

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2056	SB446	2172	HB306	Caroline Hospice
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Colburn				Sossi
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Caroline County				\$150,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Grant to the Board of Directors of Caroline Hospice Foundation, Inc. for the design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Caroline Hospice, located in Denton.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
Grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property. The fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Janet Hendricks			410-479-3500	carolinehospice@verizon.net

10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

Caroline Hospice Foundation was formed in 1983 as an all volunteer group dedicated to providing support services for terminally ill residents in Caroline County. Caroline Hospice Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) incorporated in 1985 and is a 501 (c) (3) organization, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. All services, supplies and equipment are offered free of charge.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide palliative and supportive care for clients and their families living with a terminal illness using an interdisciplinary team approach to provide competent, compassionate services in the home or in-patient setting; and to provide the opportunity to grieve and heal through bereavement support prior to and following the death for a least one year or as needed by the family.

In the 24 years that the Foundation has been in operation, it has continued to grow in the number of clients, family members and community members served and to expand the services, supplies and equipment offered. The Foundation provides supplies such as incontinence products (protective underwear, bed pads, waterproof mattress covers), nutritional products (Ensure drinks, Boost Diabetic drinks, juice drinks, Ensure and Glucerna puddings, nutrition bars), personal hygiene products, bed sheets and hospital gowns. The Foundation also provides durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes, shower benches, canes and walkers. Our volunteers perform many tasks for the patients. They may run errands such as picking up medication for the patient and delivering hospice supplies and equipment. They also provide respite care for the caregiver and personal care for the client. Other volunteer activities include maintenance, office work, fundraising, baking, meal preparation for patients, and transportation to appointments for patients.

In 2000, the Foundation conducted a Community Needs Assessment Survey to determine the need and support for a hospice house in Caroline County. The results indicated that the majority of caregivers (72%) felt overwhelmed by their caregiving responsibilities and 100% felt that Caroline County needed a hospice house.

In 2003, the Foundation purchased a single-family house located in Denton, Maryland and began renovating the building to serve as a hospice house. The location is zoned Commercial Medical. In September 2005, the Foundation opened the Caroline Home For Hospice, a residential hospice house for terminally ill residents of Caroline County. At that Caroline Home For Hospice, the paid caregivers act as a surrogate family for the residents. Currently, the Caroline Home for Hospice can care for three patients at a time and is staffed by paid caregivers and volunteers twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to the three bedrooms, there is a kitchen, living room, conference room, roll-in shower room, caregivers' station and reflection room. The Foundation office occupies space in the facility.

11. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

The project consists of designing, constructing, renovating and capital equipping additions to the Caroline Home For Hospice, a residential hospice house and office space, owned by Caroline Hospice Foundation, Inc. The purpose of the project is to improve and increase the Foundation's ability to meet the needs of terminally ill residents of Caroline County by providing supplies, services and equipment to those county residents who choose to stay in their own homes and residential hospice care for terminally ill residents in a clean, safe, supportive, appropriately staffed and equipped home-like setting where they can spend the end of their lives in comfort with dignity.

Three single occupancy bedrooms that will allow the Foundation to care for a total of six terminally ill residents at a time will be added to the Caroline Home For Hospice. This will double the current number of residents that can be accommodated at the hospice house. Two handicap accessible bathrooms will be added to provide a communicating bathroom between adjacent bedrooms. An existing space will be renovated as the caregivers' station. The family room area will be expanded to accommodate additional family members and visitors and a handicap accessible entrance into the family room area will be created. The stairway to the second floor storage area will be improved and flooring, electric and HVAC will be installed in that area. A fire suppression sprinkler system and a 25 kw propane emergency generator will also be installed. The current wireless call bell system will be expanded, as will the parking lot. An office for Foundation staff will be added to the existing office suite and a roof will be added to the existing entrance area.

Since the Caroline Home For Hospice opened in September of 2005, the Foundation has had a waiting list of clients needing admission to the hospice house. At times, that waiting list has contained as many as eight Caroline County residents who qualify for hospice care. Due to all of the available beds being occupied, the Foundation was unable to admit them to the hospice house. In addition to the applications for admission, every month the Foundation receives three - five telephone calls from hospital Social Workers searching for a facility where a terminally ill patient who is being released from the hospital and who cannot return home can live. We have to tell them that there are no unoccupied rooms. Members of the Board of Directors and the community Advisory Committee believe that this project will greatly improve access to hospice care in Caroline County.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	0
Design	\$ 15,000
Construction	\$300,000
Equipment	\$ 25,000
Total	\$340,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
A.T. & Mary H. Blades Foundation	\$50,000
John E. Hargraves Estate	\$50,000
Civic Organizations - VFWs, American Legions, Elks, Lions, Moose, Auxiliaries, Woman's Club, Ruritans, etc.	\$15,000
Non-Construction Corporate & Individual Donors	\$25,000
Construction Contractors	\$40,000

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Total		\$340,000	
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
11/2006	6/2007	7/2007	3/2008
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$100,000	22 hospice house residents, 84 home based clients, 300 bereavement clients, 83 equipment loans	44 hospice house residents, 80 home based clients, 350 bereavement clients, 100 equipment loans	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None	\$0		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Caroline Hospice Foundation, Inc.		613 South Fifth Avenue, Denton, MD 21629	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		Serves Districts 36 and 37	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Betty Ballas, President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-754-8157		Not Applicable
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
216 Academy Avenue			
Federalburg, MD 21632			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
13	14	\$500,000	\$550,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No

D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
Not Applicable			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
Not Applicable			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3372.6 S.F.		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	234 S.F.		
New GSF	1857.15 S.F.		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1949	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

In 2004, the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Rural Health Policy commissioned a comprehensive manual on providing hospice and palliative care in rural and frontier areas. The research showed that residents of rural areas face significant barriers to accessing quality hospice care. Some of the barriers identified in the study included: Long driving times required for home visits or other transportation; incomplete access to professional personnel; limited philanthropic resources, medical supplies, cell phone service and/or paved roads; a patient census that renders economies of scale and efficiencies of operation difficult to achieve; limited pool of volunteers; limited availability of qualified staffing; difficulty providing and paying for professional education and training; the absence of public transportation options for staff, patients and families; limited access to capable caregivers in the patient's home; and limited local access to technologic advances. The services provided by the Foundation in the client's home and at the hospice house help to overcome those barriers.

For example, Caroline County is generally considered one of the Maryland counties with the lowest per capita incomes in the state. According to statistics from the Maryland Department of Planning, Planning Data Services released in October 2005 and historical data collected from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Median Per Capita Income in Maryland (MPCI) was \$37,742. In Caroline County, it was \$23,483: 37.8% below Maryland's MPCI. Similarly, Median Household Income was 29% lower and Mean Household Income was 35.1% lower. The services, supplies and equipment provided by the Foundation are free of charge. Residency at the hospice house is also free. This helps to reduce costs to the family during this very difficult time.

With three additional rooms, the Foundation's financial position will also improve. Currently, the Foundation has two paid caregivers per shift caring for three residents at a time. These two caregivers can actually care for six residents at a time, thus increasing the efficiency of operations at the hospice house. Revenue should also increase. 96% of the hospice house residents' families have requested that memorial donations to be sent to the Foundation in memory of their loved one in lieu of flowers. If this trend continues, the Foundation should experience a significant increase in memorial donations.

Because of some of the economic constraints, i.e. lower incomes, fewer philanthropic resources, higher cost per client due to lack of economies of scale and efficiencies of operations, the Foundation is requesting monetary assistance in meeting the special physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of terminally ill residents and their families from the State of Maryland through this bond bill request.