

# State of Maryland

## 2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3094	SB836			Shelter for Women and Children
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Dyson				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's			\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Leah's House, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a shelter for women and children.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
Requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historic Trust.				
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone		Email Address
Marguerite Morris, Acting Director		301-994-9580		leahshousefriend@msn.com
Lisa Beach, Admin		301-994-9580		leahshousefriend@msn.com
Doris Day, Admin		301-994-9580		doris.day@navy.mil

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

Leah's House is a shelter for women and children in St. Mary's County. Our organization is a grassroots project that started in October 2005. Our mission is to provide women and children a safe, caring, and comfortable place to live that will be a positive environment. We teach needed skills while providing services that will motivate and empower the individuals, thereby equipping families to break the cycle of homelessness.

Homelessness is growing throughout the United States and St. Mary's County is no exception. Some of the major causes of homelessness are sudden loss of employment, prolonged unemployment, lack of affordable housing, domestic violence, and lack of independent living skills.

Leah's House was founded to assist the growing number of homeless women and children many of whom are victims of domestic violence. We currently operate a small shelter and provide emergency and transitional services. By coordinating the efforts of volunteers and staff we are able to provide coverage and structure to the shelter programs and the living quarters. We accept referrals from a number of local agencies and also refer clients to agencies in an effort to coordinate services. True to our mission statement, each day we work, "To serve the community and affect lives in a positive manner." We are currently the only women and childrens shelter in the county and often have a long list of clients waiting for services.

In addition to the homeless services, and through partnerships with others we offer the Food for a Friend program which is an on-going program that bags and delivers over \$100,000 in donated food to home-bound, low-income families, the shelter itself and other organizations annually.

We further serve our homeless youth by partnering to operate Positive Reinforcement of Our Future (P.R.O.O.F) a five year old program for youth ages 7-20. Forty-five weeks out of each year, we provide transportation, meals and assistance, helping at risk youth identify areas needing improvement, and an opportunity for peers to help each other. Youth coming through the shelter are automatically enrolled in this program which meets weekly. We offer presentations/seminars to these youth on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, smoking prevention and cessation, domestic violence prevention/awareness for youth, and programs such as Real Choices to assist our youth in making positive life decisions.

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

Our current project is to complete the purchase of a 3.1 acre property located at 45200 Happyland Road in Valley Lee, Maryland in St. Mary's County. The new shelter to be built on the property will be a one level 4965 square foot, 30 bed facility. The plans for the new shelter include a child care area, media/library room, laundry room, and multi training and counseling areas with offices. Our case managers will be able to evaluate the clients on site and continue to monitor their success with short and long term goals. At Leah's House we will provide services such as counseling for groups and individuals, education along with job training, financial skills, and parenting skills. We are also working with local agencies which will be able to offer comprehensive and therapeutic programs.

After closing on this property by April of 2007, renovation will need to take place on a preexisting structure located on the premises. Once completed, this building will be a source of income to sustain our programs and serve as a community building which will provide family services such as childcare, food services (for job training of clients), and a large multipurpose room available to the public and for our current youth programs for at risk youth called Positive Reinforcement of Our Future (P.R.O.O.F.).

The overall project purpose is to build the 30 bed women and childrens shelter on the already purchased 3 + acre property and to acquire/operate an off site safe house to further assist victims of domestic violence..

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$280,000
<b>Design</b>	\$32,500
<b>Construction</b>	\$325,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$697,500</b>

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

Source	Amount
2007 Loan	\$280,000
Requested 2007 Grant	\$250,000
Grant and Match 2007	\$100,000
Requested 2007 Grant	\$40,000
Requested 2007 Grant	\$25,000
2007 Fund	\$2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$697,500</b>

**14. Project Schedule**

<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
January 2007	April 2007	June 2007	June 2008

<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007</b>		<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
\$134,000		230		1,300	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>					
<b>Legislative Session</b>		<b>Amount</b>		<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>			<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>		
Leah's House, Inc., P.O. Box 203, Callaway, Maryland 20620			45200 Happyland Road Valley Lee, Maryland		
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>				29A	
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>					
<b>Local Govt.</b>		<b>For Profit</b>		<b>Non Profit</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>			<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>		
<b>Name:</b> Saul B. Abrams, ESQ.		<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>		Yes/No	
<b>Phone:</b> 410-580-4821				Yes	
<b>Address:</b>			<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>		
DLA Piper, Rudnick, Gray and Cary 6225 Smith Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21209-3600			January 7, 2007		\$400,000.00
<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>					
<b>Current # of Employees</b>		<b>Projected # of Employees</b>		<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	
6		14		\$336,000.00	
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>					
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>					Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>					No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>					No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>					
<b>Lessee</b>			<b>Terms of Lease</b>		<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>
<b>Square Footage Leased</b>					
N/A					
N/A					
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>					

Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew
N/A		
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>		
<b>Current Space GSF</b>		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>		
<b>New GSF</b>		
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>		
<b>28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)</b>		