94
<b>Level II</b>						
Athens	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$143,667	\$44,118	\$409,317.00
Midtown Medical	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$244,773	\$44,118	\$510,422.65
Floyd	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$79,352	\$44,118	\$345,001.65
Gwinnett	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$191,061	\$44,118	\$456,710.65
Hamilton	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$20,425	\$44,118	\$286,074.65
Kennestone	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$195,118	\$44,118	\$460,767.65
North Fulton	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$31,874	\$44,118	\$297,523.65
Northeast GA Med Ctr	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$203,263	\$44,118	\$468,912.65
Scottish Rite	\$33,230	\$188,302	\$221,532	\$38,164	\$44,118	\$303,813.65
<b>Level I</b>						
Atlanta Medical	\$55,383	\$313,837	\$369,220	\$559,105	\$73,529	\$1,001,854.00
Egleston	\$55,383	\$313,837	\$369,220	\$46,063	\$73,529	\$488,812.41
Grady	\$55,383	\$313,837	\$369,220	\$1,608,452	\$73,529	\$2,051,201.41
Navicent Health	\$55,383	\$313,837	\$369,220	\$465,953	\$73,529	\$908,702.41
Augusta University	\$55,383	\$313,837	\$369,220	\$433,849	\$73,529	\$876,598.41
Memorial	\$55,383	\$313,837	\$369,220	\$628,946	\$73,529	\$1,071,695.41
<b>Burn Center</b>						
Grady Burn Center	\$86,758	\$97,834	\$184,592	\$35,249	\$36,765	\$256,606.00
Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	\$86,758	\$97,834	\$184,592	\$77,349	\$36,765	\$298,705.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$923,384</b>	<b>\$3,944,908</b>	<b>\$4,868,292</b>	<b>\$5,002,663</b>	<b>\$963,235</b>	<b>\$10,834,190</b>

# PREHOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EQUIPMENT GRANTS

Over \$2M was made available to Georgia's ambulances for the purchase of lifesaving equipment to care for trauma patients. Extrication devices, splints for fracture stabilization, portable radios, stretchers & intravenous access kits are just a few examples of equipment purchased by 911 emergency providers enabling them to provide trauma care to the citizens of Georgia.

REGION	FY 20 GRANTS	AFY 20 GRANTS	TOTAL GRANTS
1	\$124,172	\$147,619	\$271,791
2	\$56,640	\$86,327	\$142,967
3	\$193,883	\$231,356	\$425,239
4	\$84,234	\$100,139	\$184,373
5	\$106,018	\$126,037	\$232,056
6	\$48,652	\$57,839	\$106,491
7	\$34,855	\$41,437	\$76,292
8	\$104,566	\$124,311	\$228,877
9	\$120,542	\$143,303	\$263,844
10	\$70,437	\$65,608	\$136,045
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$944,000</b>	<b>\$1,123,977</b>	<b>\$2,067,977</b>



EMS Regions

# PREHOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & COVID-19

Through the work of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Subcommittee, the GTC provided regional improvement grant funding to all EMS regions in Georgia for the development and implementation of programs specific to each region's needs. Grant funding supports the purchase of life-saving equipment, advancement of continuing education for prehospital personnel and implementation of quality initiatives to improve trauma care. The EMS subcommittee promptly responded to the pandemic by purchasing sanitization equipment to protect patients and the 911 responders who serve them. This funding provided for the following equipment, used to prevent the spread of COVID-19:



142 Electrostatic Sprayers



8,000+ Gallons of Disinfectant



22 Ultraviolet Lights



### PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

*The mission of the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association is to advocate for the emergency medical provider, develop educational programs, liaison activities, provider benefit programs, and improvements to the Emergency Medical Service System in Georgia.*

# TRAUMA SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

## INJURY PREVENTION GRANTS

The Georgia Trauma Commission in partnership with the Georgia Trauma Foundation and the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Association awarded seven injury prevention grants, totaling \$90,000, that address the top mechanisms of injury in Georgia: falls, transportation-related, and intentional. Grants are data-driven and leverage community partnerships to provide evidence-based or evidence-informed injury prevention programming targeting at-risk populations.

PROGRAM TITLE	ORGANIZATION	MECHANISM OF INJURY	TARGET POPULATION	AWARD AMOUNT
ATV Injury Awareness/Reduction Initiative	Ochsner Fund for Research and Injury Prevention at Mercer University	Transportation	All ATV drivers and passengers	\$10,687
Citizens Firearm Safety	Jackson County Emergency Services	Intentional Injury	County Residents	\$12,703
Ghost Out	Oglethorpe EMS	Transportation	Teens, age 15-18	\$25,652
Gun Violence Prevention	Georgia Health Sciences Foundation c/o Augusta University Health	Intentional Injury	Teens, age 13-19 with gunshot wounds from assault admitted to the trauma center	\$10,627
Multidisciplinary Approach to Falls Risk Reduction	Georgia Health Sciences Foundation c/o Augusta University Health	Falls	Seniors, over the age of 65	\$10,627
Safe Driving Saves Lives	Colquitt Regional Medical Center	Transportation	High school students, young drivers age 15-19	\$9,377
ThinkFirst	Northeast Georgia Medical Center	Falls	Individuals who are at risk for falls and their caregivers	\$10,327



## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

*The mission of the Georgia Trauma Foundation is to enhance the trauma system of Georgia primarily through research, education and injury prevention and support trauma survivors in their recovery.*



# TRAUMA SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

## TRAUMA AWARENESS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The first Tuesday in February is Trauma Awareness Day in Georgia. Each year, our partners, the Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons and the Georgia Trauma Foundation host activities at the State Capitol for over 100 trauma advocates from around the state to meet with legislators, network and listen to trauma survivors share their stories. 2020 Trauma Awareness Day at the Capitol, held February 20th, featured an injury prevention showcase to raise awareness regarding consequence of injury to Georgians and the importance of ongoing efforts to prevent injury.



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