

# State of Maryland

## 2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2202	SB724	2200	HB707	Brook Lane Health Services
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Munson				Washington County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Washington				\$300,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Brook Lane Health Services, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of a gymnasium.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
Prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Lynn Rushing			240-527-2070	Lynn.Rushing@BrookLane.org

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

For over 55 years, Brook Lane has made a significant difference in the lives of thousands in our immediate community and the surrounding areas. Children, teenagers, adults, and the elderly have found that Brook Lane has been there to assist them with their mental health needs.

Our professional staff works as a team to heighten the caliber of care toward the shared goal of healing and total wellness for every individual. Treatment for a variety of mental illnesses including depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorders, character disorders, family disturbances, and situational problems. We have over 300 employees that include psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, registered nurses, certified teachers, behavior specialists, and support staff.

Brook Lane provides short-term hospitalization and outpatient treatment for people of all ages, and we specialize in treating children and adolescents in our partial hospitalization program, special education school and transitional care home.

The inpatient unit, our most intensive level of care, provides crisis stabilization for children, adolescents and adults in a safe and therapeutic environment. We are the only hospital that provides services for children and adolescents west of Baltimore and as far west at Morgantown, West Virginia.

The Partial Hospitalization Program offers intensive, psychotherapeutic treatment in a less restrictive setting than inpatient care. Children and adolescents attend a structured therapeutic program during the day and are able to return to home at night.

Outpatient treatment offers support, guidance, and intervention. These services include individual therapy, marital therapy, family therapy, addictions counseling, psychiatric evaluations and medication management.

Laurel Hall School provides a learning environment for students with emotional and behavioral challenges. This special education program for elementary through high school students is designed with a high level of classroom structure and an array of therapeutic treatments. The program is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education. The program provides special education and related services consistent with each student's Individualized Education Program. Related services include psychiatry, psychology, art therapy, addictions counseling, family therapy and speech/language on an as-needed basis.

Stone Bridge Transitional Care Home is a licensed residential program for children and adolescents who are in crisis and temporarily without an appropriate place to stay. We provide housing, education, and intervention to facilitate the transition of the child from one setting to another. The program utilizes individual psychotherapy, group therapy and life skills training to assist the residents with their transition.

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

The growth of the Laurel Hall School Program and the Stone Bridge Transitional Care Home has created a crunch on physical activity space for our clients. While we are pleased with the growth that we have experienced, both programs have outgrown the space used for student/resident physical activities. It has been necessary to convert some of those areas into classroom and office space. In planning for continued growth and in order to serve these children with adequate accommodations, a new gymnasium is being planned for these two programs.

The Laurel Hall School program averages 90 students daily from grades 1 – 12 and provides a learning environment for students with emotional and behavioral challenges.

Stone Bridge Transitional Care Home provides care for 28 – 30 residents. A licensed residential program, Stone Bridge cares for children and teens who are in crisis and temporarily without a place to stay.

The limited amount of recreation space for both programs is located on the lower level of the school, has no windows and is used part of the time for a classroom. There are also other classrooms on this level and when this area is being used for recreation, the noise created from the activities can be disruptive to students and teachers. When weather permits, the children do have an opportunity to spend time outdoors, but during inclement or cold weather, their activities are limited to this small area.

The plans for the gymnasium include a regulation size basketball court, provisions for volleyball courts, bleachers for spectators and appropriate equipment storage facilities. Schedules will be coordinated between the two programs. Laurel Hall School will have use of the gym during the day and Stone Bridge in the early evenings and on weekends. While the main purpose for building the gymnasium is to provide adequate recreational space for our students and residents, it will be open to the community on a scheduled basis for recreational activities.

A survey done by the Washington County Recreation Department indicated that 31 percent of those responding felt that a multipurpose recreational building was needed in the eastern part of the county. Thus, Brook Lane will be providing both a necessary service for our own organization and at the same time an added recreational site for the surrounding community.

*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>	N/A
<b>Design</b>	\$120,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$1,530,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>	\$1,725,000

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

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Maryland State Bond Bill	\$300,000
Fundraising	\$300,000
Current Equity	\$125,000

Municipal Bond Issues				\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>				\$1,725,000
<b>14. Project Schedule</b>				
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>	
October 2006	March 2007	July 2007	August 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>	
\$105,000	181		256 (program -5years) 1,000 in the community	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>				
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>		
None				
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>		
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.				
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>			2A	
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>				
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>		
<b>Name:</b>	Michael Schaefer	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No	
<b>Phone:</b>	301.739.4141			
<b>Address:</b>	<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>			
148 West Washington Street Hagerstown, Maryland 21740				
<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>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>	
80	124 (five years)	\$4,523,637	\$8,001,996	
<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>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	29,230		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>	Gymnasium - 11,000 Square Foot Full Project - 38,000		
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>		N/A	
<b>28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)</b>			

While this grant application is specific to the gymnasium, the total construction project will include a 24-bed expansion for our group home, a dining room, and three additional classrooms for the special education program. The need for these expansions has been identified through Brook Lane's on-going involvement with the Washington County Department of Social Services and the Washington County Board of Education.

Currently, any child age 10 or younger who needs to be placed in a therapeutic group home faces a two to three month wait to receive an appropriate placement. There are very limited beds in Maryland available for children who need therapeutic services during their stay. Due to this shortage, these children must be placed in housing arrangements that are not the most appropriate for their individual needs. By opening the additional 24 therapeutic group home beds, we will be able to more quickly offer these children a more appropriate, stable, long-term place to live. It is our hope that by offering these placements in Washington County for families from western Maryland, there will be more opportunity for family involvement and reuniting the family in their own home.

The expansion of the Laurel Hall School is necessary because the rate of growth in enrollment over the past several years has exceeded our expectations. We are currently serving students from both Washington and Frederick Counties. With the on-going population growth of these two counties, we do not anticipate a decrease in the demand for our services. The expansion will give us the ability to expand the curriculum that we are currently offering our students as well as continue to accept students that are referred to us from the public school systems.

Once the construction is completed, we anticipate having over 160 students on our campus on any given school day. This increase is beyond what our current dining facilities are capable of handling, and we have decided that a separate dining room would be the most appropriate plan. The dining facilities will be built large enough to also handle possible additional growth in the residential program. With 160 children and adolescents, there is a need for space to exercise and work off excess energy. During the warmer months, our 115 acre campus offers many opportunities for physical exercise. In inclement weather however, our options are very limited. Building a gymnasium addition will give plenty of room for all of our children to have an opportunity to play and exercise regardless of the weather. We will also offer the gymnasium to community groups for their use. This would help meet a dire shortage of gymnasium space for various sports leagues and community groups.

We believe that, because of the uses outlined above, these grant funds have the opportunity to meet the needs of a wide variety of residents in the Western Maryland region.