

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2760	SB794	2763	HB1128	Western Maryland Health System
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Edwards			Allegany County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Allegany			\$1,000,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Western Maryland Health System, Inc. for the planning, design, renovation, expansion, repair, construction, and capital equipping of the replacement obstetrical unit.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Thomas C. Dowdell, Sr. V.P., COO		301-723-5236	tdowdell@wmhs.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>Western Maryland Health System (WMHS) is located in Allegany County, and is bordered by Pennsylvania to the north and West Virginia to the south. WMHS is located within the largest populated area, the county seat of Cumberland. Cumberland is the fifth largest town in Maryland with an incorporated population of 21,518 (1999 census estimate) and a metropolitan area population of 58,412 (1999 census estimate). Allegany County remains largely rural. Due to geographic barriers such as the mountainous topography, and the expansive distance to locate other health care sources, Cumberland and the Western Maryland Health System serves as the major center of health care for the vast majority of people within the service area.</p> <p>Western Maryland Health System Regional Medical Center will be a general acute care facility providing a full range of medical, surgical, emergency, and diagnostic services. The mission of the health system is to improve the health status and quality of life of the individuals and the community we serve, especially those in need. We provide patient and family services through responsible management of our human and fiscal resources.</p>				

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

Western Maryland Health System (WMHS) is proposing that the State of Maryland participate in the funding of the newly designed Obstetric Unit through this bond bill request. This unit is an integral component of the Health Care System’s design, development, and construction of a single campus that will replace the two aging, deficient facilities that currently serve our community, specifically the Sacred Heart Campus and the Memorial Campus.

The overwhelming need for obstetrical and gynecologic services in Allegany County is demonstrated by the:

- High rate of uninsured residents
- High levels of poverty which create financial barriers to accessing care
- Poor health status of the patients in our service area.

The Obstetric Unit will be located on the 6th floor of the Western Maryland Health System Regional Medical Center. The Obstetric Unit will encompass a total of 21,193 gross square feet. It will include 14 postpartum beds, 4 labor and delivery rooms (LDR), 2 C-Section (C/S) rooms, a 2-bed recovery room, 2 antenatal testing rooms, and a 16-bassinette nursery. Four of the designated bassinettes will be located in an identified, separated area within the nursery confines, dedicated to the care of the “at risk” or high care/ICU infant. Western Maryland Health System Regional Medical Center will continue to maintain a Level II nursery within this designated area with 10 pediatric providers and a neonatal nurse practitioner.

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	\$317,000
Construction	\$5,057,000
Equipment	0
Total	\$5,374,000

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

Source	Amount
HUD 242 Bond Financing	\$4,207,000
Fundraising	\$167,000
Maryland Bond Program (this bill)	\$1,000,000
Total	\$5,374,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
August 1, 2004	March 2006	December 18, 2007	June 1, 2009

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	
\$167,000		968		949	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years					
Legislative Session		Amount		Purpose	
1995		\$500,000		Frostburg Community Hospital Conversion	
2005		\$545,000		Emergency Department Renovation (to be included in new facility)	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee			Project Address (If Different)		
Western Maryland Health System P.O. Box 539 Cumberland, MD 21501			12400 Willowbrook Road Cumberland, MD 21502		
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				1-C	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)					
Local Govt.		For Profit		Non Profit	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22. Grantee Legal Representative			23. If Match Includes Real Property:		
Name:		Robert S. Paye, Esq.		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	
Phone:		301-777-1515		Yes/No	
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value			
Geppert, McMullen, Paye & Getty 21 Prospect Square Cumberland, MD 21502					
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site					
Current # of Employees		Projected # of Employees		Current Operating Budget	
57		57		\$7,006,000	
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)					
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (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
N/A					

E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:		
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew
N/A		
26. Building Square Footage:		
Current Space GSF		10,800
Space to Be Renovated GSF		21,193
New GSF		21,193
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2007-2009
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		
<p>The Obstetrical patient care unit is an integral component of the Health System’s construction of a single hospital campus that will replace the two aging facilities that currently serve our community. Without the presence of the Western Maryland Health System’s Obstetrical Unit within our community, our child poverty rates, low birth weight babies, infant mortality rates, and late entry into prenatal care would significantly rise.</p> <p>The Obstetrical Unit will be located on the 6th floor of the newly designed and constructed Western Maryland Health System Regional Medical Center. We will provide antenatal care, intrapartum care, and post partum care to our approximately 1,000 patients and their newborns per year. The Obstetrical Unit will encompass a total of 21,193 gross square feet. It will include 14 postpartum beds, four (4) Labor, Delivery and Recovery rooms (LDR), two (2) Cesarean Section (C/S) rooms, a two (2) bed recovery room, two (2) antenatal testing rooms, and a 16 bassinette nursery. Four of the designated bassinettes will be located in an identified, separate area within the nursery confines, and will be dedicated to the care of the “at risk” or high care/ICU infant. Included within the department will be four staff workstations placed strategically through out the unit to provide visualization and ease of care. The Obstetrical Unit will be totally self contained and under constant surveillance and monitoring to provide maximum security for the family unit.</p>		